

Wonderfully Made Series
Study #1: God's Handiwork
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Why is it important for God's people to understand the general anatomy and function of the body?

Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

We are made in the image of God to glorify Him by reflecting His character. If we learn more about God's human body creation we will learn more about the character of God and **His laws that govern our bodies.**

Psalms 139:14

14 I will praise thee; for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works;** and that my soul knoweth right well.

Psalms 92:4-5

4 For thou, LORD, hast **made me glad through thy work:** I will triumph in the **works of thy hands.**

5 O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

Since God is the Creator of our bodies, He is the owner of our bodies. When sin entered this world, He also paid the price for our bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Our bodies are a living sanctuary for the Holy Ghost to all who believe in Jesus Christ and are faithful to the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

This world was hijacked by Satan. Jesus redeems us back through the spilling of His blood at the cross. He bought us back through His Blood!

Since we are not owners of our bodies, we don't have a right to treat them anyway we like. You **MUST** glorify God in your body and in your Spirit! **The treatment of God's body that is given to us as a gift has a direct effect on our communication, spiritual connection, and our faith.**

What will God do to those misuse and defile their by the disobedience of God's Word?

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any **man defile** the temple of God, him shall **God destroy**; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Your body must be a holy dwelling place for the Holy Ghost. He will NOT dwell in a body of disobedience to the health laws of God.

2 Corinthians 6:16-17

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

On the sixth day of Creation God formed man, Adam, with his hands and blew into his nostrils the breath of life.

Genesis 2:7

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

A living soul is a person with a body breathing the breath of God that gives us life.

Eve was called woman because she was made from Adam's rib.

Man and Woman a perfect creation of God.

Genesis 1:31

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

What is God's health covenant for those who are obedient to God's health and moral laws?

Exodus 15:26

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Our bodies run on health laws that were established by God. The way our heart beats and the vessels that carry our blood is run on laws that was established by our creator God. Any violation of those laws is sickness and diseases like the disease of the Egyptians. They had the same diseases we have today (heart disease, cancer, diabetes, etc..)

What is disease? Violation of God's health law will bring on the curse of sickness and disease.

True Health is not gained by drugging the body with poisonous drugs, but through obedience to God's health laws.

Let's learn more about God's wonderful creation, the human body.

"Let pupils be impressed with the thought that the body is a temple in which God desires to dwell, that it must be kept pure, the abiding place of high and noble thoughts. As in the study of physiology they see that they are indeed "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14), they will be inspired with reverence. Instead of marring God's handiwork, they will have an ambition to make all that is possible of themselves, in order to fulfill the Creator's glorious plan. Thus they will come to regard obedience to the laws of health, not as a matter of sacrifice or self-denial, but as it really is, an inestimable privilege and blessing." Ellen White, Education, p. 201

What is anatomy and physiology?

Anatomy: "Dissection" – Primarily the scientific study of morphology of the human body.

Morphology: Study of the form and structure of organisms and their specific structural features. (The word "morphology" is from the Greek μορφή, morphé = form and λόγος, lógos = word, study, research.)

"ology" = study of

Physiology: Physiology is primarily the function of the body and its parts (organs, cells, systems etc)

What are seven reasons you need to study the handiwork of God through anatomy and physiology?

1) It is True Science

Science: the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment. - Google Dictionary

All true science teaches that this world was created in six literal days and God rested on the seventh, "In the beginning God created the Heaven's and the earth." Genesis 1:1

"The first great lesson in all education is to know and understand the will of God. We should bring into every day of life the effort to gain this knowledge. **To learn science through human interpretation alone is to obtain a false education, but to learn of God and Christ is to learn the science of heaven.** The confusion in education has come because the wisdom and knowledge of God have not been exalted." - Ellen White, Counsels on Diets & Foods, p. 293

- 2) Study of yourself
- 3) Preserves good health
- 4) Develops Character
- 5) To know God
- 6) Evidence of the reality of God
- 7) Builds our faith

What are the two subdivisions of anatomy?

Gross & Microscopic

1. **Gross Anatomy** is the study of anatomical structures that can be seen by unaided vision.
2. **Microscopic anatomy** is the study of very small anatomical structures assisted with microscopes which includes cytology (the study of cells).

What are 12 terms of location in anatomy?

1. Superior – Higher
2. Inferior – Lower
3. Anterior – nearer the front of the body
4. Posterior – nearer to the back of the body
5. Medial – nearer to the mid – line
6. Lateral – to the side
7. Proximal – nearer to the head or source
8. Distal – distant from the head or source
9. External – outside, or away from the trunk / center
10. Internal – inside, or nearer to the trunk / center
11. Superficial – nearer the body surface
12. Deep – inside from body surface

Next study we will look at the various body systems of God wonderful creation, the human body.

Prophetic Updates: We are living at the very end of time and we must look at present activity of the beast, Papal Rome; the image to the beast, apostate churches; and the beast with two horns that speaks like the dragon, the United States.

Proverbs 28:9

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

The progression and convergence of all the fulfilled end time prophecies in our current generation is not by coincidence. This fast progression and convergence of fulfilled prophecy is revealing to us that we can appropriately say that we are extremely close to the mark of the beast crisis, intense persecution of the true remnant, the loud cry, and the latter rain experience.

Increase and Acceptance of Homosexuality (LGBTQ) - In Ezekiel chapter 8 God exposed the abominations that the priests and church leaders were doing in the temple of God in Jerusalem to the prophet Ezekiel. These abominations included idol worship, women weeping from Tammuz, and the greatest abomination was sun worship in the house of God (see Ezekiel 8:5 - 15). The idol worship that Israel celebrated involved very lewd sexual behavior including homosexuality. Based on the Biblical historical examples of Sodom, Gomorrah, and other Canaanite nations, an increase and boldness of homosexuality was followed by God's judgments that destroyed them. (see also Leviticus 18:22 - 30)

Leviticus 18:22, 29, 30

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

In the last days there is an increase of homosexuality before sun worship, the greatest abomination. In other words, before the enforcement of Sunday laws, the abomination of homosexuality (LGBTQ) has become more prominent and accepted by society and mainstream church denominations

Romans 1:24-27

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Jude 1:7

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Remember, in 2015 Supreme Court legalized gay marriage.

Now...

The Supreme Court showdown over LGBTQ discrimination, explained, VOX.com; Ian Millhiser, October 8, 2019

“The Supreme Court heard three cases on Tuesday that ask whether it is legal to fire workers because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. That alone is enough to make them three of the most important employment discrimination cases in many years. But there are additional layers to these cases, layers that could imperil all workers regardless of whether or not they are LGBTQ. The defendants’ arguments would reopen long-settled legal arguments, potentially upending much of federal anti-discrimination law in the process.

At the most fundamental level, *Altitude Express Inc. v. Zarda*, *Bostock v. Clayton County*, and *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC* are cases about whether the existing federal ban on sex discrimination forbids employment discrimination against LGBTQ workers. *Zarda* and *Bostock* involve Donald Zarda and Gerald Bostock, gay men who allege they were fired because of their sexual orientation. *Harris Funeral Homes* involves Aimee Stephens, a trans woman who was fired by a boss who claims that he would violate “God’s commands” if he allowed Stephens “to deny [her] sex while acting as a representative of [the] organization.”

The text of the law bans only “sex” discrimination, not discrimination based on a worker’s sexual orientation or gender identity. These cases ask whether concepts like sexual orientation and gender identity are so tightly bound to the concept of sex (meaning gender, not sexual intercourse) that a ban on sex discrimination necessarily protects LGBTQ workers.”

Beto O'Rourke criticized by conservatives for comment about tax-exempt status and LGBTQ rights, Savannah Behrmann, USA Today, October 11, 2019

WASHINGTON – 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke is being criticized by conservatives for his stance, expressed during **CNN's LGBTQ town hall Thursday night**, on religious institutions and their tax-exempt status if they oppose same-sex marriage.

The former Texas congressman was asked, "Do you think religious institutions like colleges, churches, charities, should they lose their tax-exempt status if they oppose same-sex marriage?"

"Yes," O'Rourke answered, receiving applause from the town hall audience. "There can be no reward, no benefit, no tax break for anyone or any institution, any organization in America that denies the full human rights and the full civil rights of every single one of us."

This is the reason why many churches including the General Conference SDA church are in support of the LGBTQ movement. This has not only a great impact on their churches, but universities and hospitals as well.

Are you wide awake? I believe in the next few weeks we are going to see some very rapid prophetic developments that will lead to the mark of the beast crisis. Remember the last movements will be rapid ones.

Romans 13:11-12

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Ephesians 5:14-15

14 Wherefore he saith, **Awake thou that sleepest**, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly (exactly; diligently), not as fools, but as wise.

Are you awake to the reality that end time prophecy is fast fulfilling and probation is soon to close? Is your lamps trimmed and burning?