"THANATO-ESCHATOLOGY"
(A Consideration of Death in the End-Times)

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."
(2 Timothy 3:1)

Much is being written and said at this time concerning death and dying. No doubt this fact is a product of a time when reflecting man sees that society (East and West) is dying and that with all man’s efforts, more people are becoming ill and dying in our present century than at any other time in history. This is due to many factors. Our population experiences more death and today more people are growing older. More people are being subjected to death in all the areas of violence due to socio-political upheaval in our century than in times past. Whole populations have been destroyed in an instant in our time at Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Millions of people have been put to death in Russia, China, and Southeast Asia in this century. The killing goes on. Famines continue. Violence goes on in Lebanon, in Northern Ireland, and now in Angola, Rhodesia and South Africa. Criminal violence is increasing in America. We live in what has been termed the century of fear. Thus, it does not appear strange that man should now be concerned with the subject of dying. It would seem that man at this present time is concerned with life at its extremities. One sees great forces being exerted to destroy life at its inception—to guarantee that newly created life has no chance of survival. This could be not a demand for the liberation of woman to choose her own options as much as a demand for the guaranteeing that a new age of suffering will not be allowed to enter the scene. It however in the final analysis remains the same. It is further carnage—further killing, further destruction. Like a moth involuntarily drawn into the flame man flies irrevocably into death often taking others with him. A psychiatrist colleague deciding to destroy his own life by allowing his housekeeper to continue to run in his closed garage succeeded in destroying his life—and inadvertently took his young daughter with him as she slept in the bedroom above the garage. One never dies alone. Our actions always affect those about us. We do not live in isolation—or die without touching others.

Adolph Hitler died in a bunker in Berlin with his mistress. Millions of his countrymen—and others all over the world died with him before and after his own self-destruction. Those who died through Stalin and Lenin and those who continue to die through their devices of human-kind-social catabolism make Hitler seem but a minor contributor to the destroying of mankind. Now—today—the whole world is caught up in the fetish of destroying and being destroyed. Why then should we not destroy the unborn?

At the other extreme are the elderly, the dying, the unfit, the feebleminded, the cripples, the criminals, the murderers, the skid-row bums, and the infinite numbers of those who by one standard or another do not deserve to live. Because of inflation, high medical costs, the high cost of dying, the expanding costs of Medicare and Medicaid it appears obvious that a logical method of control would be to destroy those human causes of rising costs—the recipients of care systems. This is but an extension of the abortion principle. It might seem it abortion at the terminus of life rather than at its inception. What does it really matter in a godless society which by separation of church and state has excluded God and the Savior and righteousness from school, from job and ultimately from individual and home? If there is no God, no judgment, no hope, no eternal life—just man—with his awful constantly affirming potential of further destructiveness to trust in is there any reason for life at all? Mao was a killer, too. Why look to him? What of Arafat, Breznev, Trudeau, or Dyan; Bella, Javits or Madeline Murray or any man? The Dash to ESP, EST, Sexuality, --sex, pornography, --plastic surgery, booze, counter-culture, communes—on and on—is but the dance of death—the flight of moth through flame until its protoplasm congeals into immobility and dust.

But Jesus has taught us by His Spirit that life that is sacred and that the very principle of life is in Him alone. Strange it seems that when we have gone to the moon and now to Mars the one thing we have not found in either place is life even on the virus level. How precious then is that life we possess and how truly sacred we must begin to consider it. As a Christian I must be a preserver of life. I must try to keep man from death—both temporal and eternal. This is why I am a doctor. I am so overjoyed that in the throng and press of life I was privileged to touch the hem of His Garment and He has made me whole and has given me life eternal. This life is now transmissible by me to others and of such is the healing ministry. Of such is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I am so thankful to Jesus—The Lord, The Giver of All Life.
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.        FEBRUARY 1977
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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CMF CHAPEL! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TUESDAY - Every Tuesday - 10 AM. Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. (Please bring a sandwich!) Kay is now teaching a series of lectures, "The Inward Adorning and Beauty of the Hidden Person of the Heart." "The Clinical Correlation of the Gospel" by Dr. Reed at 1 PM. Healing Service 2 PM.

THURSDAY - February 3 - 7:30 PM. Dr. Reed and Kay at Christian Growth Seminar, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Bartow, Fla. Contact Miss Elizabeth Van Gorden, 704 So. Ingram, Apt. E., Lakeland, Fla.

TUESDAY - February 8 - 7:30 PM. Kay Reed at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tampa, Fla. Contact Marilyn Knecht, 813/839-2201.

THURSDAY - February 17 - 10 AM. Dr. Reed and Kay at First Presbyterian Church, Tampa, Fla. Contact Mrs. Thomas Cullen, 813/834-1671.

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

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

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

FRIDAY - February 25 - 7:45 PM. Orlando CMF Station Meeting at Dover Shores Branch of First Federal Savings & Loan, 3212 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, Fla. For information please call 305/894-6150, 425-2511, or 647-4667. Please do not call First Federal Savings & Loan. Dr. Reed will be the speaker.

SATURDAY - February 26 - 7:30 PM. Daytona CMF Station Meeting at Holy Trinity By-The-Sea, No. Grandview at U.S. 90A, Daytona Beach, Fla. For information please call Father David Dillon, Jr., 904/252-8997. Dr. Reed, speaker.

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