



TYNDALE
Seminary

Course Syllabus

HEALING IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION HIST 0660

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Tuesdays 1:00pm-3:50pm

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Human experience has been dogged by disease and injury, prompting universal attempts to deal with the effects. Explores Christian thought and practice in response to the belief that God intervenes directly to ensure physical and emotional health. Historically, this belief has found expression in several identifiable models. Examines the healing ministry of Jesus and will study the ministries and movements which illustrate the various models of healing. It will range through the three millennia of Christian experience, reaching beyond the twentieth century, beyond North American, and beyond Protestantism.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

The subject of healing is established among Christians by the life and ministry of Jesus, himself. We will reflect on biblical Christology as the most appropriate means of “norming” expectations regarding healing.

Students will be helped to see that while healing has often been on the margins of Christian life and only occasionally at the centre, it has been a feature of Christian experience throughout the history of the church.

The course will provide an approach which will assist in the evaluation of claims of healing.

Students will acquire skills in reading primary sources from various periods of Christian history.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTS

Ronald A. N. Kydd. *Healing through the Centuries: Models for Understanding*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1995. ISBN 978-0-8010-4681-0 (**Reading K**)

Online Primary Source Readings. (**Reading H**)

B. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Two or three theses to be submitted in each class.
Paper due on **Nov. 29, 2011**

Marking

Theses worth 75%
Paper worth 25%

1. Theses

These will be **brief, analytical statements** related to and arising from the online sources (see below). Eg. "Promoted through print and television, it is certain that Oral Roberts had the most well-known and effective healing ministry in the twentieth century."

Two or three theses will be submitted by each student at the beginning of each class from which the instructor will select several for discussion. Students will be expected to be prepared to defend their theses in class. This will provide means for assessing completion of reading, the understanding of texts, and the ability to formulate ideas. The theses will be worth **75%** of the final mark.

2. Paper

This paper will be a **10-page analytical review** of a particular ministry of a **discussion of a biblical passage** relevant to healing. The topic will be determined in discussion with the instructor. The paper will follow seminary guidelines with regard to style, and it will be due on **Nov. 29, 2011**. It will be worth **25%** of the final mark.

C. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

Papers will be penalized 2% per day.

Students should consult the current *Academic Calendar* for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System. The Academic Calendar is posted at <http://www.tyndale.ca/registrar/calendar>. An excerpt is attached with this syllabus for easy reference.

D. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Theses	75%
Paper	25%
Total Grade	100%

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sept. 13	Introduction	
Sept. 20	The Healing Ministry of Jesus	K – Ch. 1 H - # 1
Sept. 27	The Early Church	K –Chs. 2, 5, and 8 H -#2
Oct. 4	St. Médard: A Challenge in the Heart of Paris	K - Ch. 9 H - #3
Oct. 11	Männedorf	K -Ch. 10
Oct. 18	J. C. Blumhardt 19 th Century Healing Movement	K -Ch. 3 H - #4
Oct. 25	Early 20 th Century Early Pentecostalism Brother André in Quebec In the Heart of Switzerland: Morija	K -Chs. 6 and 11 H - #5
Nov. 1	William Branham	K - Ch. 12 H - #6
Nov. 8	Oral Roberts	K - Ch. 14 H - #7
Nov. 15	Kathryn Kuhlman	K - Ch. 13 H - #8
Nov. 24	Medjugorje	K - Ch. 7 H - #9
Nov. 29	John Wimber	K - Ch. 4 H - #10
Dec. 6	Conclusion	

V. ONLINE PRIMARY SOURCE READINGS

The readings below can be found as PDF files on the **course web page** at <http://mytyndale.ca> under “handouts”.

- **Reading H1:** René Latourelle. *The Miracles of Jesus and the Theology of Miracles*. Trans. Matthew J. O’Connell. New York: Paulist, 1988.
 - Read pp. 1 – 37

- **Reading H2:**
 - Ambrose. *Letters*. Trans. M. M. Beyenka, in the Fathers of the Church, vol. 26. Washington: Catholic University of America, 1958. **Read pp. 376 – 384**
 - Augustine. *The City of God*. Trans. G. G. Walsh and D. J. Honan, in The Fathers of the Church, vol. 24. Washington: Catholic University of America, 1954. **Read pp. 431 – 450**
 - John of Damascus. *The Orthodox Faith*, in Saint John of Damascus: Writings, Trans. F. H. Chase, Jr., The Fathers of the Church, vol. 37. Washington: Catholic University of America, 1958. **Read pp. 367 – 370**

- **Reading H3:** B. Robert Kreiser. *Miracles, Convulsions, and Ecclesiastical Politics in Early Eighteenth-Century Paris*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1978.
 - **Read pp. 140 – 180**

- **Reading H4:**
 - Karl Barth. *The Doctrine of God*. Vol. II, 1 in Church Dogmatics, Trans. T. H. L. Parker, W. B. Johnson, Harold Knight, and J. L. M. Hare. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1957. **Read pp. 632 – 633**
 - Karl Barth. *The Doctrine of Creation*. Vol. III, 4 in Church Dogmatics, trans. A. T. Mackay, T. H. L. Parker, Harold Knight, H. A. Kennedy, and John Marks. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1961. **Read pp. 368 – 372**
 - Karl Barth. *The Doctrine of Reconciliation*. Vol. IV, 3, 1 in Church Dogmatics. Trans. G. W. Bromiley. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1961. **Read pp. 165 – 173**

- **Reading H5:** Bernard LaFrenier, C.S.C. *Brother André: According to Witnesses*. Montreal: St. Joseph’s Oratory, 1990.
 - **Read pp. 13 – 42**

- **Reading H6:** William Marrion Branham. *An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages*. n.p., n.d.
 - **Read pp. 319 – 365**

- **Reading H7:** Oral Roberts. *If You Need Healing, Do These Things*. 3rd ed.; Tulsa: Oral Roberts, 1965.
 - **Read pp. 9- 59**

- **Reading H8:** Katheryn Kuhlman. *I Believe in Miracles*. Old Tappen, NJ: Fleming H. Revell, 1962.
 - **Read pp. 13-21;211-223**

- **Reading H9:** Nicholas Bartulica. *Medjugorje: Are the Seers Telling the Truth? A Psychiatrist's Viewpoint*. Chicago: Bartulica, 1991.
 - **Read pp. 173 – 215**

- **Reading H10:** John Wimber with Kevin Springer. *Power Healing*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1987.
 - **Read pp. 169 – 235**