INNER FREEDOM

Dr. Carson's accomplishments were based upon simply a psychologic desire to better himself and to "make up his mind to excel in school and to enjoy learning", or whether through his mother's endeavors and relationship with the Lord, his brilliance could be attributed to spirituality.

I was recently speaking at a meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Daytona Beach, Florida and mentioned that it had been pointed out to me that the literacy rate in Boston, Massachusetts in 1810 was almost 100%. The present literacy rate in Boston is in the realm of 48% in the mid-1980's. One wonders whether the deterioration in literacy in Boston and in the United States in general has to do with our determined effort through progressive socialism with its concomitant atheism to exclude a consideration of God and His Word from our school system.

In the audience, there was a returned missionary, Mr. Mugaas, who sent me a letter having to do with literacy. He made the following comment: "When back on the farm, about high school age, I remember reading a book by Shovegaard Peterson, a youth evangelist in Denmark. One of the conclusions Reverend Peterson had with reference to the conversion of children was, 'If I do not see a brightening of a young person's mind at conversion, I feel uncertain about the reality of his conversion.' My friend, Mr. Mugaas, also wrote that Walter Erickson whom he met in Peru said that among the Indians in Peru, 'He noticed that his converts were brighter mentally than the others of the tribe. That puzzled him. As the years went by with more observation and reflection, he was convinced that it was conversion to Christ that brightened the minds of the converts.'

It all has to do with inner freedom. External freedom as we've seen in our country and in our century does not produce great minds, great thoughts and creativity. Inner freedom even in the midst of great persecution and difficulty is capable of producing amazing results. Alexander Solzhenitsyn, writes, 'Can external freedom for its own sake be the goal of conscious living beings? Or is it only a framework within which other and brighter aims can be realized? We are creatures born with inner freedom of will, freedom of choice, the important part of freedom is a gift to us at birth. External, or social freedom is very desirable for the sake of undistorted growth but is no more than a condition, a medium, and to regard it as the object of our existence is nonsense. We can firmly assert our inner freedom even in external conditions of unfreedom. In an unfree environment, we do not lose the possibility of progress toward moral goals (that for instance of leaving this world better than our hereditary endowment has made us.) The need to struggle against our surroundings rewards our efforts with greater inner success.' Solzhenitsyn goes on to state, 'The state system which exists (in the continued on next page
USSR) is terrible not because it is undemocratic, authoritarian, based upon physical constraint — a man can live in such conditions without harm to his spiritual essence. Our present system is unique in world history because over and above its physical and economic constraints, it demands of us total surrender of our souls, continuous and active participation in the general conscious lie. To this putrefaction of the soul, the spiritual enslavement, human beings who wish to be human cannot consent. When Caesar, having exacted what is Caesar's, demands still more insistently that we render unto him what is God's, that is a sacrifice that we dare not make!"

"The most important part of our freedom, inner freedom, is always subject to our will. If we surrender it to corruption, we do not deserve to be called human."

To me, American materialism and emphasis upon affluence, prosperity and possessions as well as happiness and satisfaction at any cost, is equally as deliterious to the spiritual man as is the Soviet system. It may even be more deleterious because of its insidiousness and its total capacity to disarm our society. The practice of Medicine is a typical example as we aim toward the year 2000 and have almost totally excluded the spiritual consideration of patient care from our medical schools and hospitals. Christian Medical Foundation has been fighting for spiritual consciousness in physicians and in the care of the sick for over thirty years now and hopefully we are beginning to see some results. Could it be that we are actually seeing it beginning to occur in Ann Arbor and in Baltimore? Let those of us who are Christians and led by the Holy Spirit re dedicate ourselves to spirituality, inner freedom and the consideration of triune God and triune man during the last decade of this century.

William Francis Reed

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At year end in 1988, as the result of a financial appeal, we entered 1989 with all of our expenses paid. Immediately following this, donations to the Foundation fell off to almost a negligible point. Your Christian Medical Foundation is working with virtually a skeleton crew and as a consequence many of the things which we have been able to accomplish in times past are being done with great difficulty. As President of CMF, I want personally to thank our staff for the many extra hours of work that all of our staff put in in order to accomplish the many things that we have to do in answering mail, answering our telephone calls and putting out our newsletters and information.

It is hoped that with a slight increase in the generosity and the continuing concern for those who love this work for its financial stability, that CMF can be even more effective in achieving its goals in 1989 and in the future. I am about to leave for Guatemala along with a number of other CMF doctors, to carry American surgery and Medical care to an unfortunate and needful people. I'm going to be going with the prayer that you will have a burden for CMF and its endeavors not only in the United States and Canada but across the needy world. Our dream of establishing a center for the teaching of spiritual Medicine has not been realized to date. However, we continue to reach physicians in many different locations across our nation and one of these days, God will cause the Bethesda Center to come about. I'm sure that He will do it in His own way and when we see the work progressing and growing, we will certainly say that we've watched God work and that He has done great things. Please help Christian Medical Foundation with your consistent and prayerful giving. For those who cannot give, please continue to hold this work up in your prayers and intercessions.

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On our recent buying trip, Lyn and I found and selected many beautiful, spiritual books, and unusual lovely home and gift items to fill the shop to overflowing—Middleton dolls, English tins, beautiful crystal, our own jams and jellies, etc. Spring is an exciting time of the year with new life bursting forth in all directions creating fresh new themes, changing with the seasons, and only the highest and best representing the selections in books and gifts that will enrich our lives.

The balance of the Holy Spirit in all that we do is very essential and very delicate. The material must never absorb the spiritual, and yet our Lord is in all things, and they are given for our enjoyment and edification. The spiritual must always be primary. For it is in Him that all things were created, in heaven and in earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him, by His service, intervention and in and for Him. And He Himself existed before all things and in Him all things consist—cohere, are held together. He also is the Head of His body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the First-born from among the dead, so that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place—stand first and be preeminent." Colossians 1:16-18 "Little children, keep yourselves from idols—false gods, from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life." I John 5:21 Our homes must represent this beauty and delicate balance to capture and draw those we love to Him. This takes great discernment and direction from the Holy Spirit, directing our individual lives the way He would have us go and be.

Many of you our readers have visited the Foundation and Littlest Angel this winter season. The welcome door is open to one and all. To those of you who are collectors, be sure and note our Angel of the Month; our first two angels are also still available. Bless you in every way.

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