

THE DOCTRINE OF HUMANITY

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Required Texts

James Leo Garrett, *Systematic Theology: Biblical, Historical, and Evangelical*, vol. 1. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990). Note: this is a two volume work, but we'll just be using vol. 1.

J. P. Moreland and Scott B. Rae, *Body and Soul: Human Nature and the Crisis in Ethics* (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2000).

Recommended Supplementary Texts

Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1985).

J. P. Moreland and David M. Ciochchi, eds., *Christian Perspectives on Being Human: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Integration* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993).

Assignments

- ▶ Lead the class discussion for three sets of readings in our texts. All the members of the class will read the chapters each week, but you will be the facilitator to stimulate the class discussion of a section of material in the text. The presenter should normally have a handout of 2-4 pages single spaced, summarizing/describing the key issues and concepts in the readings. Applying the highlights of the content in a case study might be helpful to provoke the discussion. Raise questions which arise out of the readings or are addressed to the readings. The summaries should be able to be compiled such that all the seminar participants will have a useful summary of the entire content as a helpful resource.
- ▶ Present a book critique over one of the optional readings. Write a book critique on one of the books in the bibliography noted with asterisks *** (one you've not read before). Your critique should be about 8-10 pages (single spacing with double spacing between paragraphs is okay), stating the thesis of the book and briefly summarizing the material in the book (about 2/3 of the length) and evaluate its strengths and weaknesses (about 1/3 of the length).

- ▶ *Write a paper on a some topic regarding anthropology* — Propose your first and second preferences for a paper topic, and communicate your preferences to both professors as soon as possible, so that everyone can know what they will be doing. Every effort will be made to give you your first or second choice. A suggestive list of ideas for papers follows the bibliography, but is not intended to be exclusive or limiting, and the books listed are merely starting points – other books and journal articles should be consulted in writing the paper. If you have a paper proposal in which you have particular interest, and is germane to our study, we will consider it. The paper should have a fairly narrow focus.

The papers should be about 15-20 pages in Turabian form. Single spacing is okay if you double space between paragraphs. About two-thirds should be an analytical description of the views presented by those whom you're studying. About one-third should be your personal theological and philosophical evaluation of these ideas from your (evangelical Christian) perspective. Evaluations should address issues such as:

- What underlying philosophy or presuppositions does it express?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the model?
- Is it consistent with your understanding of the Bible?
- How does it address other key Christian doctrines (God, anthropology, ecclesiology, soteriology, pneumatology, eschatology)?
- What individuals or models in historical theology might be related to this view?
- What are the implications of this model for Christian theology and the practice of ministry in the 21st century?

Don't be afraid to raise questions for which you know no answer. The paper should be such that you could present it with minor amendments in a professional meeting.

Provide the class members with copies one week in advance of the seminar in which you're presenting, so that we can all come to class having read the paper. You may want to enhance your presentation with handouts, overheads, audiovisuals, etc. You should present your paper in 45-50 minutes, allowing time for the seminar to engage in a discussion on your paper.

Writing with good style is important. In addition to the normal Turabian guidelines, heed the following suggestions for good writing:

- We will be talking about "man" frequently in this class. It is now standard in scholarly work to write with inclusive language. (Use "man" only when referring to males. Use terms like "persons," "anthropology," "humans," etc.). Make your pronouns either plural or gender inclusive.
- When possible, use active rather than passive verbs. (Not "is thinking," but "thinks").
- Make every word carry its freight. Be precise about what you mean. Avoid colloquial expressions.

A respondent for each paper will critique the ideas presented in the paper, and point out any areas for improving style. Papers which are in poor style or have significant problems in their content will be required to be rewritten.

Class Schedule			
Date	Topic	Leader	Reading Assignment /Respondent
Discussions of Chapters in the Text			
ST = <i>Systematic Theology</i> by Garrett; CT = <i>Christian Theology</i> by Erickson; B&S = <i>Body and Soul</i> by Moreland/Rae; CPBH = <i>Christian Perspectives</i> by Moreland/Ciocchi			
	Introduction to Anthropology	Lemke/Riley	
1/23	Humans and Creation; the <i>imago Dei</i>	Christopher Black	ST 24-25, 30-31; CT 22-23
	Human in Race and Gender	Clint Miller	ST 31-32, CT 25
1/30	Human Constitution and Images of Personhood	C Black	ST 33, CT 21
2/7	The Fall and Its Impact; The Nature of Sin and Its Consequences	Andrew Arthur	ST 34-38; CT 26-30
	Philosophy of Mind: Substance Dualism	C. Black	B&S 1-2
2/13	Personhood and Naturalism; Personhood and Complementanism	Clint Miller	B&S 3
	Personal Free Agency and Determinism	A. Arthur	B&S 4; CP ch. 3
2/20	Personal Identity	Mark Foster	B&S 5
	Personhood and the Body	A. Arthur	B&S 6
2/27	Personhood and the Unborn	Clint Miller	B&S 7
	Personhood and Reproductive Technologies	Mark Foster	B&S 8-9, CPBH 8
3/5	Personhood and Euthanasia	Mark Foster	B&S 10, CPBH 8
Book Critiques			
3/12	Book 1		
3/19	Book 2		
4/2	Book 3		
4/9	Book 4		
Research Papers			
4/16	Paper 1		
4/23	Paper 2		
4/30	Paper 3		
5/7	Paper 4		
5/14	Overflow meeting, if necessary		

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Paper Ideas

- 1. The Mind/Body Problem** — Using sources such as Laurence W. Wood, "Recent Brain Research and the Mind-Body Dilemma," in *The Best of Theology*, vol. 2, ed. J. I. Packer and Paul Fromer (Carol Stream, IL: Christianity Today, 1988); Charles Taliaferro, "Philosophy of Mind and the Christian," *Christian Theism and the Problems of Philosophy*, ed. by Michael D. Beaty, 230-53 (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1990); Arthur C. Custance, *The Mysterious Matter of Mind* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1980); and Wilder Penfield, *The Mystery of Mind* (Princeton: University Press, 1975); survey the recent findings regarding the mind/body problem. Make application to a Christian view of anthropology.
- 2. Philosophy of Mind** — Utilizing the essays in Ned Block, ed., *Readings in the Philosophy of Psychology*, 2 vols. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1980); Charles Taliaferro, "Philosophy of Mind and the Christian," *Christian Theism and the Problems of Philosophy*, ed. by Michael D. Beaty, 230-53 (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1990), and Peter Carruthers, *Introducing Persons: Theories and Arguments in the Philosophy of Mind* (New York: State University Press, 1986); distinguish behaviorist, physicalist, functionalist, and dualist philosophies of mind. Propose a Christian philosophy of mind.
- 3. Persons and Animal Rights** — Using works such as Peter Carruthers, "Brute Experience," in *The Journal of Philosophy* 89 (Spring, 1989), 258-269; Peter Singer, "All Animals Are Equal," in *Applied Ethics*, ed. Peter Singer (New York: Oxford University Press, 1986), 215-228; idem, *Animal Liberation* (New York: New York Review, 1975), idem, "Animals and the Value of Life," in *Matters of Life and Death*, ed. Tom Regan (New York: Random House, 1980); Andrew Linzey, *Animal Rights* (London: SCM Press, 1976); idem, *Christianity and the Rights of Animals* (New York: Crossroad, 1989); and Andrew Linzey and Tom Regan, eds., *Animals and Christianity* (New York: Crossroad, 1990). Evaluate the place of animals in creation and eschatology. Discuss the place of animals with reference to persons.
- 4. Definitions of Anthropology and Personhood** — Using works such as Michael F. Goodman, ed., *What Is a Person?* (Clifton, NJ: Humana, 1988); Larry A. Hjelle and Daniel Ziegler, *Personality Theories* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1981); and Michael Carruthers, Steven Collins, and Steven Lukes, eds., *The Category of the Person* (Cambridge: University Press, 1985); provide various definitions of person, personality, life and human. Evaluate these definitions and address which is best suited to a biblical anthropology. Keep in mind how your definitions impact on issues such as abortion and euthanasia.
- 5. Human Nature** — Discuss the implications of Darwinian evolution on a biblical view of personhood using sources such as Phillip E. Johnson, *Darwin on Trial* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1991); Carl Deigler, *In Search of Human Nature* (New York: Oxford, 1991); and Michael Behe, *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution* (New York: Free Press, 1996).

6. The Anthropology of Process Theology — Summarize and evaluate the anthropology of process theology in such works as Alfred North Whitehead, *Process and Reality* (New York: Macmillan, 1929); idem, *Science and the Modern World* (New York: Macmillan, 1925); John B. Cobb, Jr., and David Ray Griffin, *Process Theology: An Introduction* (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1976); and *John Cobb's Theology in Process*, ed. David Ray Griffin and Thomas J. J. Altizer (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1977); Charles Hartshorne, *The Divine Relativity* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1948); David Ray Griffin, *A Process Christology* (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1973); D. Brown, R. E. James, and G. Reeves, eds., *Process Philosophy and Christian Thought* (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merill, 1971).

7. Artificial Intelligence — Examine works such as Donald MacKay, *Brains, Machines, and Persons* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1980); and Ned Block, ed., *Readings in Philosophy of Psychology*, 2 vols., (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1980); survey recent work on artificial intelligence and Turing machines. Provide a Christian response to artificial intelligence. M. Marvin Jones' dissertation, "A Christian Analysis of Artificial Intelligence and Creativity Using Donald MacKay's Model of Comprehensive Realism" should be helpful.

8. Euthanasia — Survey recent works on euthanasia such as Robert N. Wennberg, *Terminal Choices: Euthanasia, Suicide, and the Right to Die* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989); and James Rachels, *The End of Life: Euthanasia and Morality* (Oxford: University Press, 1986); contrast the pros and cons of euthanasia. Provide a biblical/theological/philosophical response.

9. Biblical and Theological Anthropology — Survey the anthropology (particularly in reference to views of trichotomy, dichotomy, psychosomatic unity) in works such as Rudolf Bultmann, *Theology of the New Testament* (New York: Scribners, 1951-55), John Cooper, *Body, Soul and Life Everlasting* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989), G. E. Ladd *Theology of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974), Carl F. H. Henry, *God, Revelation and Authority* (Waco: Word Books, 1979), J. Leo Garrett, *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990), Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1985).

10. The Intermediate State and Personhood — Study the implications of near death and out of body experiences for a Christian anthropology from medical, biblical, theological, and philosophical perspectives, using Gary Habermas and J. P. Moreland, *Immortality: The Other Side of Death* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1992), John W. Cooper, *Body, Soul and Everlasting Life* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989), John Hick, *Death and Eternal Life* (New York: Harper & Row, 1976), Raymond Moody, *Life after Life* (New York: Bantam, 1977), Maurice Rawlings, *Beyond Death's Door* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1978). Discuss the implications of various views of personhood (particularly in reference to views of trichotomy, dichotomy, psychosomatic unity) for the intermediate state. Attempt to harmonize these views with the biblical material.

11. Persons and Medical Ethics — Survey recent works on medical ethics such as Tom Beauchamp and James F. Childress, *Principles of Biomedical Ethics* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1989); Stephen E. Lammers and Allen Verhay, eds., *On Moral Medicine: Theological Perspectives on Medical Ethics* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987). Address the issues raised by modern medical technology, especially the economics of health care and the moral dilemmas raised in modern medicine.

12. Psychological Models of Personhood — Using sources such as Larry A. Hjelle and Daniel Ziegler, *Personality Theories* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1981), survey the anthropology presupposed by each of the eleven psychological models presented (particularly with reference to the nine polarities discussed on pages 13-22) and the psychological method consistent with it.

13. Personhood in Non-Christian Religions — Using sources such as Christopher J. Johnson and Marsha G. McGee, *Encounters with Eternity: Religious Views of Death and Life After Death* (New York: Philosophical Library, 1986), John Hick, *Death and Eternal Life* (New York: Harper & Row, 1976), John Bowker, *Problems of Suffering in the Religions of the World* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970), discuss the anthropology of non-Christian religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam.

14. Freedom vs. Determinism — Using the bibliography in the required text, pages 107-108, discuss Christian perspectives on free will and determinism. You may want to use the categories in Larry A. Hjelle and Daniel Ziegler, *Personality Theories* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1981) to compare biblical views to modern psychological perspectives. See also Gary Watson, ed., *Free Will*, Oxford Readings in Philosophy (New York: Oxford University Press, 1982). D.A. Carson's *How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering and Evil* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991) and William Lane Craig's *The Only Wise God: The Compatibility of Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987) are good starting discussions.

15. Personhood, Immortality and Eschatology — Using sources such as Gary Habermas and J. P. Moreland, *Immortality: The Other Side of Death* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1992), John W. Cooper, *Body, Soul and Everlasting Life* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989), Oscar Cullman, *Immortality of the Soul or Resurrection from the Dead?* (New York: MacMillan, 1958), discuss the biblical view of anthropology with reference to eternity.

16. Personalism — Discuss the anthropology of personalism of the Boston School of Personalism, particularly E. S. Brightman and Peter Bertocci. The *Personalist Forum* is a journal which would provide useful articles in this study.

17. Existentialism or Postmodernism — Examine the anthropology of selected existentialists such as Soren Kierkegaard, Gabriel Marcel, Friedrich Nietzsche, Albert Camus and other representatives of Theatre of the Absurd. Another option would be to examine the anthropology of postmodern thinkers such as Richard Rorty and Jean Baudrillard.

18. Divine Election and Human Freewill — Using sources such as David and Randall Basinger, eds. *Predestination and Free Will: Four Views of Divine Sovereignty and Human Freedom* by John Feinberg, Norman Geisler, Bruce Reichenbach, and Clark Pinnock. (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1986); Paul Helm, *The Providence of God* (Downer's Grove: InterVarsity, 1994); and Clark Pinnock, ed., with Richard Rice, William Hasker, and John Sanders *The Openness of God: A Biblical Challenge to the Traditional Understanding of God*. (Downers Grove: Intervarsity, 1994), construct a proposal for the election-freewill question.

19. *Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom* — Examine William Lane Craig, *The Only Wise God: The Compatibility of Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987); *The Problem of Divine Foreknowledge and Future Contingents from Aristotle to Suarez*, Brill's Studies in Intellectual History, vol. 7 (New York: Brill Academic Publishers, 1996); and *Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom: The Coherence of Theism: Omniscience*, Brill's Studies in Intellectual History, vo. 19 (New York: Brill Academic Publishers, 1996), and propose a solution to the foreknowledge/freedom dilemma.

20. *Personal Identity* — Examine Derek Parfit, *Reasons and Persons* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1984). Analyze Parfit's views about what it means to be a person over time, and his teletransportation examples. Evaluate and critique Parfit's proposals.

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