Thought, Word and Deed

In the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER there is a prayer of general confession in the communion service. In this prayer is stated "We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty." These are the three areas of human beings in which sin and separation from God occur. Man finds himself thinking either thoughts in the direction of God or against God, speaking words in a Godly direction or in an ungodly direction and acting in a way which is pleasing to God or displeasing to Him. In James 1:13 we read, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." One sees here that we are told in the Scripture that temptation is something that occurs on the level of the mind, that is in thought. It means that through lust man is enticed to do that which is displeasing to God. Lust is something which is capable of creation and the product of lust when it conceives allows the birth of sin. We are then told that when sin is finished with the individual it brings forth death.

Jesus speaks concerning this when he says in Matthew 5:27, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Jesus also states in Matthew 12:34 "...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." What goes on in a person's mind and in his heart are of tremendous importance to God. That which we say with our mouth or feel in our heart has its root in either the mind of man or in the effect of the Holy Spirit upon the mind of man.

A writing which should be required reading for medical students and all physicians is Guide for the Perplexed by Moses Maimonides. One of his most intriguing discussions has to do with thought and speech. Regarding thoughts about sin being more dangerous than the sin itself, he comments that, "Man sins only by his animal nature, whereas thinking is a faculty of man..., a person who thinks sinfully sins therefore by means of the nobler portion of his self."

In the same way speech is a reflection of man's thought processes. Dr. Maimonides states that the gift of speech is given to man "in order to enable us to per-
fect ourselves, to learn and to react. It must not be employed in doing that which is for us most degrading and perfectly disgraceful. We must not imitate the songs and tales of ignorant and lascivious people. It may be suitable for them, but is not fit for those who are told, "And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Dr. Maimonides goes on to describe the Hebrew language as a holy language. "The Hebrew language has no special name for the organ of generation in females or in males, nor for the act of generation itself, nor for semen, nor for secretion." This indicates "that these things should not be mentioned, and should therefore have no names."

In an era when profanity and vulgarity are relatively common in medical, surgical and psychiatric parlance it seems strange that one should reflect in any way upon speech and its medical degradation. After all, we are transplanting hearts and performing great scientific acts of discovery and deliverance from disease every day. It is absurd to think that the Hebrew language would have no names for generation when we, the educated, use its vulgar term in medicine with gay abandon! How common also it is to hear the name of God and Christ so often used vainly in operating rooms and or lounges.

The most disturbing aspect of vulgarized speech is that it reflects directly what is going on in the thought processes. "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he," an aphorism of Solomon was paraphrased by Descartes, "I think, therefore I am." Alexis Carrell wrote in Man the Unknown "The existence of thought is as fundamental as the physicochemical equilibria of blood serum."

Thoughts are living things and from man's thinking proceed his achievements, his acts (bad and good), his very progress, success or failure. Actions depend upon thought and thought is the product of the input of instruction, teaching, and contemplation. There is not much time for contemplation in medicine in an era based upon action, patient care, operations, and prescribing. Thus we tend to act, to do, to speak on reflex, on knee jerk, at times without thought or due consideration. We often are the result of behavior modification, the recitation of formulae, the spouting forth of facts without true depth of reason. The end product, the modern physician, needs our analysis and a consideration of therapeusis (See David Horrobin Medical Hubris p. 103).

Dr. Maimonides doubtless had a higher sense of who we are than we do. He saw the physician as a person of thought and word. Our future lies not so much in the next series of great scientific triumphs as in our rediscovery of the higher self which alone can produce a whole society. The whole physician can lead the way to a society healed in thought and word as well as achievement. To become whole means to be born again, to become spirit, soul and body, to be saved, to be spirit-filled. These are the physicians and the nurses, the men and women who can save the world from evil destruction. To do so we must become Christ-like in thought, word and deed by and through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

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MARION W. GRIFFIN, JR., MEMORIAL Scholarship Fund

In an article written by Marion, Sr., to his local newspaper he says, "...I would encourage you to show no restraint to the love you have for your children. Praise your son's accomplishments and discipline him when he goes astray, but always in love. Do not parcel your love as if the supply is limited or the days endless, for it is the love that should be endless; the days are all too few. Never wait for tomorrow. And above all, tell your son of Jesus who is Love in Person. The same should apply to daughters. Then to sons: do not hesitate to hug or kiss the old man. It is not a sign of childishness but of great maturity. And let him be your closest friend and confidant. Even if he seems busy or distant, you keep up the relationship as if it depended on your efforts and not his.

One might say that as a victim of suicide, since it discloses a definite imperfection in us and is surely contrary to God's perfect will for us, that I am trying to make amends for failing to take my own advice. I can assure you that is not the case. But had my son and I not enjoyed the relationship I have described, my grief would surely know no bounds. But our love was pure...."

The Marion Griffin, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established to encourage dedicated Christian medical students. This $500.00 Scholarship will be given annually to a first year Christian student entering a United States or Canadian Medical School. The final decision as to who the recipient will be shall be made by the Board of Directors of CMF. The choice will be made on the basis of need and academic ability as well as total Christian commitment.

If you would like to be a part of this memorial scholarship, please contact the CMF office.
Concerning The Support of God's Work

My friend, E.T. Springett Moxham, of the New Jerusalem Fellowship centered in Ommskirk, England wrote some lovely words regarding The Support of God's Work. I send his words, modified slightly, on to you since they apply to all of God's church and body in this our day.

"These words are no less personal to each reader than a personal letter would have been, and so, as you read on, I would be pleased if you would accept the following as a personal message to each one of you.

We give thanks to Our Heavenly Father for all that is past, for the wonderful and truly miraculous way the Lord has sustained this ministry of the Word, and that while many churches have closed their doors and many magazines have curtailed their witness or ceased to be published, our work goes on, truly a work of the Lord.

It has been, and is, solely by His faithfulness, as He chooses and uses the faithful to assist in this ministry that we have survived in the past and we go forward into the future, by God's grace.

It is here that one must pay tribute to the faithful help provided in the past, for together we are indeed labourers together with God (I Cor. 3:9). (Here we might also mention OMF staff members: Launene Becker, Marian and Alva Fellmee, Ray Clendening, AI Kasianchuk, Jean Wilson, Margaret Wilson and many others. Laurie Becker is now at CBN Law School. Jesus bless and keep her)."
MEDICAL STUDENTS and RESIDENTS:

The Board of Directors of CMF cordially invite medical students, interns, residents and student nurses to a complimentary banquet November 15th at 7:00 p.m, at the Tampa Airport Marriott. The purpose for this banquet is to consider the place of Christ in the practice of medicine and nursing. For reservations please phone CMF (813) 932-3688.

SPECIAL NOTICE: THE SIXTH DISTRICT OF MARYLAND - Please vote for Christian, Spirit-filled dentist, JOHN VANDENBERGE, for U.S. Congress.

September
10 PTL NETWORK – Dr. Reed will be guest
17-20 BRADENTON, FLORIDA
Dr. Reed to speak daily. Christian Retreat
CONTACT: Pam Healy (813) 747-6481
27 DAYTONA, FLORIDA (7:30 p.m.) CMF Monthly Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, 620 S. Grandview Ave

October
1-5 CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA – 14th International Physicians Conf. Physicians & wives only: Holiday Inn Surfside
CONTACT: CMF (813) 932-3688
10 CHANNEL 22 – Pray America Program (8:00 p.m.) Dr Reed guest
14 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS – Church of the Good Shepherd
Kay will be a guest speaker
23-26 TORONTO, ONTARIO – CMF of Canada Conference
Dr. and Kay in attendance – The Guild Inn
CONTACT: Dr. Donald Denmark (519) 882-2835
Dr. Bill Beachy & Dr. & Kay Reed will be featured
CONTACT: Velma Moore (813) 949-7519, Box 1226, Lutz, Fl.

November
3 TAMPA, FLORIDA – Faith Covenant Ladies Fellowship Dinner Mtg.
CONTACT: Faith Covenant Church (813) 932-3626 Kay is speaking
7-9 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA – Order of St. Luke’s
Dr. and Kay will be guest speakers
CONTACT: Hope Lutheran Church (402) 331-1110
12 BRANDON, FLORIDA – Brandon Women’s Aglow (10:45 a.m.)
CONTACT: Geri McCance (813) 685-1300 –Kay will be speaker
15 TAMPA, FLORIDA – Medical Students Complimentary Banquet
22 DAYTONA, FLORIDA – (7:30 p.m.) CMF Monthly Meeting

BIBLE STUDY – Tuesdays with Kay at 10:00 am, and clinical correlation of the Gospel & Healing Service by Dr. at 1:00. CMF (813) 932-3688.
Gertrude and her husband, Jack Roberts, are long time friends and supporters of Christian Medical Foundation. The following excerpt is taken from a letter received by CMF.

"You will never know how much CMF means to us, and the help we received in our daily walk toward the Christian life. We give God thanks for leading us to meet you and Dr. Bill, and all the Christian backing that we received... When we opened the door to go into the building there was that special feeling, everyone welcomed you, whether they knew you or not. These were special days, and we hope they are not over for us yet. We are both feeling well, and hope to be able to come to Florida again in the Fall."

The following poem was sent to us by a doctor when pondering the question presented below:

"I was asked recently if I was a physician who happened to be a Christian or a Christian who happened to be a physician. As I prayed and contemplated this with the Lord he gave me this poem:

**STAND UP FOR JESUS!**

The time is now to take a stand on the issues, by bringing Christianity back into our profession. Christ's blood should be a part of transplanted issues, and abortions repealed by our scriptural lesson.

Malpractice will yield to His forgiving spirit, as we seek His will, and do as He pleases. Speak out boldly so that others can hear it. Get off the fence and Stand up for Jesus!

I'm sure of my answer now."

Dr. Sue Carey, D.O.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE/DESIRED**

**SPIRITUAL AND MEDICAL BOOKS** are needed for Christian Medical Students and Doctors. If you are led to bless this ministry please send your gifts to: EDWARD L. MANUPUTTY, J.L. Jozef Latumanahia 45, Ujung Pandang, INDONESIA.

INTERNIST, GEN. SURGEON, OB/GYN, sought to join multispecialty Christian group. 40 min outside Charlotte, N.C. contact: DR. LEE THOMAS, 830 W. Meeting St., Lancaster, S.C. 29720, (803) 286-4441 or 283-2134.

CHRISTIAN OTOLOGYNGOLOST wants partner in Northwest Alabama area. Send CV or call Allen Long, M.D., 505 North Columbia Ave., Sheffield, Al., 35660, (205) 396-7042, or (205) 383-7220

CHRISTIAN INTERNIST wanted to join busy three man group. Send CV to Dr. Steve Hanor, 210 Memorial Drive, Bristol, Tenn., 37620.

TWO CHRISTIAN INTERNISTS needed to join a 20 man multispecialty group. Call Tom or Dave Benson (618) 395-5222 if interested.
Ralph Byron, M.D., receives the 1986 Ephraim McDowell Award.

"The meeting was just superb, and I'm looking forward to listening to all the tapes I bought. I'd been happily anticipating this meeting for months, and I was not disappointed. I wish I were near enough to be in your Tuesday meetings each week." Charlotte Cox, MD

Sharon K. Schaefer, the first recipient of the Marion W. Griffin, Jr., Scholarship, 1986.

Each speaker gave exemplary talks in their field of medicine. John C. Willke, M.D., Barbara Willke, R.N., Kay Reed, and William S. Reed, M.D.

Doctors share musical talents together.

The buses arrived at the Foundation for the annual tour and reception and the Littlest Angel was dedicated to the glory of the Lord.
Some came from as close as Tampa, Amando Gutierrez, MD and Margarite Gelpi, MD.

Others came from as far as England. Dick Van Steenis, MD

QRU Professor Arthur Shedden, M.D., and Michael DiMaio, 4th yr. Med Student from U of Miami. One of 8 Medical Students attending this year.

Several Physicians brought their families to meet us. Donald H. Hislop, M.D., Loretta and their family.

And some took off their shoes... And there was a sharing of the Lord with one another in love and unity (Ephesians 4:13).
Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel:

The Littlest Angel grew out of a vision I had several years ago. I thought perhaps we could create a little shop to help the people who came to CMF for counseling or Bible Study, choosing the right reading that would give strong root structure for their own lives and family growth. Most of these were young women who needed help in growing in their Christian lives; learning how to create a happy Christian home in the midst of many times turmoil and family fragmentation. Our Lord is a Creator and wants to put this creativity within us to give us hope, peace of mind and answers to the many questions in life. This was the basis for the original shop.

I have had great pleasure and wonderful help in creating the Littlest Angel and here six years later we are ready to enlarge the shop. Also, the Book Nook will be transferred to the present Littlest Angel giving us ample room for many more books and stationery.

We have done the entire renovation of the present building, which was an existing building on the CMF property built around the turn of the century, with the many gifts of $100.00 for one of our stained glass angels and the generous physical help and support of friends of CMF. At this writing close to $10,000.00 has come in from the angel sales and we have $5,000.00 to go to complete the project. It is not too late to send for your angel. We are planning the dedication of the new shop at the national physician's conference in October.

My dream in the beginning and up to the present day is that the shop run by CMF volunteers will help with the operating expenses of CMF. From the beginning we have tithed all monies coming into the Littlest Angel and will continue to do so to the Foundation.

The shop is being decorated as an English country home, warm and inviting and will be brimming over with lovely and unusual items for Christmas and those special appointments in your home. I have contacted several of you who are creative in Victorian lace wreaths and baskets, smocking and other unusual talents to give us out-of-the-ordinary gift items. Let me know if you are one of these creative people.

God bless you with supernatural wisdom, knowledge and understanding as we build our homes, families and marriages to be happy sanctuaries of peace and fulfillment in this difficult, fragmented world of the '80's (Proverbs 24: 3 & 4).

Love,

Kay

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