

INTR 536-A
Theology of Development
Monday, 3:15-6:30
BGC 136

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THEOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT IN WORLD PERSPECTIVE

I. COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of the course is to explore the biblical basis for community development and the Christian's involvement in Third World development on the personal and systemic levels. The course develops the concept of biblical holism as the foundational concept for a theology of development. In order to achieve this we will:

- A. Identify the biblical foundations of holism.
- B. Explore the significance of biblical holism for development.
- C. Identify the areas in which biblical holism impacts our work and ministry.
- D. Examine theological issues of biblical holism.
- E. Examine a number of international case studies.
- F. Develop a personal theology of development.

II. EXPECTATIONS

Expectations for the course include:

- A. Class attendance at all sessions and participation.
- B. Assignments submitted for Theology of Development are to be developed specifically for this course and may not have been submitted for another course.
- C. All assignments are to be completed by the start of class on the day they are assigned. Late assignments will receive one grade reduction. That is A to A-, B+ to B, and so forth. Students are to indicate "Late Assignment" in writing under their name on any assignment turned in late. Exceptions include serious illness, a death in the family, or other events of an emergency nature requiring that a student be absent from campus.

III. TEXTS

Cope, L. (2002). *OT Template*. <http://www.OTTemplate.org/volume1>

Steward, J. (1994). *Biblical Holism: Where God, People and Deeds Connect*. Melbourne: World Vision Australia.

Suderman, R. J. (1998). *Calloused Hands, Courageous Souls: Holistic Spirituality of Development and Mission*. Monrovia, CA: MARC.

Wright, C. J. H. *Living as the People of God*. Leicester, UK: InterVarsity Press, 1983. Also published under the title *An Eye for an Eye: The Place of Old Testament Ethics Today*.

IV. ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Reading Report (10 points)
Readings are to be completed prior to the class for which they are assigned. Full credit is given for everything read on time and 50% credit for materials read late.
- B. Interactive Video and Workbook (30 points)
Complete the interactive video (or audio) tape and the workbook. (30 points)

You are expected to follow the instructions clearly set out on the tape. Two copies of the video and one copy on audio tape (the audio version consists of two tapes). This will include reflecting on the issues raised and recording your insights on the appropriate section of the workbook.

C. Summary Papers (40 points)

You will write summary papers as you work through the Steward workbook. Each paper will be 500 words long. The papers will address the issues(s) raised at the end of each workbook section (sessions) as follows:

Paper 1 – Provide a summary of the biblical foundations for holism by addressing the three statements at the bottom of page 24.

1. What I have learned from the biblical basis of holism.
2. How this might apply to me personally and my work.
3. The one most important insight for me.

Paper 2 – Discuss four areas or new ideas to work on in the context of your work or ministry as requested at the bottom of page 47.

Paper 3 – Discuss the idea: “Evangelism is the outcome of empathetic relationships in which the story of Jesus Christ is both demonstrated and proclaimed (James Engel) on page 79. Due on Monday, February 4.

Paper 4 – Identify four priority areas which you select from the material and complete the action summaries on pages 82-84.

D. Theology of Mission

You will write a 1000 word paper articulating your personal theology of development, drawing on course readings, Scripture that is oriented to your professional vocation.

Grade	Range	Description
A	96-100	Outstanding: Mastery of theory and penetrating insights in real-life context. Outstanding research, thinking, and communication.
A-	92-95	Superior: Understanding the theory and its application in real-life content. Superior research, thinking, and communication.
B+	88-91	Very good: Research, thinking, and communication are very good. General understanding of theory and application in real-life context.
B	84-87	Satisfactory: Research, thinking, and communication are satisfactory. Understanding of theory and applicability but work could be stronger.
B-	80-83	Acceptable but average at best: Research, thinking, and communication are acceptable. Appear to grasp theory and have made a start in showing its applicability.
C+	76-79	Acceptable but definitely below average: Research, thinking and communication are barely acceptable

V. SCHEDULE

Week 1

Topics: Course Overview
 Introduction to Biblical Holism: Where God, People & Deeds Connect series
 Precedents for theology of mission and theology of development statements

Week 2

Topic: Biblical Foundations of Holism and Personal Applications
 Reading:

Steward, Session I Biblical Foundations of Holism, pp. 9-24
Steward, Session II How Holism Applies to Me Personally, pp. 25-47
Assignment: Group work on completing Biblical Holism materials

Week 3

Topic: The Impact of Holism on Our Work and Ministry
Biblical Foundations of Holism
How Holism Applies to Me Personally

Reading:

Cope, Chapter 1: What Is Wrong with This Picture? pp. 1-3
Cope, Chapter 2: We Have Lost Our Christian Minds, pp. 1-2
Cope, Chapter 3: We Have Lost Our Mission, pp. 1-4
Cope, Chapter 4: Corn Field Revelation, pp. 1-4
Cope, Chapter 5: Learning to Color Again! pp. 1-2
Wright, Part I, The Framework of Old Testament Ethics, pp. 18-64

Assignment: **Summary Papers 1 and 2 due**

Week 4

Topic: Themes in Old Testament Ethics, Part I

Reading:

Cope, Chapter 6: Government, pp. 1-6
Cope, Chapter 7: Economics, pp. 1-8
Steward, Session III, The Impact of Holism on Our Work and Ministry, pp. 50-79
Wright, Economics and the Land, pp. 67-102
Wright, Politics and the World of Nations, pp. 103-132
Wright, Righteousness and Justice, pp. 133-147

Assignment: **Summary Paper 3 due**

Week 5

Topic: Themes in Old Testament Ethics, Part II

Reading:

Cope, Chapter 8: Science, pp. 1-4
Steward, Conclusion, pp. 82-84
Wright, Law and the Legal System, pp. 148-173
Wright, Society and Culture, pp. 174-196
Wright, The Way of the Individual, pp. 197-212

Assignment: **Summary Paper 4 due**

Week 6

Topic: Christian Spirituality in Mission and Development, Part I

Reading:

Cope, Chapter 9: Church, pp. 1-4
Suderman, Parts 1-3, pp. 3-58

Assignment: **Biblical Holism Workbook due**

Week 7

Topic: Christian Spirituality in Mission and Development, Part II

Reading:

Suderman, Parts 4-6, pp. 61-141

Week 8

Topic: Presentations "Theology of Mission" papers

Assignment: **Theology of Mission paper due**

