Background:

In the realm of Christian education and personal growth, believers are often encouraged to engage with a wealth of theological resources. These resources range from books recommended for personal edification, group study, to deepening one's prayer life. However, the sheer volume of these resources poses a significant challenge: many individuals find themselves strapped for time, unable to sift through the vast array of books available. Currently, while AI technology exists to compile information from the web, it often lacks the depth, accuracy, and reliability found in scholarly theological texts penned by esteemed academics. An AI capable of intelligently navigating and synthesizing content from these trusted sources could revolutionize how believers access theological knowledge, potentially driving interest and sales towards books authored by reputable theologians.

The Problem:

The crux of developing an AI system trained on biblical and theological content lies in ensuring the integrity of its theological underpinnings. It's paramount that the AI only incorporates and references 'correct' theology, as deemed by esteemed theologians, to avoid the propagation of erroneous doctrinal interpretations. We anticipate the involvement of a theological expert, possibly from Talbot School of Theology, to curate and vet the AI's training materials, ensuring alignment with sound Christian doctrine.

Objectives:

- **Aim 1:** To validate the ability of an AI to accurately reflect theological wisdom found in scholarly texts. This shall be achieved by training the AI on a curated selection of books, followed by a testing phase where the AI would respond to a series of questions reflective of potential user inquiries. Authors of the selected texts will be asked to provide 'model' answers to these questions, allowing for an evaluation of the AI's responses against these gold standards.
- **Aim 2:** To develop an AI proficient in referencing and synthesizing information from a pre-approved compilation of theological resources, thus ensuring doctrinal soundness. Success in Aim 1 will lead to the expansion of the AI's capabilities, enabling it to draw from a broader array of "Biola Endorsed" theological content. This AI will undergo rigorous testing to assess its ability to address complex theological inquiries, thereby validating its effectiveness.
- **Aim 3:** Deployment of this AI on a global scale, making it accessible for personal study, small group discussions, and broader educational purposes. This would mark the culmination of our project's objectives, offering an invaluable resource to the Christian community worldwide.

Significance:

The development of this AI heralds a new era for Christian education, bridging the gap between the abundant theological knowledge enshrined in texts and the modern believer's quest for sound doctrine. This AI stands to democratize access to deep theological insights, mitigating the time constraints that often hinder comprehensive study. Furthermore, by guiding users towards credible sources of theological wisdom, the AI plays a pivotal role in fortifying the doctrinal integrity of Christian believers.

Innovation:

Embarking on this mission, we introduce a pioneering approach to theological study. Our AI promises a revolutionary method for aggregating and disseminating knowledge from trusted theological texts, making accurate and profound doctrinal insights readily accessible to a broad audience. In doing so, we endeavor to forge a resource that not only enlightens but also inspires a deeper exploration of Christian theology.