DR. REED WRITES to the PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE CONCERNING "ROCK" in the O.R.

Dear Sir:

I have recently read an article in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, the January 15, 1985 issue. It was titled, SURGEONS' MEDICINE IS MUSIC, by Sally Kalson. Some years ago, in my book SURGERY OF THE SOUL, I wrote a chapter on the subject of unconsciousness. In the new revised edition called, HEALING THE WHOLE MAN, on pages 103 - 105 you can find more pertinent information dealing with this subject. As a general surgeon of a number of years standing, it is a matter of absolute knowledge to me that operating rooms in general are places where the unconscious patient is treated as if he were not present. It is assumed that the anesthetist completely eliminates his consciousness and therefore all forms of conversation, discussion, ribald jokes, and various types of music and other activities are not uncommon. In this day of acid rock and various other forms of strange music — in contrast to classical music — we find that those who favor rock music are apt to bombard the operating room with this form of cacophony. Ms. Kalson states, "the doctor has completed the painless surgery and is getting ready to close the incision. Someone reaches over to the am/fm radio that has been playing throughout the operation and turns up the music. The room is suddenly filled with the sound of Bob Seeger belting out "gimme that old time rock and roll." The staff of surgically gowned and gloved personnel is "dancing." The article goes on to say "This is not a scene from "Saturday Night Live." It is actually happening in operating rooms all around Pittsburgh. Dr. Thomas Rosenthal states "We only dance when we are closing."

I first ran across this rather strange aberration in the operating rooms of Dr. Denton Cooley in Houston some years ago while observing him repair an interventricular septal defect of the heart. Rock music flooded the operating room throughout the procedure but during the most delicate part of the operation the music was turned down. This would indicate to me that the consideration with reference to music had to do with the surgeon's preference and with the operating room staff—ignoring the patient on whom the operation was being performed and the reason for the surgeon and his staff being present. What if the patient prefers other types of music? What if the message that the music sends forth is risque, vulgar and perhaps anti-Christian, and the patient happens to be a moral Christian individual? At what point does the patient begin to be unable to hear what is going on in the operating room? Does the individual undergoing surgery have anything to say about what kind of music is to be played? Are his preferences considered?

Have the doctors at the University of Pittsburgh read the information from the University of California? See paper NONVERBAL RESPONSE TO INTRAOPERATIVE CONVERSATION by Henry L. Bennett, Ph.D., Hamilton S. Davis, M.D. and Jeffrey A. Giannini, M.A. Department of Anesthesiology—University of California, Davis, California 95616. Recent studies from their departments of anesthesiology and psychology indicate (through the use of post hypnotic suggestion) that the patient DOES hear and KNOW what is going on during the operation. Recent investigations there, indicate that those things which
are said and those things which the patient hears in the operating room have a definite effect upon the patient, post-operatively.

Additionally, if the human being differs from the lower animals in that he has a spirit, (See Viktor Frankel - THE DOCTOR AND THE SOUL) does the University of Pittsburgh believe that the human spirit can be anesthetized? Patients with out of body experiences in surveys indicate the ability to perceive to hear, to see entire operation procedures. Various researchers and writers in American Surgical literature in times past have reported that patients under general anesthesia many times not only feel pain, but also can report with great accuracy much of what has been said during operative procedure. This is particularly true with some of the newer anesthetic agents.

As to the effect of rock and roll music — "keeping one alert and cutting through the seriousness so that it sets a lower tone so that people aren't as nervous"—it is my opinion that there should be seriousness and higher tone in the operating room. Certainly there should be reverence — if not for God, for the tissues and for the person who possesses the tissues — the patient. Three cheers for Dr. Thomas Starzl who "prefers to work in silence." To me, the fact that entertainment of this sort becomes a part of operating room demeanor is another indication of the fact that medicine and surgery, and anesthesiology, have become jobs such as carpentry and plumbing rather than the holy calling that many of us have always perceived the profession of Medicine to be.

William Francis Reed M.D.

Thoughts on Empathy and Doctor-Clergy Relationships

Something definitely needs to be done to open the minds and hearts of physicians toward the needs not only of themselves but their patients to have sympathetic relationships with one another and with the clergy.

I'm reminded of a question asked me at an Order of St. Luke meeting in an Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky in the USA. One of the clergymen in the audience asked me the question, "What would you do if you were in the process of administering Holy Communion to a patient and the doctor walked in the room and said, "Just move aside, you can finish that up later." This truly typifies the attitude and modus operandi of many physicians, surgeons and psychiatrists in the USA.

As hospitals become more and more isolated from the mainstream of society, where patients are referred by family physicians to the specialist for specialized examinations and procedures, there is a tendency for the specialist to have very little knowledge or true interest in their patients, particularly insofar as their persons are concerned. Thus they are not at all interested in their spiritual welfare or concerns.

When I was recently in Britain, in various parts of the country, as well as Scotland, meeting with physicians and nurses, I became aware of the fact that the family practitioner in his surgery has much more contact with people and thus a much higher degree of empathy and understanding toward the individual patient and thus is more open toward spiritual care. As an observation, it occurred to me when in various surgeries in hospitals in England that socialized medicine tends to bring about a decreased amount of empathy toward the individual patient. When the patient comes to the doctor and the physician is aware that the patient has no funds, and has a critical illness, the empathetic compassionate doctor of the past has taken care of large numbers of patients on a free basis simply out of a sense of brotherly love and the sense that his is truly a holy calling. One might feel that the lack of spiritual concern of physicians in the hospitals of Britain can very well be a product of Socialized medicine. Socialism in general as pointed out by Igor Shaferevitch and other writers of the Solzhenitsyn group would indicate that historically Socialism has always been associated with a diminution in traditional Christian values.

I also found the analogy of empathy and incarnation to be intriguing. In traditional Christianity, I have often thought about the statement in the Gospels that Jesus was filled with compassion and healed all who came to Him.

"Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." Matthew 14:14 KJV

William Francis Reed M.D.
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CMF will be holding regional medical meetings for doctors, nurses and those who heal the sick in Atlanta, Columbus, Chicago, Corpus Christi, Toronto and our national meeting here in Tampa in October. Beyond this, we are continuing with our endeavors to encourage the American Medical Association to reestablish its committee on Religion in Medicine. This matter will come up again before the AMA House of Delegates meeting in June, where our Resolution will again be presented. Please pray for this challenging opportunity.

In reading the above, you can see that Christian Medical Foundation is carrying the message of Christ's healing power to the United States and particularly to doctors and nurses as well as to clergy in a most unique way. In order for this to continue, CMF needs your prayers and your constant and continuing financial support. May God richly bless all of you who prayerfully consider this.

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KIWANIS PRAYER BREAKFAST  8:00 a.m.
St. Leo's College
Dr. Reed
CONTACT: John Wilson  904/683-3947

MARCH 17  LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

A special meeting for physicians and their spouses.
Dr. Reed
CONTACT: Dr. Noman Ellingsen  606/255-6841

MARCH 18  FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

PGMFT Capitol Plaza Hotel  6:00 p.m.
Dr. Reed
Contact: Chuck Cotton  502/564-8044 OFF.
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MARCH 22  DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

ORDER OF ST. LUKE
St. Mary's Episcopal Church  7:30 p.m.  216 Orange Avenue
Dr. Reed
CONTACT: Mrs. Linna W. Stuart  904/767-0711 or 904/258-8764

MARCH 23  DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA  ALSO APRIL 27th
First Presbyterian Church Chapel  7:30 p.m.
620 South Grandview Avenue  for information call: CMF 813/932-3688

MARCH 24  VALRICO, FLORIDA

FLORIDA DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF BRETHREN CHURCH  2:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Bloomingdale Community Church  1310 Bloomingdale Avenue E.
Dr. and Kay Reed
CONTACT: Rev. Dale Rulon  813/886-9569 Church

MARCH 29, 30 & 31  SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CMF CONFERENCE

The Holiday Inn at Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi, Texas
Dr. and Kay Reed  for physicians and spouses
CONTACT: Dr. Bud Kennedy, Regional V.P.  512/654-0811 or CMF 813/932-3688

APRIL 19, 20 & 21  SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CMF CONFERENCE

The Lenox Inn  Atlanta, Georgia  For physicians and spouses.
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Part-time services of a physician needed for a Christian residence for homeless and alcoholic persons. Licensed Dispensary.

Please contact: Rev. George H. Borneman
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312/606-2474

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Chairman, Pediatric Search Committee
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Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel,

Spring has arrived in Florida—my buying trip is over and beautiful stock is coming into the shop. We have some lovely Christian items from "Dickenson's"—most unusual home plaques with warm sayings to invite our Lord into one's home.

Jan Harris, on her trip to China, did some jewelry buying and we are anxiously awaiting its arrival. I have asked her to write about her trip in the next newsletter.

Thank you again for the many lovely donated gifts for the shop. We wish you were all close enough to come browse and buy. If we can select a gift for you for that someone special, tell us the amount you want to spend; man, woman or child, an idea of what you want and we will be delighted to assist you.

Love,

Kay

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