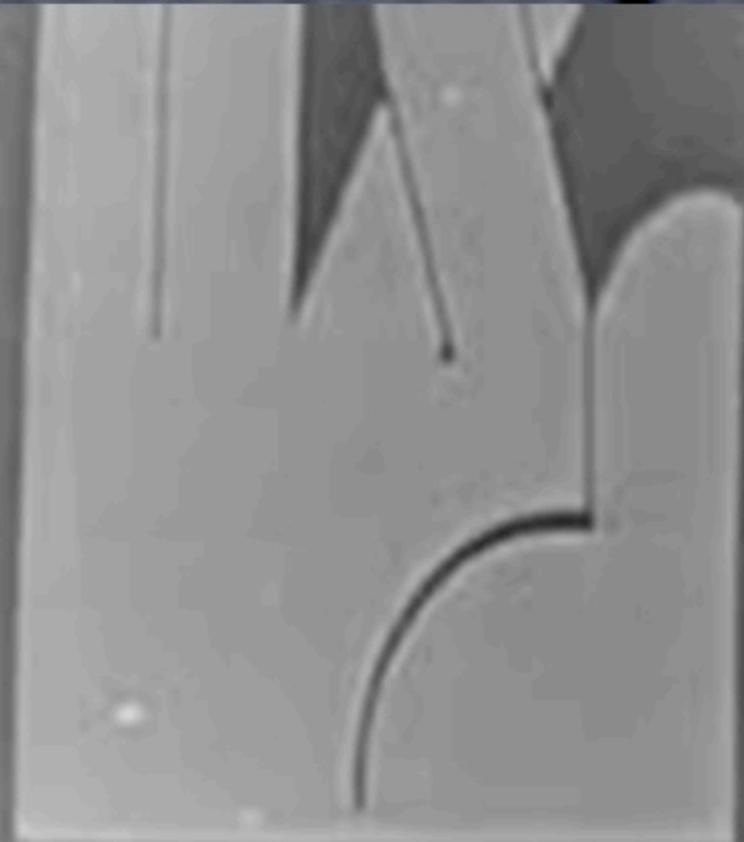


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# VITAL SIGNS

1 John 4:1-6 Spiritual Discernment



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