LOGO-PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE

(Continued from May Newsletter)

With the advance of pathology and the German Virchow School of thought, which came about in the early part of the 20th century, there was a gradual increase in adherence to the precepts of pure science without consideration of the spiritual aspect of man.

It is remarkable that the first surgeon to ever perform a laparotomy was an American, a product of the expansion of the United States to the West. It would seem that in that era men were much closer to God and thought much more deeply about God in relationship to their lives. If they were physicians they thought of God in relation to themselves as physicians and to their patients. As we have gone along, we have seen a gradual departure from this type of thinking, although there have been such men as Hugh Kelly, the great pioneer of gynecology and urology at Johns Hopkins, who were men of prayer and were vociferous in their belief in God and his place in the healing of the sick patient.

Generally, the physician who has become a Christian or a member of the Orthodox Judaica Church has been loath to inject any of his thoughts or feelings into his relationship with his patient. One should be extremely cautious, as Victor Frankl has said, in suggesting that the patient follow our convictions. Man should make the decision on his own as to whether or not he wants to be born of the Spirit and live a logos-psychosomatically, rather than to counter-transfer the physician's beliefs to himself. It is necessary for the patient to come to a decision in his own life as to whether or not he would become spiritual. The only avenue open is provided through Christianity, Transcendental meditation and the other religious systems of the world to such a transformation but usually the requirement is the development of an asceticism or monasticism impossible for the physician or his patient to enter into. Christianity, on the other hand, gives both patient and physician the avenue whereby spirituality can be achieved in the midst of the thyng and press of life. Jesus gives us newness of life.

With this in mind, medical ministry would point out to the patient that it is not necessarily requisite for the person to become a denominational Christian but that it is necessary for him to accept the precepts of Christ. In order to do so, he must ask that the Christ-life principle or the new life in Christ as a result of his personal prayer enter into his life so that he is no longer a man of body and mind only but also of Spirit. This is a point of view which is promulgated in the Gospels of Jesus Christ and in the Epistles of the New Testament and is not to be found elsewhere. Therefore, if one would desire to investigate this type of life, the Holy Bible is the primary book of reference and the truth is found in both Old and New Testaments.

Logo-psychosomatic medicine is a new medicine for the future with the central theme of a greater orientation of both doctor and patient toward God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It begins with the physician himself to be a person born of the Spirit. This is a type of medical practice which cannot be administered empirically or without involvement of the physician himself in the deepest areas of his own being in this new orientation toward God and toward his fellow man. It is a challenging but a most rewarding area of endeavor, not only from the standpoint of the etiology of disease but of the treatment and the prevention of illness, both physical and mental. Much needs to be done in the realm of investigation. Much needs to be done in the understanding of prayer therapy and what true prayer and spiritual therapy represent. If man has a spirit, there must be a therapy of spiritual disorders just as the man who has a psyche at times possesses psychiatric disorders which have their own psychiatric treatments. Those things which are physical have their physical treatments. However, Flanders' Dunbar has shown us that none of these things exist in air-tight compartments, so therefore, psychiatric illness has its spiritual aspects as well as its physical, and spiritual illness has its psychiatric and physical attributes. An expansion is needed in man's thinking in all these areas. We must stop concerning ourselves with the multiple things that exist peripheral to man and begin to understand more of man, the unknown, who is an integrated creature of God, who can never be truly understood nor ever treated totally without including God and His Holy Spirit in the therapeutic treatment. 
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

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

MONDAY - Every Monday - 6:30 AM.  Men's Prayer Breakfast at CMF House.

TUESDAY - Every Tuesday - 10 AM.  Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. Bring a sandwich, please!! Kay is now teaching Luke's Gospel. 1 PM - Clinical Correlation of the Gospel - Dr. Reed. 2 PM - Healing Service.

FRIDAY - July 18 - 8 PM.  St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting at St. Petersburg Federal Savings & Loan Assn., 83rd Ave. at 9th St., St. Petersburg, Fla.  Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - July 19 - 8 AM.  Plant City CMF Station Meeting at Johnson's Restaurant, Plant City, Fla.  Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - July 19 - 7:30 PM.  Tampa CMF Station Meeting at CMF House, 4821 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla.  Dr. Reed speaking.

FRIDAY - July 25 - 7:45 PM.  Orlando CMF Station Meeting at Dover Shores Branch of First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., 3212 East Conway Road, Orlando, Fla.  For information, call 305/647-4667, 445-2511 or 894-6150 and not First Federal.  Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - July 26 - 7:30 PM.  Daytona CMF Station Meeting at Holy Trinity-by-The-Sea, North Grandview at Ora, Daytona Beach, Fla.  Call Father David Dillon, Jr.  904/252-8997.  Dr. Reed speaking.

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OCTOBER 2-5, 1975 - Third Annual Physicians' Conference on Logo-Psychosomatic Medicine: The Treatment of the Whole Person.  At CMF Center and the Host Airport Hotel, Tampa, Fla.  All physicians and wives invited!!!!!!!!!

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PRAY AND GIVE:  Don't forget to PRAY for CMF and to GIVE as the Lord directs so that this work may be sustained financially. Our general expenses, including salaries, maintenance, supplies, etc., total approximately $6500.00 per month. Also, we are moving ahead with the Bethesda Project and the remaining need here is about $400,000.00.  Please ask the Lord how He would have you share in this ministry, especially during the next few months. All gifts, both to CMF and Bethesda Center are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE. May Jesus bless you abundantly as you share with us in this work of His.

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