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Subject: You're Challenged

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Well not you! As in us here. But those out there in the charismatic world. Or even more so back in Goshen.

I have been a charismatic christian for going on 40 yrs. Most of that time under the faith message. Most of that time interested in learning and studying the word.

In all those years I have never seen heard of or read a "biblical based , intellectually rigorous , good , sound , well reasoned , satisfying defense of the doctrine "God heals through the doctors"

Not ever once.

Theologians , wannabees and christians who are interested in more than scratching the surface of biblical truth pride themselves on doing just that. Where it concerns a doctrine. That is providing a good sound biblical based intellectually rigorous exposition of a doctrine

Roman Catholic teachers have a better basis for this because it is spoken to in the Apocrypha. But of course that isn't scripture. At best what we get is an arguement from silence.

I've been an adult and christian too many years not to know what people are like. Taking this to a christian leader somewhere usually results in some form of . . .

- what kind of silly question is that?
- why do you listen to those people?
- I'm not going to respond to that kind of stupidity.
- I don't care what they say its just nonsense! (that one is generally growled out)

Or whatever. The one thing they won't give you is a satisfying intellectually rigorous biblical based defense of this doctrine.

There are verses they will point to of course. After all Luke was a doctor wasn't he? Probably Pauls personal physician. Well that settles it then. See I answered my own question.

With no criticism intended I'd like to say that most teachers hold to that doctrine to excuse their own unbelief. Their own ability to get the prayer of faith done. Because getting to and staying in a place of being able to do that is too much work. Or because they don't want to lose the respect of the group they are part of. Or plain simple fear or, or, or.

So if I'm challenged to provide a defense of God healing through the prayer of faith. I'm ready. I'm

sure most of us here could as well.

So if you know of one. Post the link. Or send it privately. Or pass my note on to the theologian in the family. I'm not afraid of having my beliefs challenged. I have long believed that those of us with strong opinions ought to allow them to get a good shaking every now and then.

So to those of you outside the faith message. . .

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