

**#4 Medical Science, Religion, and the Place of True Healing**

- A. The "human being" has generally been divided into 3 categories:
1. Body (medical science); Mind (psychology); \_\_\_\_\_ (religion)
- B. 3 basic perspectives on Religion & Medicine
1. Christian Science – all physical ailments can be healed by prayer & \_\_\_\_\_ (medical science is wrong)
    - a) To say that sickness is all about faith or a lack there-of is problematic because that implies God is personally involved in both health and illness; If you are "right" with God then God will keep you healthy, but if you are "wrong" with God, then God will allow or even cause you to get sick.
    - b) Mt 7:9-11 - God *tolerates* illness because of the nature of life, freedom, and natural law, but God in no way allows, controls, or \_\_\_\_\_ it.

RESPONSE: Sickness is not God's means of judging sin, ignorance, or fear, rather medical science has taught us much about the causes of physical illness.
  2. Sickness and any corresponding healing can only be understood through medical science. (religion is wrong)
 

RESPONSE: There is more than the physical dimension to life
  3. True Healing is Found in Both Science and Religion (they work together)
    - a) The domain of Medical Science is to understand *how* the body works, which includes \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the body when it doesn't work.
- C. TWIST: Even though medical science tends to separate the body from the mind and soul, fact is you *cannot* separate body, soul, and mind; they are 3 parts to 1 essence; they are inseparable, which means they all are interconnected and inter-related- they each affect the \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- D. KEY: If the state of your \_\_\_\_\_ is in chaos, it will absolutely, negatively affect your body; however, if the state of your soul is strong and healthy, it will absolutely affect your body in positive ways.
1. When people's souls are in "good shape," when they pray, when they are close to God, they just "do better"
  2. But, effects of one's spirituality on the body cannot be quantified because we are not talking about either the same domain or dimension as medical science
- E. Other Thoughts:
1. God typically doesn't violate the principles of Free Will, Personal Responsibility, Natural Law, or Character Development (typically the wrong dimension)
  2. God heals through \_\_\_\_\_ (including doctors & pharmacists)
  3. At the cross, God, in Christ, took responsibility for the risk that opened the possibility for all the sickness, pain & suffering in the world, and He also joined us to help us and give us hope.