

# **We are born to love and be loved**

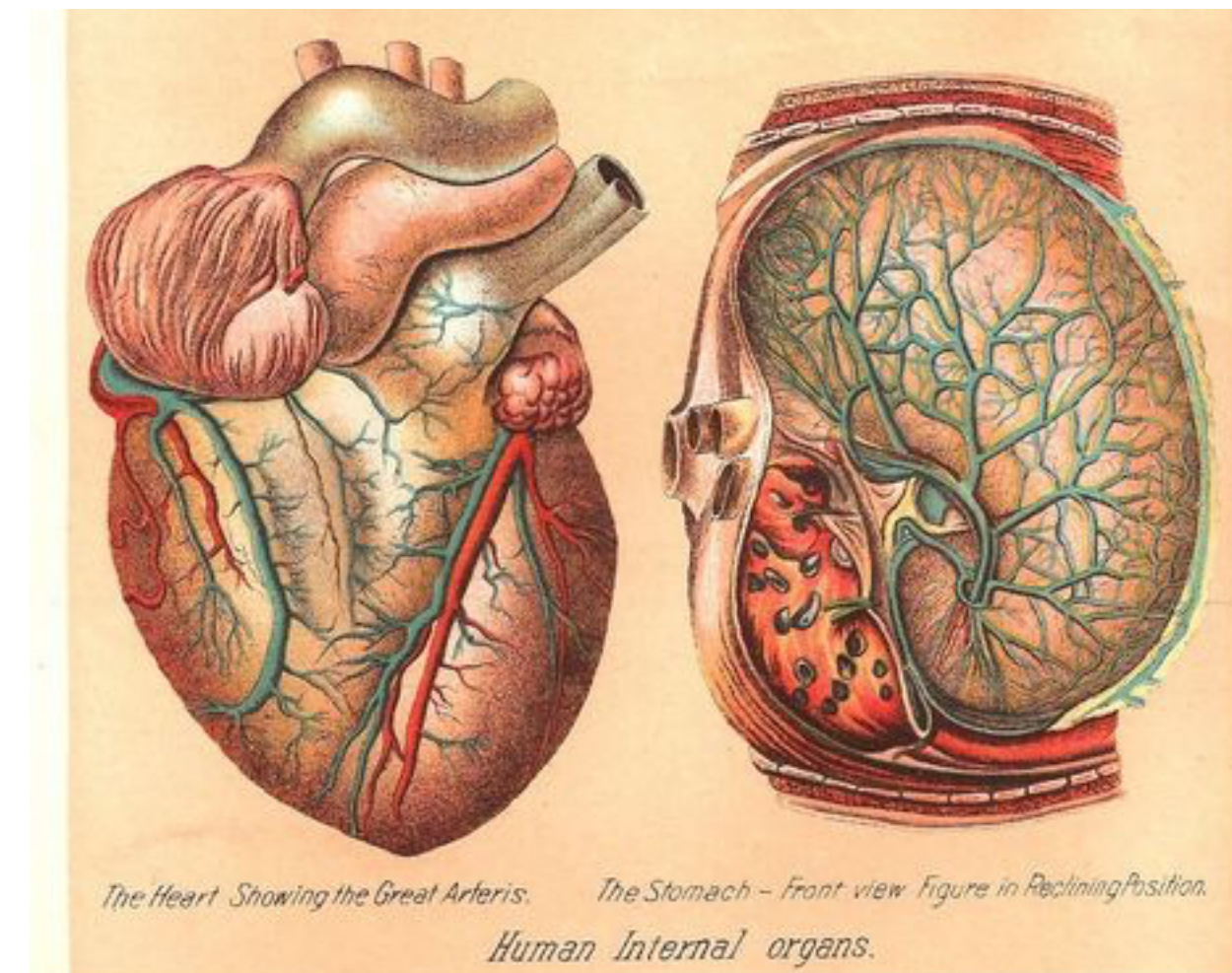
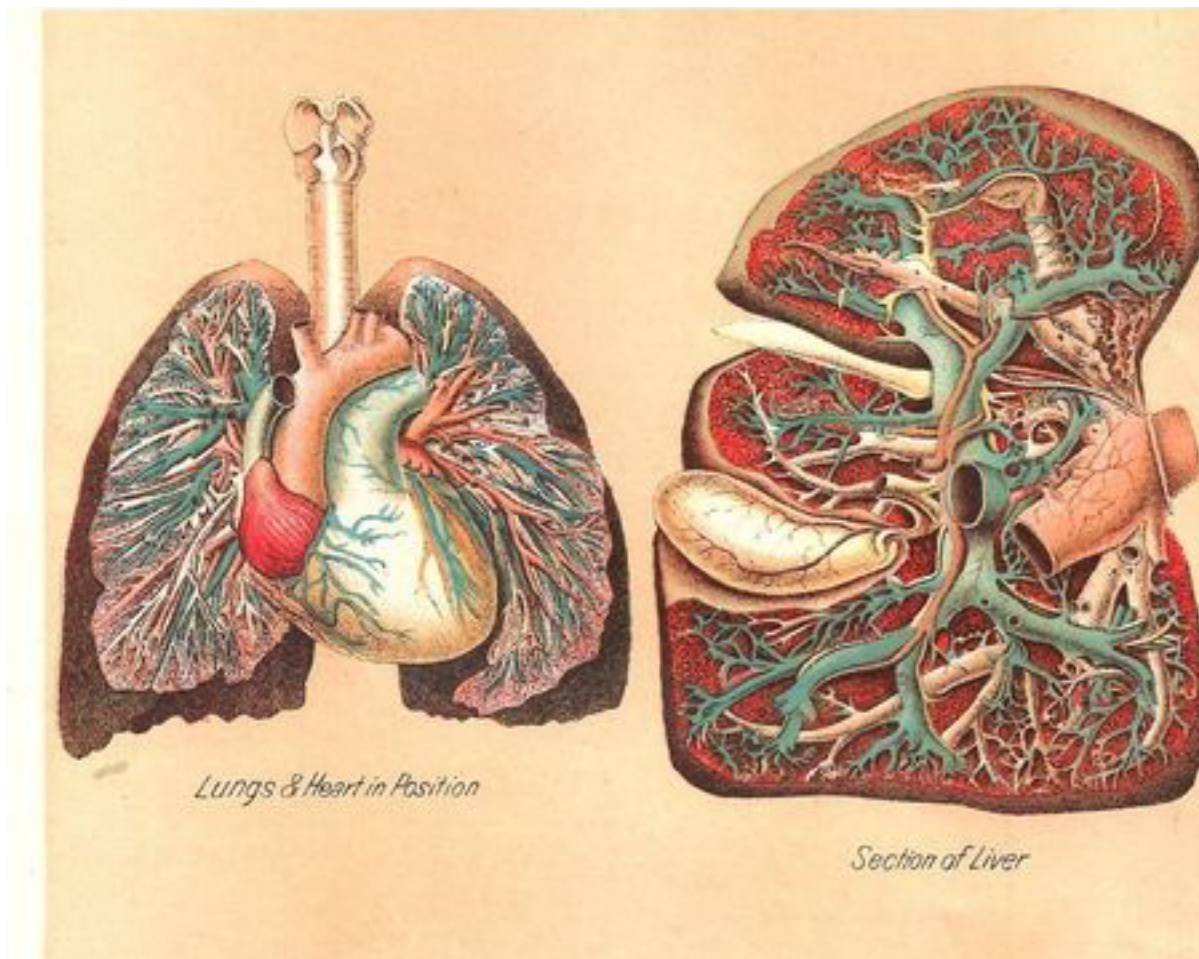
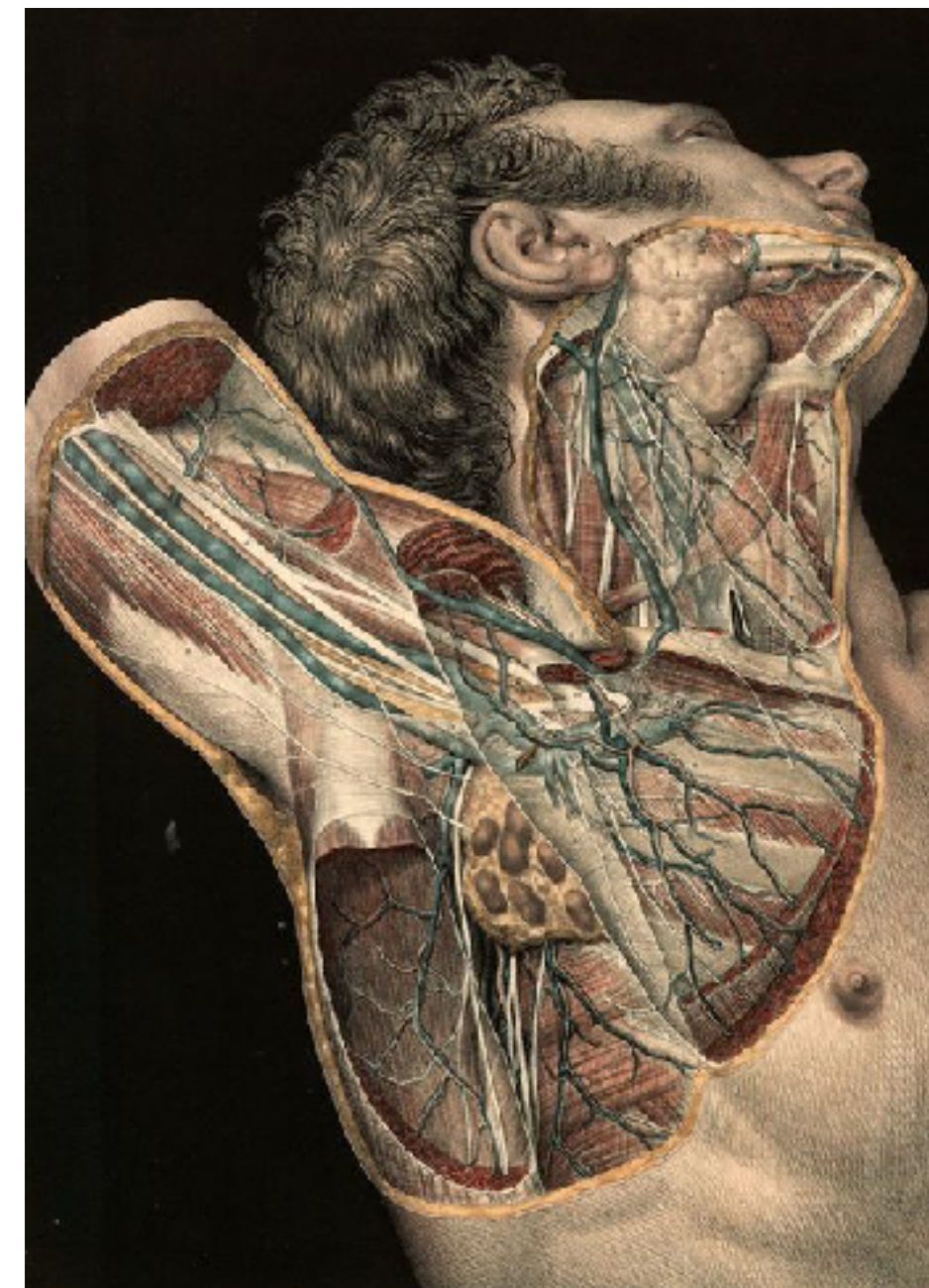
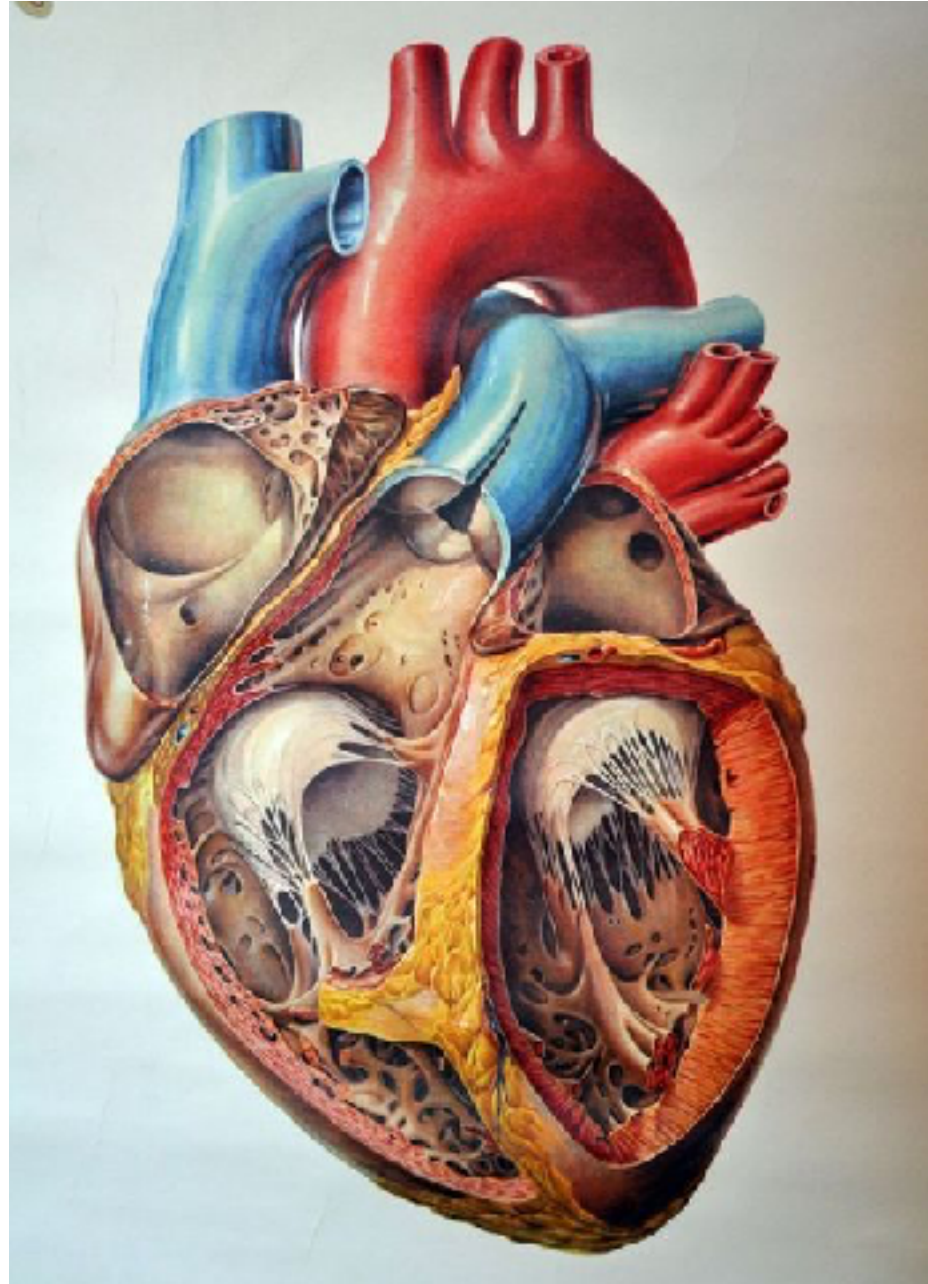
**My exploration of love and myself in the age of 17.**

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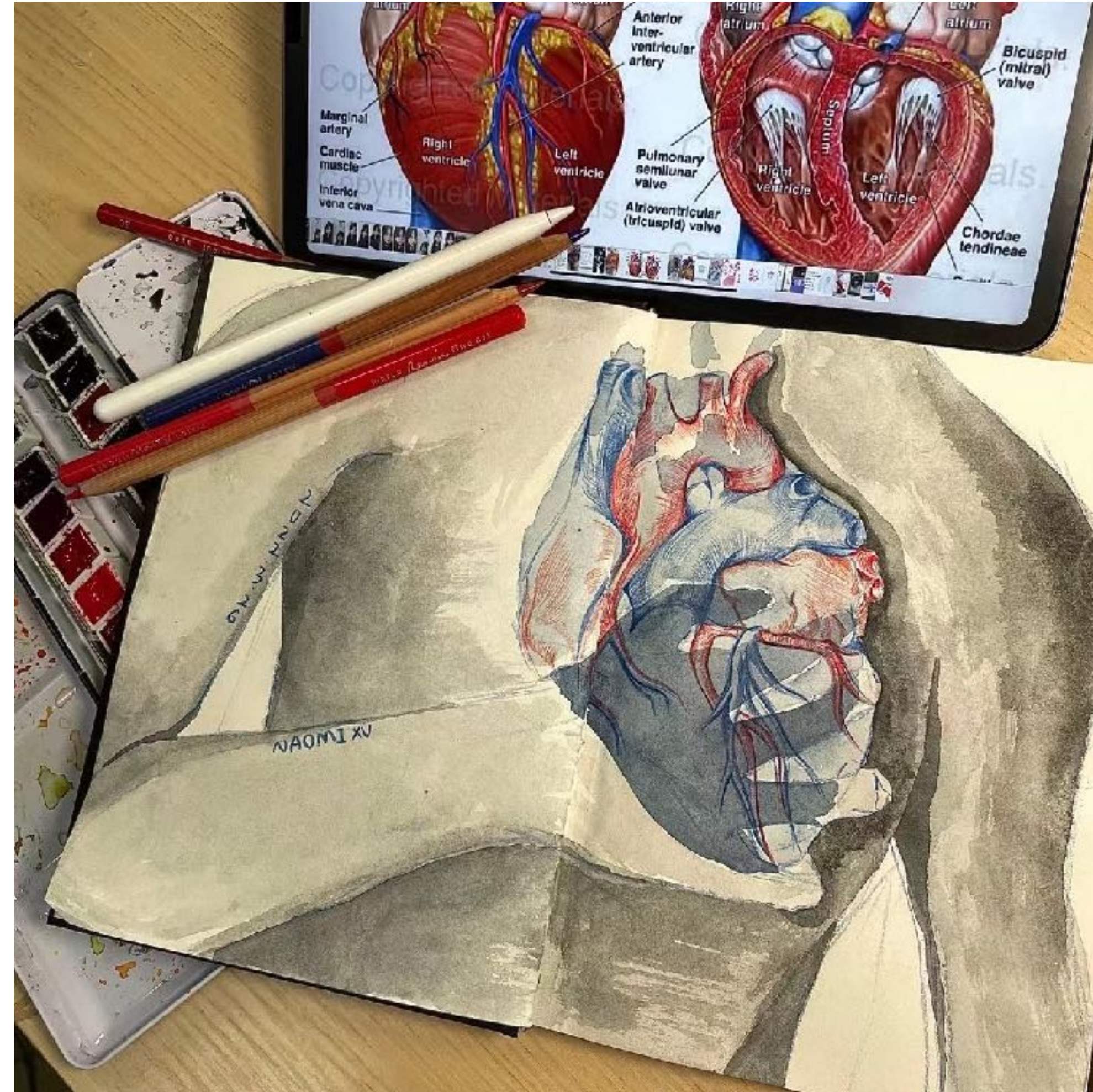
# Background & Inspiration

At the age of seventeen, after having experienced many things, I found myself not yet fully aware of myself, and I was stumbling but moving bravely on the road of exploring love. I want to use this graduation project to commemorate my seventeenth year and the courageous growth of myself on the path of exploring love. On the road of exploring love. I feel painful or euphoria, happy or sad. That kinds of feelings and emotions all comes form and through my brain, my heart. This inspiration made me think of some medical illustration. So I started to research some of them and tried to draw from it. I found that human organs are really suitable for my topic. I also tried to combine my personal style with medical illustration of human organs.





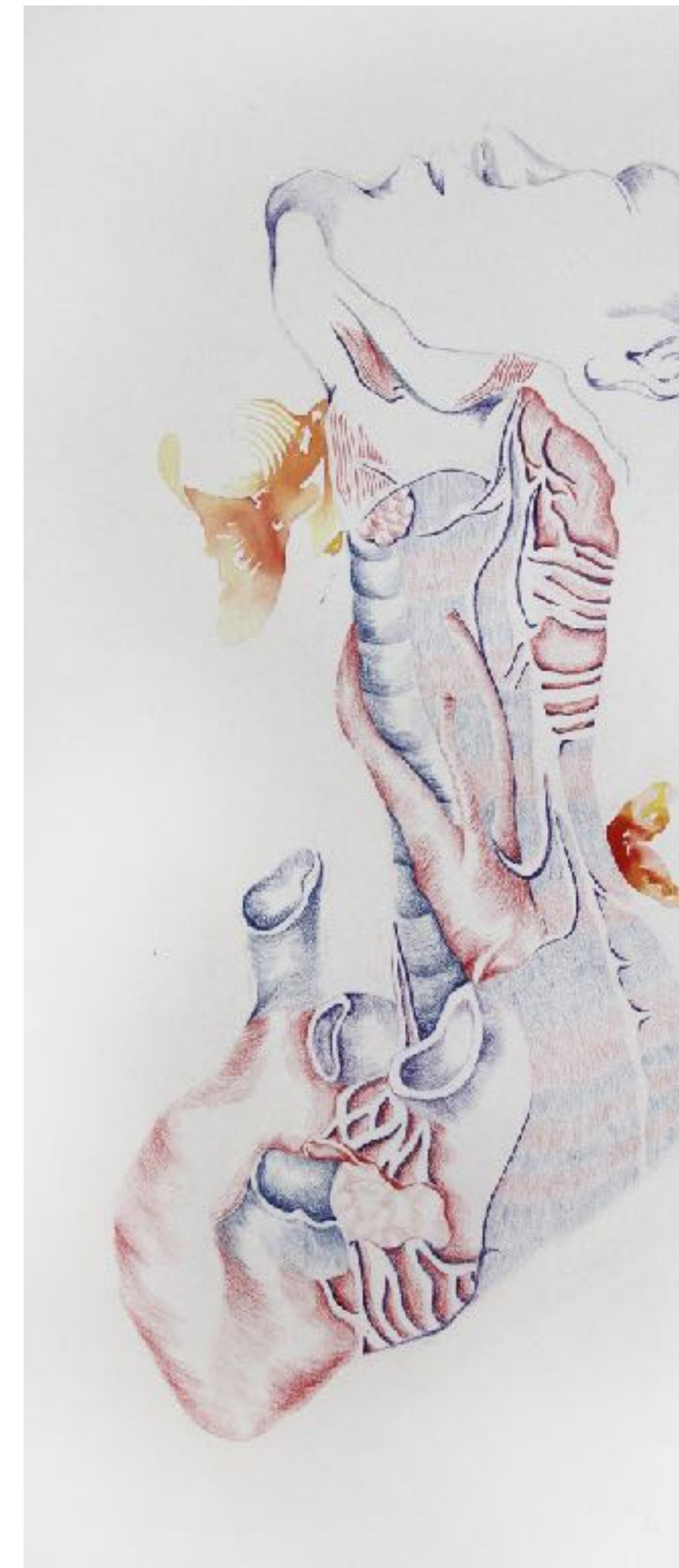
# Visual experiment



Material:Watercolor, Colored pencil



# Final appearance



80cm\*80cm

Material:Watercolor,  
Colored pencil

50cm\*80cm

120cm\*40cm





There are two elements in the project which are the human organ and the goldfish. Human organs represent the different parts of the human body that express and receive love. While the goldfish has special meaning to me. When I was a child, once I dropped a candy in the fish's tank. I had a fluke at the time, thinking that the candy would not have any effect on the goldfish. However, the fish died. I feel so regretful and guilty until now. So the element of goldfish represents these kinds of emotions. This project I decided to express my idea through six pieces of paintings.