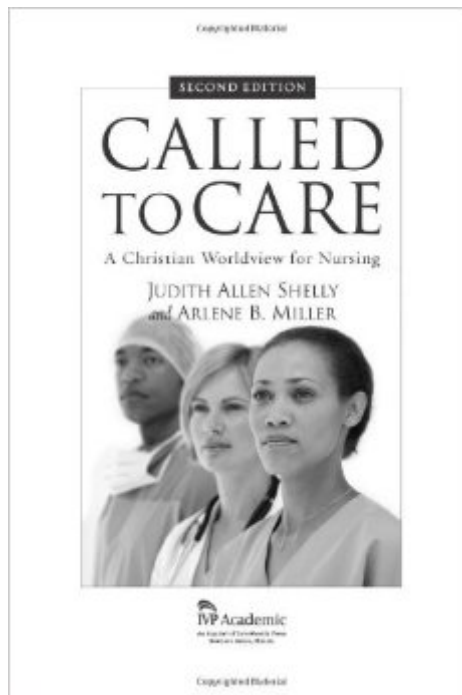


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# Called To Care: A Christian Worldview For Nursing



## Synopsis

Nursing keeps changing. The role of the nurse grew out of a Christian understanding of the human person as created in the image of God, and viewed the body as a living unity and the "temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 6:19). Contemporary nursing, however, is increasingly characterized by a diminished understanding of personhood. The impact on patient care has proven confusing and discouraging to many nurses. In the newly revised and expanded *Called to Care: A Christian Worldview for Nursing*, Judith Allen Shelly and Arlene B. Miller define nursing for today based on a historically and theologically grounded understanding of the nurse's call: Nursing is a ministry of compassionate care for the whole person, in response to God's grace toward a sinful world, which aims to foster optimum health (shalom) and bring comfort in suffering and death for anyone in need. *Called to Care* asserts that nursing is a vocation, giving nurses a framework for understanding their mission and living out their calling: service to God through caring for others.

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This book is a must read for nurses and other health care professionals who want to reaffirm the meaning and purpose of their work as they are called to care by God. Shelly and Miller have expanded on the first edition by adding a purpose and objectives for each chapter, discussion questions, and case studies. In addition there are charts and tables comparing worldviews and nursing theories, detailing healing accounts in the New Testament, and contrasting the views on hope in suffering from various religions. Rich story telling brings authenticity and insight to patient care and student-faculty examples. Finally, we hear the inspiring voices of six Christian nursing

leaders they share their visions for the future of nursing.

The content in this work is excellent and inspiring. A call to all Christians in nursing to know where they are because of where they have come from. Bar none, this is the best work of it's kind on the market. However, the book is extremely academic and reads much like a thesis paper. It would be great to see a work produced that is more accessible to the average reader who is just getting started in the area of a Biblical or Christian worldview and wants to know how the nursing profession is driven by such a worldview.

Shelly and Miller have struck a chord in the heart of nursing with their improved 2nd edition of *Called to Care*. Their overview of the history of nursing and caring helps us understand how we got to where we are today, while their presentations on person, the environment, health as shalom, and nursing show us where we need to go in the future. Their explanation of a Christian worldview for nursing is both simple and deeply profound. I found myself cheering inside saying, "Yes, that's what nursing is about! That's why I'm a nurse!" This is a great book for nurses at the bedside, undergraduate and graduate students in nursing, nurse educators and nurse researchers alike.

Bought this for my Father's nurse and she loved it! She is an Awesome Christian woman and was really pleased that I had given her this book. She was so wonderful to my dad that I had to do something special for her. I knew when I read the preface to this book that she would love it...I am sure that the special nurses in your life will too!

This book has helped me incorporate my Christian view into my nursing practice. I believe it could help anyone in a professional caring role to incorporate Christianity into your work. I have grown in my spiritual walk after having read this book. I have enjoyed sharing it with other practitioners as well

This is a lengthy but thought provoking treatise on the world of Nursing. Nursing is not just a 9-5 (or 7-3) job but is a community/church/neighborhood responsibility for every nurse. This is a good read for every nurse to broaden their outreach and encourage nurses to 'think outside the box'.

I ordered this book for my first official on campus nursing course and I'm glad that I received it in a decent amount of time. It came in time for my class and was useful in following along with the

instructor. I highly recommend this book, it's a great deal and is in great condition!

The transformation in nursing over the last 10 years is dramatic. Explore why and how this change has affected the very being of the nature of nursing. Can it be affected now in this day? Read and decide what you can do.

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