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# **HEALING AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

**PM 520 (2 Hours)**

**Spring 2000**

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## **COURSE PURPOSES.** *Students will:*

- 1) Work on developing a theology of wholeness.
- 2) Articulate principles of psychosomatics.
- 3) Begin to come to grips with a Christian perspective on suffering.
- 4) Look at Biblical and contemporary views of healing.
- 5) Get acquainted with representative literature in the field.
- 6) Begin to know about persons and organizations in the various healing communities, if time permits.
- 7) Learn about ways of healing: prayer, positive thinking, healing of memories, exercise physiology, nutrition, emotional support systems, medicine, surgery, psychiatry and counseling, humor, etc.
- 8) Learn how to facilitate healing ministry.

## **COURSE PROCEDURES** *include such methodologies as:*

- 1) Xeroxed sheets for information, stimulation, and dialogue.
- 2) Overhead transparencies.
- 3) Case studies.
- 4) Guests from pastoral and healthcare-delivery communities.
- 5) Bibliographic survey.

6) Required reading (*available in Bookstore*):

D. E. Demaray, *Experiencing Healing and Wholeness*  
D. E. Demaray, *Laughter, Joy & Healing*.  
B. S. Siegel, *Love, Medicine and Miracles*.  
N. V. Peale, *Power of Positive Thinking*.  
J.L. Woodruff, *Study Guide to Experiencing Healing and Wholeness*.

7) Assignments include:

- 150 word Testimony to Healing (yours or anothers). Due February 15.
- Critique of Siegel, *Love, Medicine & Miracles*. Due March 14.
- Analyze a Healing Service (TV is okay). Report March 28.
- "Toward a Theology of Wholeness and Suffering," 1000 words including documentation and bibliography, and 1/2 page summary. Due May 9.
- Other Assignments.

8) Optional Honors, books such as:

N. Cousins, *Anatomy of an Illness*.  
D. Demaray, *Watch Out for Burnout*.  
A. B. Simpson, *The Gospel of Healing*.  
B. Siegel, *Peace, Love and Healing*.  
F.B. Stanger, *God's Healing Community*.

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Christian Marriage Christian Women Christian Living Christian Faith Christian Families Christian Bale Bible Study Tips Give Me Jesus Christian Encouragement. Disciplines of the Faith: Crafting Daily Time in the Word - The Thin Place. The written word of God is one of the most tangible ways God has revealed Himself to us. He passed the Law through Moses, spoke through the Prophets, and revealed the Messiah through the writings of the Apostles. All of Scripture is God-breathed. It gives life to our dry and weary bones. Men and women have given their lives that I might have the Bible in my language Faith healing is the practice of prayer and gestures (such as laying on of hands) that are believed by some to elicit divine intervention in spiritual and physical healing, especially the Christian practice. Believers assert that the healing of disease and disability can be brought about by religious faith through prayer or other rituals that, according to adherents, can stimulate a divine presence and power. Religious belief in divine intervention does not depend on empirical evidence of an evidence Faith Healing, Medical Regulation, and Public Religion in Progressive Era Chicago. Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation, Vol. 23, Issue. 2, p. 185. 4. See Wacker, "Pentecostal Tradition," 520-21, for the loss of historical memory involved in downplaying healing. Wacker's, essay is the most thorough treatment of early Pentecostal healing. On Parham, see Blumhofer, "The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church and the Apostolic Faith"; Edith Blumhofer, "A Pentecostal Branch Grows in Dowie's, Zion: Charles F. Parham's, 1906 Invasion," Assemblies of God Heritage, Fall 1986, 3-5. The Waukegan Daily Gazette, based in Waukegan, Illinois, adjacent to Zion City, covered events in the fall of 1906. Charismatic Christians try prayer to combat the coronavirus. Darlene Curry and her husband run a home church where they believe they have regularly healed people through their hands-on prayer. Now, because of the coronavirus, they are praying with people via phone. Unlike members of older denominations, Pentecostal and charismatic Christians believe that any Christian of faith potentially can be a prophet or a healer who has access to miracles and wondrous signs like speaking in tongues, raising people from the dead or reversing disease. Many charismatic Christians are socially and politically conservative, and some had embraced President Trump's initial dismissal of the virus as something that wasn't that serious and that the United States would easily conquer.