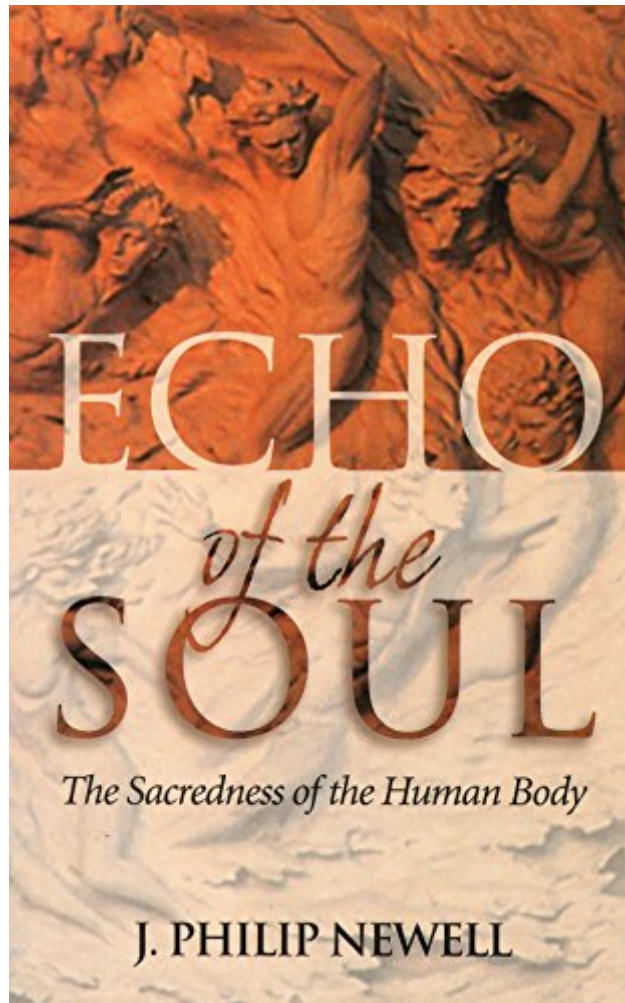


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# Echo Of The Soul: The Sacredness Of The Human Body



## Synopsis

Few issues have caused the church more difficulty through the ages than those surrounding the human body. Throughout much of Christian history, spiritual seekers have considered the body to be, at best, a hindrance to spiritual enlightenment, and, at worst, an enemy to be suppressed. Many of our contemporary negative preoccupations with physical appearance, image, and sexuality derive from this ancient and habitual denial of the notion that we were created in God's image. In *Echo of the Soul* bestselling author J. Philip Newell finds that the human body, like creation, is actually the dwelling place of God. Using the Old Testament Wisdom literature, which informed Celtic spirituality's positive understanding of what it means to be human, Newell looks at each part of the body as a sacred text that reveals something of the Divine. Looking back to a time before Christians began to distrust their physicality, Newell shows that our most ancient texts challenge modern assumptions about love, beauty, sexuality, learning, wisdom, power, and responsibility, and bridges the body/spirit divide.

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Accessibly written by J. Philip Newell (a minister of the Church of Scotland), *Echo Of The Soul: The Sacredness Of The Human Body* deftly presents the idea that the human body is not an obstacle to

ascending to the divine, but rather the dwelling place of God, and truly created in God's image. Echo Of The Soul is confidently recommended as a powerful and thoughtfully reasoned testimony of Christian faith offering informed and informative insights concerning the importance of both human and divine love as manifested on the physical Earth.

This was a fascinating approach to thinking about the way gods characteristics are reflected in our human form. In a way it's a little scattered but it is written with contemplation in mind, and I think to this end it accomplishes its goal.

This book brings to light the sacredness of the human body in an easy to read yet thought provoking format. I enjoyed the book but I value other works by Newell a little more.

Elegantly written. Beautiful concepts. Such a timeless piece. Will come back to this work many times to think through the ideas put forth. Highly recommend this book to you.

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