THEO 654: Medicine and Morality

Instructor	Dr. Joel Shuman
Schedule	Jan. 22-23; Feb. 19-20; March 19-20; Friday, 6-9 pm; Sat. 8:30 – 4:30 pm
Description	Students will understand how the Christian moral tradition has traditionally understood the "good of the body" (i.e., health) and subsequently influenced the historical practice of so-called "western" medicine, becoming competent to evaluate the moral conflicts that often arise between the Christian tradition and modern medical practice.
Requirements	Reading: Students will complete approximately 400 pages of reading and should come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned.
	Writing: Students will write three brief (1500-2000 words) essays in response to prompts found in the course schedule below.
	Other Assignments: Students will work in pairs to complete a capstone project consisting of case analysis and a presentation to the class.

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Allen Verhey, ***Reading the Bible in the Strange World of Medicine*** (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003). ISBN: 978-0802822635.	$25.00	150
Joel Shuman and Brian Volck, ***Reclaiming the Body: Christians and the Faithful Use of Modern Medicine*** (Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2006). ISBN: 978-1587431272.	$25.00	100
Leo Tolstoy, ***The Death of Ivan Ilyich and Other Stories***, Lynn Solotaroff, translator (New York: Bantam Dell, 1981). ISBN: 978-0553210354.	$6.95	50
There will be several other brief readings posted on the course Canvas page.		