LOGO-PSYCHO-SOMATIC MEDICINE

(Excerpt from Paper presented by Dr. Reed to the Ky. Chapter of the American Academy of Family Practice, Louisville, Ky.)

When Ephraim McDowell, in 1809, a Kentucky physician and surgeon, performed the first laparotomy for the removal of a huge ovarian cyst, he wrote a prayer: "Almighty God, be with me, I humbly beseech Thee, in this attendance in Thy holy hour; give me becoming awe of Thy presence, and grant me Thy direction and aid. I beseech Thee that in confessing I may be humble and truly pellent in prayer, serious and devout in praises, graceful and sincere, and in hearing Thy Word attentive and willing and desirous to be instructed. Direct me, O God, in performing this operation for I am but an instrument in Thy hands and am but Thy servant, and if it is Thy will, oh spare this poor afflicted woman! O give me true faith in the atonement of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, or a love sufficient to procure Thy favor and blessing that mightily to Thee in spirit and in truth my services may be accepted through His all sufficient merits. Amen." 

Christianity or the Judeo-Christian aspect of what is called religion is not deleterious to the whole person but is an absolute essential in man becoming whole. Throughout the Old Testament there are many examples of healing. Not only is this true in the life of Moses in the healing of Miriam, who was healed of leprosy, but also in the healings done by both Elijah and Elisha and the healing of Hezekiah. In the Old Testament a healing God is portrayed who bestows loving wholeness upon those who love Him. There are also the Ten Commandments which list the laws which, if kept by man, lead to wholeness and length of days in this life.

In the New Testament, there are many examples of healings being wrought by Jesus and his disciples as well as those who followed the disciples. Jesus instructed His disciples to go forth and to proclaim that God's Kingdom is present and to demonstrate that fact by healing the sick. In the Gospel of Luke, who was a physician, Jesus gave His disciples authority over all devils and to cure diseases. Later on in this same Gospel, it is read that the disciples went about healing everywhere. Jesus Himself is never recorded as having been powerless-insofar as the healing of the sick man is concerned, it is stated that the multitudes pressed upon Him and He healed them all. This healing power was bestowed upon His followers as is recorded in the Book of Acts by St. Luke, the physician, where St. Paul and St. Peter are both credited with the healing of many people. It is stated that the power of the Holy Spirit in St. Peter was so great that his shadow had the power to heal. Also it is recorded in Acts 19 that handkerchiefs and cloths taken from Paul had the ability to heal those people to whom such cloths were applied. This, of course, seems very mystical and magical to us today. However, there are examples in God's Word of this sort of power being present today in the totally committed Christian who is filled with God's Spirit. Do believe this reason why many things of this sort do not happen today is because man has lost his ability to be totally in God.

Subsequent to the Apostolic age, and in the early Christian era, there were many writers who wrote about the power of the Christian life and the ability of the Christian life to conquer not only death but disease. It was not just a Christian discipline but also a part of Judaism going on even into the Middle Ages and to the time of Haimonides who writing and speaking both in Spain and later in Egypt, wrote much concerning the healing power of God in man's life, especially those who live a holy, consecrated life.

There were, of course, those people who incorporated pagan practices and pagan beliefs as well as superstition with Christianity. Christianity is sometimes blamed for the time when scientific advancement did not continue and when superstition and ignorance reigned throughout the world during the time of the Dark Ages. However, it should be remembered that scholarship and what little was known concerning anatomy and the treatment of illness was preserved in the monasteries of Europe during the Dark Ages. Gradually as man emerged into the scientific era, through the endeavors of such people as Ephraim McDowell in the United States and Beaumont as well as William Harvey and Koch, Pasteur and many others in the last century, scientific medicine gradually emerged as an entity which had its connections with the church and with religion. Those connections and those contacts with the church progressively became more and more tenuous.

(Continued in the July Newsletter)
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.  JUNE 1975
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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION CHAPEL.

MONDAY  -- Every Monday at 8:30 AM. Men's Prayer Breakfast at CMF House.

TUESDAY  -- Every Tuesday at 10 AM. Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. Bring a sandwich. Please note: We will have guest speakers while Kay is in Europe. 1 PM -- Dr. Dan Mayer, 2 PM -- Healing Service.

FRIDAY  -- June 20 -- 8 PM. St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting at St. Petersburg Federal Savings and Loan Assn., 83rd Ave. at 9th St., St. Petersburg, Fla. Gordon and Gerri Nichols, leaders.

SATURDAY  -- June 21 -- 10 AM. Plant City CMF Station Meeting at Johnson's Restaurant, Plant City, Fla. Gene and Barbara Wolfe, leaders.

SATURDAY  -- June 21 -- 7:30 PM. Tampa CMF Station Meeting at CMF House, 4821 Memorial Hwy., Tampa, Fla. Dr. Dan Mayer, leader.

FRIDAY -- June 27 -- 7:45 PM. Orlando CMF Station Meeting at Dover Shores Branch of First Federal, Savings and Loan Assn., 3212 East Conway Road, Orlando, Fla. For information please call 305/647-4667, 445-2611 or 946-6130 and not First Federal. Roy and Frances Leap, leaders.

SATURDAY  -- June 28 -- 7:30 PM. Daytona CMF Station Meeting at Holy Trinity-by-the-Sea, North Grandview at Ora, Daytona Beach, Fla., Call Father David J. Dillon, Jr., 904/252-8997, Roy and Frances Leap, leaders.

THE BETHEL CENTER project is proceeding on schedule. We wish to thank everyone who has helped with the project with their prayers and financially. The goal before us is a great one and impossible to achieve in the natural. The world system has given us a vision and the dream cannot even be grasped by the natural mind. Since the vision is spiritual and the product of the Center will be spiritual, natural means cannot be utilized. Prayer will have to build Bethesda Center. It will be a center of worship, prayer, art, music, beauty and quiet. It's theme will be: the statement on the globe of our lovely eagle lectern: "...blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:28) Bethesda will emphasize the whole Gospel including Christian healing and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus bless each one of you who are a spiritual part of this joyful endeavor.

NOTE: During the latter part of May Dr. Reed has been lecturing to physicians and Christian groups in Holland. During the month of June, Dr. & Mrs. Reed and Mr. & Mrs. Don Waters will represent the United States and CMF at the International Hospital Christian Fellowship Conference in Kossen, Austria. They will also visit Salzburg, Vienna, and Zurich. Please pray for the success of this adventure in faith. They will be returning home June 29.

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