

**Course Title:**

Theology of Medicine and the Unique Design of the Human Body

**Level:**

Certificate

**Course Objective:**

The human body's design and the individual functions of its organs reflect the immense wisdom of God the Creator, who made man in His own image, male and female (Genesis 1). The unique features of the human body allow it to function in ways unmatched by any other species in the animal kingdom. This course, "Theology of Medicine and the Unique Design of the Human Body", explores these remarkable attributes of the human body's various systems and organs, offering evidence that highlights the divine wisdom behind human creation—an intricate design that cannot be replicated. The course aims to deepen participants' understanding of how theology and medicine intersect, revealing the Creator's hand in the complexity of the human body.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the Divine Design of the Human Body: Gain an understanding of how the human body, with its intricate systems and organs, reflects the image and wisdom of God as described in Scripture, particularly focusing on Genesis 1.
2. Examine the Unique Features of Human Anatomy: Explore the unique physiological and anatomical features of the human body that set it apart from other creatures. Analyze how the different systems—such as the nervous, cardiovascular, and musculoskeletal—integrate to achieve tasks no other species can perform.
3. Identify Theological and Medical Insights: Study how theology and medicine intersect by identifying the evidence in human anatomy that reveals the Creator's wisdom, power, and purpose in human life.
4. Foster Appreciation for the Gift of Human Life: Cultivate a deeper appreciation for the gift of life and the human body, recognizing it as a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19), and reflect on the responsibility to care for it as stewards of God's creation.

**Course Structure:**

1. Introduction to the Theology of Human Creation:
  - Overview of the biblical narrative of creation.
  - Understanding "made in the image of God" from a theological and biological perspective.
  - How the design of the human body reflects divine wisdom.
2. The Unique Features of Human Anatomy and Physiology:
  - Study of the human body's various systems (nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory, etc.).
  - Comparison of human anatomy with that of the animal kingdom to highlight the unique features of humans.
  - Exploration of the brain, the heart, and the musculoskeletal system as examples of divine design.
3. Theology and Medicine: Intersection of Faith and Science:
  - Understanding how theological principles and medical knowledge come together.
  - Examining the body as a testimony to God's wisdom in creation through medical science.
  - Addressing common misconceptions about the origin of life from a theological perspective.
4. The Nervous System and Cognitive Abilities of Humans:
  - A closer look at the human brain's cognitive abilities, memory, and consciousness.
  - How these functions provide evidence of God's unique creation.

- The relationship between the brain and the soul in Christian theology.

5. The Cardiovascular System: A Masterpiece of Design:

- Study of the heart's function and the circulatory system.
- Understanding the complexity and precision required for life to be sustained.
- The spiritual and symbolic significance of the heart in Scripture.

6. The Human Body as a Temple of the Holy Spirit:

- Biblical insights into caring for the body as a sacred vessel.
- The moral and spiritual implications of respecting the body in the context of theology and health.
- Practical application of this concept in daily life, including nutrition, exercise, and spiritual care.

**Assessment:**

- Two term exams\*to evaluate comprehension of the course material.

**Prerequisites:**

- GCSE certificate, high school, or equivalent certificate.

**Delivery Method:**

The course will be delivered entirely online through a learning management system.

- Lectures via Zoom
- Access to recorded lectures, and reading materials on the course website.

**Duration:**

October 2024 - June 2025

**Certificate:**

Upon successful completion of the course and passing the final exam, participants will receive the "TEACH Certificate in the Theology of Medicine and the Unique Design of the Human Body". The certificate will be awarded upon completion and passing of the two term exams.

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This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of the unique design of the human body from both a theological and medical perspective, highlighting the Creator's wisdom in human creation and helping participants appreciate the divine aspects of their own anatomy and health.