THE NEED OF SPIRITUAL MEDICINE IN AMERICA

There does not seem to be much question that Medicine as we have known it is going to undergo radical change in the immediate future. Whether this change is going to be beneficial or not depends much upon whether or not moral and Christian forces have the imagination and the initiative to be involved in the change process. There is increasing call for change. The recent change in the philosophy of medical care relative to abortion illustrates how radical a departure from traditional values can be forced upon Medicine through political force. Even more radical change is taking place daily as medical care is being monitored by government through increasing utilization review and length of hospital stay evaluation. The physician who was once in complete control is gradually being replaced by physicians' assistants and various other technical specialists. Not only does the patient become less and less important in the increasingly complex entity called the hospital, the nurse and also the doctor are becoming indistinguishable.

Thus it seems strange that in the midst of the great impetus for change that there should be a sudden burst of individualism in Medicine and Nursing. Americans traditionally have not worked well as automatons. The progress of our Nation has come about because of the great reverence placed upon individuality and individual accomplishment. As government prepares for National Health Insurance which means the massive take-over of the medical-nursing-hospital industry in America, there is a great surge for individual care and individual rights. Will we become a collectivistic socialized Nation with gradually developing atheism or will we resist what is being proposed and enter a great new era of American Medicine and Nursing, producing a patient care considering God in the hospitals instead of ignoring Him? The New Medicine, if we resolve to work and fight for it, will be a thrilling new venture in patient care which will bring with it not only all of the best of scientific Medicine of the past but also will add to our present great medical system the Christian dynamics of love and deep personal caring rarely seen in Medicine today.

A Christianized American Medicine which stops ignoring the spirit of man is what Christian Medical Foundation advocates. Christianity must be extracted from the Church and religious institutions and this primary way of life and living must be brought into vital consideration in the care of every sick person. We can never hope to take care of the medically hopeless and the dying with doctors and nurses who are not spiritual. This has been shown clearly in the studies of Balfour Mount and his group at McGill University in Montreal. Only stable, spiritually controlled Christians are really effective in caring for the terminally ill. Dr. Lyall of Toronto has stated that people who stay working on their patient care unit "view religion as very important in their lives and profession".

The great lack in modern Medicine and Nursing is a lack of compassion. Only Jesus can teach us true compassion. Only the fullness of the Holy Spirit can give us the power to truly be healers of the sick. Most physicians and nurses went into the profession because they sensed that they were "called". Somehow, this becomes forgotten or repressed. We must elevate our healing professions out of the area of professionalism into the realm of Ministry. Only in this way can we make the moral decisions that are required of us every day. Before the era of respirators we never had to decide whether or not to prescribe or to discontinue their use. Intensive care units were unheard of twenty five years ago. With each new step in progress new problems arise, all requiring further new moral decision making. How can we create physicians and nurses of sufficient moral stature to allow us to enter the future with its increasingly complex problems? Socialized Medicine is not going to do this. Maintaining the status quo will never do it. We have failed in the past because we have ignored God and the spiritual values. We must have a spiritual rebirth in American Medicine. To this great goal the doctors and nurses and supporters of Christian Medical Foundation have dedicated themselves.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18)

"I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." (Acts 26:19)

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JULY 10 - 17 - Dr. Reed and Kay at Anglican International Conference for Spiritual Renewal, University of Kent, Canterbury, England.

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