Theological Perspectives on Human Anatomy

Theology And Health · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. In the theology of Thomas Aquinas, what term is used to describe the human person as a substantial union of body and soul?

A) Hylomorphism
B) Dualism
C) Docetism
D) Monism

2. Which theological tradition emphasizes the body as the 'Temple of the Holy Spirit', based on the writings of the Apostle Paul?

A) Christianity
B) Buddhism
C) Confucianism
D) Shinto

3. In Islamic dietary laws, what is the Arabic term used to designate foods and substances that are permissible for bodily consumption?

A) Halal
B) Haram
C) Najis
D) Makruh

4. Which ancient theological concept suggests that the human body is a microcosm that reflects the order of the universe?

A) Macrocosm-Microcosm analogy
B) Animism
C) Pantheism
D) Dualistic separation

5. In Judaism, what is the principle of 'Pikuach Nefesh', which relates to human health and life?

A) The obligation to save a life over other religious laws
B) The restriction of diet during festivals
C) The requirement of ritual cleansing
D) The study of sacred texts

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6. Which anatomical part was historically debated in theological circles as the seat of the soul or conscience?

A) Pineal gland
B) Appendix
C) Gallbladder
D) Spleen

7. In early Christian theology, what was the primary argument against Gnostic views that regarded the physical body as inherently evil?

A) The Incarnation of Christ
B) The concept of Purgatory
C) The doctrine of Transubstantiation
D) The belief in reincarnation

8. Which major religion promotes the practice of Ayurveda, a system of medicine historically linked to Vedic theological texts?

A) Hinduism
B) Taoism
C) Sikhism
D) Jainism

9. According to the theology of the Resurrection of the Body, what happens to the physical form in the afterlife in Christian tradition?

A) The body is glorified and reunited with the soul
B) The body is discarded as temporary
C) The body merges into the collective consciousness
D) The body becomes an ethereal spirit without physical properties

10. In the context of health, what does the concept of 'Karma' in Hindu theology imply regarding one's physical condition?

A) Current health is influenced by past actions
B) Health is entirely random
C) Physical body has no connection to morality
D) Illness is solely a result of evil spirits

11. What is the theological purpose of the 'Ablutions' (Wudu) in Islamic practice before prayer, in terms of bodily health?

A) Physical and ritual purification
B) To lower body temperature
C) To exercise muscle groups
D) To improve skin condition

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12. Which theologian famously argued that the body should be treated with 'temperance' to prevent it from ruling over the soul?

A) Augustine of Hippo
B) Karl Marx
C) Sigmund Freud
D) Charles Darwin

13. In Eastern Orthodox theology, what is the 'hesychast' tradition's view on the physical body during deep meditation?

A) The body participates in the prayer of the heart
B) The body is a distraction to be ignored
C) The body must be punished to reach enlightenment
D) The body is irrelevant to spiritual attainment

14. Which theological concept posits that humans are created in the 'Image of God' (Imago Dei), which historically includes the sanctity of the human body?

A) Imago Dei
B) Original Sin
C) Predestination
D) Divine Command Theory

15. In Buddhist philosophy, the 'Five Aggregates' (Skandhas) that comprise a person include 'Rupa'. What does 'Rupa' refer to?

A) Form or the physical body
B) Mental formations
C) Feelings
D) Consciousness

16. What historically significant anatomical discovery in the Renaissance challenged previous theological assumptions about the location of the soul?

A) The dissection and mapping of the nervous system
B) The discovery of the blood type
C) The invention of the microscope
D) The identification of DNA

17. In the theology of the Bahá'í Faith, what is the stance regarding the use of medicine and doctors?

A) Medicine and science are encouraged alongside prayer
B) Prayer is the only acceptable form of healing
C) Medicine is considered a rejection of faith
D) Doctors are discouraged from practicing surgery

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18. Which ancient Greek theological influence led some early Church Fathers to view the human body as a 'prison' for the soul?

A) Platonism
B) Epicureanism
C) Stoicism
D) Skepticism

19. In many theological frameworks, what is the primary reason for 'fasting' in relation to the body?

A) To gain mastery over physical appetites
B) To cause physical harm
C) To save financial resources
D) To replace a healthy diet

20. What theological doctrine holds that the body of the first human (Adam) was formed from the 'dust of the earth'?

A) Creationism
B) Evolutionary Biology
C) Theistic Evolution
D) Deism

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