ARE WE STRUCK DUMB?

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"And my people are destroyed (struck dumb) for lack of knowledge." — Hosea 4:6

Recently there has been a question in my mind as to why so little is being said by the average American doctor relative to the proposed changes in the American "health system." It would seem that the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the political enterprise of Medicine across the United States, has pretty well gone along with the idea of "reform." The whole idea of reform is not good to me because actually the word reform means to change from evil to good. I cannot conceive that the American medical system is evil. It does need improvement so that people who do not have the ability to pay for medical care can be taken care of, but to destroy the entire system because of the problems of 1/8 of the population seems like a poor and quite ludicrous proposition.

In speaking to one of the leaders of our local medical society which has approximately 1200 members, I was struck by the fact that he, shaking his head, said that the change in the system is a "foregone conclusion." We're only now beginning to see what the aspects of the Clinton Plan are and the more information we get, the more frightening it becomes. In my thinking on this matter, I have modified somewhat the ideas of Dr. Esther Gelcer of Toronto who uses an "algebraic formula" advocated by Selvini and Ricci "in order to determine the main elements of a system" whether it be family or corporation or state or national government that has started to go wrong. The formula is what I have termed "EXENCTYA" for purposes of memory or you can spell it out as XNCXTYA and I would add the large letter S at the end as my own personal modification.

This formula can be used in the solution of any kind of a problem presenting the physician, the minister, the head of a family or, whatsoever. X represents the presenting problem, in the above instance the problem of medical care for everyone. How has this problem originated and why is it perpetuated? N has to do with the number of people involved. Thus, in the United States the healthcare problem involves 280,000,000 people and certainly everyone in the country is going to be affected by what is proposed.

C refers to communication. What are we hearing, what is being proposed, and exactly what is being said relative to the problem both pro and con? This communication information must be for the Christian critically evaluated and compared to life experience and to the values which are learned in God's Word.

T pertains to time. As far as President Clinton's proposal is concerned, is it necessary that the United States plunge into this problem immediately? Why is the timing such that he considers this matter so absolutely critical? How long has this problem, that he eludes to, been present in the United States? How many concurrent problems are related to this matter and how long have they been going on, for example, the drug problem, the alcohol problem, the divorce problem, the Vietnam Vet problem, the AIDS problem, and the street people problem?

Y has to do with relationships and these have to do with the psychological relationships between the government and the people and the representatives of the government and their constituencies. What are the relationships between the physician and his representatives in Congress, as well as the Senate? Does he have any relationship with them at all or with the President or with the political party in office? What are the relationships between the American Medical Association power structure and the government? Is the American Medical Association actually working in concord with the grassroots physician?

Under A, this refers to "hidden agenda." Is there anything which is being intentionally hidden in this entire situation? Is there an agenda beyond healthcare that effects the entire structure of the United States government? Is the modification in healthcare actually intended to totally reconstitute the American representative republic and its government and for what ultimate reason? Is this in all actuality something pointing toward the New World Order or basic changes in the philosophical and psychological relationships between patients and doctors modified by the whims of government rather than intellectual and Godly decisions on the part of an individual physician? Is this indeed a matter of the loss of individuality on the part of the physician and his care of his patient?

Finally, S, the spiritual aspect of the health problem must be considered and basically has not been done by and large by the Church or the leaders of the Church in either Christianity or Judaism as far as one knows through his reading and through what comes across via the media. The National Right To Life organization, which is basically Catholic in orientation, has stated that from its spiritual point of view, it sees the meaning of healthcare which would come about through the Clinton mechanism and mandated abortion, to be totally unacceptable to them. Basically, Protestantism has been silent, perhaps because of lack of knowledge or because of the tendency of many of the denominations to have been stilled in their proclamation of liberty because of creeping liberalism. Why are the great pulpits not resounding in their condemnation of this basically socialist plan? When American Protestant missionaries take care of millions of indigent people on the mission field across the world with no financial assistance from the government whatsoever, why is it that the great movements within Protestantism, which have taken care of the world, are not being motivated to take care of the 8% of Americans who are uninsured? In Ephesians 6:13 there is the following admonition, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all, to stand." Why are Protestants not standing?

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