THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

We are told in the scripture, "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth liberally and upbraideth not." (James 1:5) We are also told that wisdom and knowledge are gifts or attributes of the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:8) Wisdom is different from the search for knowledge and may or may not be an outcome of education. In the scripture there is differentiation between Godly wisdom and worldly wisdom. This is particularly true in the New Testament writings. Jesus is spoken of as the Wisdom of God. (I Corinthians 1:24) We are also told that the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God. (I Corinthians 3:19) St. Paul speaks of fleshly wisdom (II Corinthians 1:12), and in James 3:17 we are told that the wisdom which is from above is pure.

Recently, I was reading Maimonides on the subject of wisdom. Maimonides correlates wisdom as a search for God. The highest form of Godly wisdom is man’s ultimate and continued search for Him. The two characteristics of the man of God are wisdom and Godly love. The three aspects of wisdom which Maimonides lists are loving kindness, judgment and righteousness. In modern Medicine and in life at our present time, there is a rather striking lack of loving kindness and in many instances a lack of righteousness. We often fail to have a correct judgment in all things. Could it possibly be that the problem of our present era is that we have sought after worldly wisdom and scientific, intellectual knowledge and have not tried in our daily lives to find God and His Truth? Jesus has told us that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It has been my conviction that one does not find God or Godly wisdom apart from the Lord Jesus Christ and the empowerment which He and the Father give through the Holy Spirit.

There is a debate going on at present with reference to the subject of disease and death being the result of human sin or "just a biological inevitability". Man has a most difficult time when he tries to interpret the first three books of Genesis in the light of Evolutionary Theory. Certainly it would appear from the Genesis account of the temptation of Adam and Eve and the Fall of our ancestors that sin, which theologically has been called Original Sin, entered into their lives at that particular time; and they lost their spirituality as a result. In going through the Old Testament and then reading the New Testament writers, it becomes apparent that man from the time of Adam onward has been involved in a search for the restitution of his original God given spirituality.

God given spirituality has as one of its attributes the gift of wisdom, and without that gift we cannot

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understand what the biblical account of man actually says. It is apparent that the taking of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil produced the loss of spirituality, but that the tree of life if eaten would have produced eternal life.

Since the time of Adam, man has continued to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In our era, the search for the knowledge of evil has actually outpaced the search for the knowledge of good in many instances. Along with this has come a diminution in the search for Godly wisdom. As a result, man has progressively fallen victim to sin and sinfulness and all of the worldly outgrowths which come from the "dust system". The world and the world system which is controlled by Satan (II Corinthians 4:4), would seem scripturally to be that place where illness, death and disease hold forth. Jesus instructs us to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and as we do, through being born again and through being born of water and the Spirit, we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. As this happens, this corruptible begins to put on incorruptibility and this temporary, transient life begins to put on eternal life. This does not mean that man in his present state is going to live without laying down his fleshly tabernacle. However, there should be a progressive and continuing spiritual development and growth, which should produce wholeness and health, and what the Bible calls life abundant. If this only means something that occurs in Heaven after death, and that we are supposed to suffer and develop illness, sickness, disease and dying; it seems to me as a physician, that this is a tragic and a non-biblical analysis of the Word.

With reference to faith and whether it produces health and wholeness and happiness, and whether lack of faith produces illness and sickness and death, it would seem that Jesus indicated, concerning the woman who had the issue of blood and was healed by her faith, that faith is important. Certainly, when people are not healed through prayer it is not a result of lack of faith on their part; but may very well be that modern man is more filled with the Adamic knowledge system with all of its pretended science and miracles, rather than the Godly wisdom system with its promise of eternal life, which scripturally begins in the here and now. (I John 5:17)

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year at the Annual Physicians' Conference we are encouraged by the number of Medical Students and Residents who attend. As a foundation, we would like to help strengthen young doctors by providing full or partial scholarships to help alleviate their cost in attending the Conference. Already, several of our doctors have given designated funds to provide a full scholarship for a Medical Student/Resident and spouse to attend this year's Conference in November. Each full scholarship is $1,000 for a husband and wife, $500 for a Medical Student/Resident alone. Partial scholarships are also given. If you would like to give a full scholarship or make a donation towards the Medical Student Scholarships, please send your gift specifically marked MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND to CMF, Attention: Lyn Thornton. Help us be a part of laying a solid foundation for Christ Centered Medicine in the lives of these students, physicians and their families.

BOOK OFFER

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CONCERNING CMF FINANCES

Recently in the Body of Christ here in the United States, we have been having a considerable amount of soul searching and anxiety concerning the accusations of immoral activity on the part of some Christian leaders and also the consideration, pro and con, relative to fund raising techniques.

With the serious financial stress in which Christian Medical Foundation usually finds itself here in Tampa, at times being unable to pay salaries and to take care of bills which come to us when they are due, I often felt that if I had a prayer tower to ascend I would certainly do so. I have also felt that the constant stress of worrying about the finances of CMF could cause, as one evangelist has implied, premature "leaving the scene".

It has occurred to me over and over again that if our work is of God and we are doing His will and not falling into sinfulness, that He will certainly take care of us. However, it would seem that in our era, people in general do not give unless they are forced into giving through one of a multitude of techniques. Periodically, I receive questionnaires concerning all sorts of aspects of political, moral and spiritual life. The idea is to fill out the questionnaire and then indicate financial support for the organization making the appeal and the survey. One evangelist sold gold-plated nails to put in the back hall of one's home on which to place prayer requests. Another sent Holy Water from Israel, and various other types of gifts have been offered by many evangelists in order to secure funds.

Somehow all of this seems anathema to me. It has been my feeling that if we simply continued doing good works and helping our fellow Christians (many times not even emphasizing our own work as we are trying to help others), that eventually the weight of our endeavors would be such that the balance would tip in our favor. Contrary to this, what seems to happen is that ministries which use gimmicks in order to generate funds go merrily ahead, while our work lives on the knife edge of imminent collapse. Perhaps this is the way that God works with us in this endeavor. We have tried to be a voice for Christ and for the Holy Spirit in Medicine and in the Church. We realize that we are combatted by the forces of darkness and evil, and that one of the best tools of the enemy is to keep us devoid of appropriate funding. We have never had an appreciable endowment of any sort in the twenty-five years or more of our existence, and it is a rare day when anyone makes a bequest or any major gift to Christian Medical Foundation. The plans for the Bethesda building have been on the drawing board and ready to go for over fifteen years. Perhaps as we see huge churches seating 10,000 or more being constructed, there is no reason for there to be a center for the teaching of Logo Psychosomatic Medicine. I cannot believe that this is the case. It seems in many instances that what people want in the church is entertainment and very little having to do with spirituality or growth in the Spirit. Spiritual healing is becoming soul healing, and Biblical concepts are often replaced with a new Freudianism.

CMF desperately needs financial help of a consistent and a continuing nature. If this does not occur the future of Christain Medical Foundation is in doubt. Please pray with us that something tremendously good will happen toward the support of Christian Medical Foundation. Our present need at Christian Medical Foundation, over and above current expenses, is forty thousand dollars. This is an accumulated debt since January 1, when we started the New Year with all of our debts and running expenses paid. Please help us if you can.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHORT-TERM MEDICAL MISSIONS: Currently we are ahead of our scheduled goal of planting 42 churches and establishing 42 Medical Clinics in the next five years. Our next mission trip is August 2-9 to Puerto Rico. CONTACT: Church Planting Ministries, P.O. Box 15924, St. Petersburg, FL 33733, (813) 522-4805.

CHRISTIAN AMERICAN FMG seeking residency FY I for May '87. Recently passed FMGEMS/EOMG. CONTACT: Thomas Di Geronimo, 21383 N.E. 8th Court, Miami, FL 33179, (305) 652-0499.
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MARION W. GRIFFIN, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting an application for the MARION W. GRIFFIN, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is May 15, 1987.

BEITH SHALOM MEDICAL HOSPITAL of Bohol, Philippines is in desperate need of financial donations and medical supplies and equipment in order to continue meeting the many needs of the people of this region. Please contact: Dale Sengelman, Hospital Administrator, P.O. Box 17145, Tampa, FL 33682

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ATTENTION ALL LAY PEOPLE:
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Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel,

Springtime at the Littlest Angel has been delightful this year!

Surrounding the front of our little English shop are magenta bougainvilleas all in full bloom, beautiful pink petunias and lavender heather. The winding flagstone pathway leading out to the drive is bordered in dwarf juniper.

Also, this week we received our new "cranberry" awnings to help shade us from the very warm afternoon Florida sunshine.

The Lord has been so good to us in so many ways. Each day brings new customers into the shop. Word of mouth is traveling and the shop's quaintness is enjoyed by everyone. Many of our gift items are one of a kind, and our prices are just right. There is that special book or gift for that special person and we can help you select the gift. Write or call us. It is very thrilling to see God complete a vision He has given. Soon we will have completed the renovation project. There is still work to be done on the gardens. Tables and chairs need to be purchased for the gardens and yards connecting the Littlest Angel and the Book Nook, the "final touches".

If you would like to be a part of the Angel Project, we still have a supply of our "trade mark", handmade stained glass angels. For your gift of $100 we will send you an angel in your choice of color. We are $2,500 away from our goal. Help us go over the top by sending an "angel" to that someone you love.

Love, Kay