There is a law of the Spirit and there is a law of the soul. The majority of men in and out of the Church live in accordance with the law of the soul, even though spiritual law is perfectly identified in God's Word and in the Book of Common Prayer. Man's problem evolves from the fact that he has learned to live cerebrally and physically, ignoring the life of the Spirit. This is particularly true in the practice of Medicine and in medical education which totally ignore spirituality. "Spirituality", as defined by the New Age, in actuality is not spiritual at all but intellectual development of the psyche and not the new creature born of the Spirit described by Jesus in John 3. Thus, in Medicine, we do not consider such things as euthanasia, fetal experimentation, infanticide, experimental surgery, and abortion as being contrary to the law of the spirit of life.

In the Church as it has evolved at the end of this century, it is obvious that many of its pronouncements are cerebral and not spiritual. Thus, we are told of the acceptance of alternate lifestyles, permissive homosexuality, same sex marriage, the allowance of abortion, and euthanasia, taking to its bosom the tenets of humanism and New Age philosophy.

By contrast, there is the constant wooing of humanity to Jesus bringing forth such statements as this statement which was written for the Easter vigil at the convent of St. John the Divine in Toronto:

"Let the whole world see and know
That the things that were cast down
are being raised up.
That things which had grown old are being made new.
That all things are being brought into perfection by Christ
Through Whom all things were made."

Alleluia!

Seeing this truth, Edward O. Pelligreno has written, "Christianity undeniably introduces complex moral questions, which unquestionably impede the uninhibited use of science to determine mankind's future." An example of the uninhibited use of science is the tragic occurrence of the "meltdown" at Chernobyl. Although atomic energy is a great boon to modern society, it also poses a terrible threat to mankind's future. Similar analogies can be made regarding genetic engineering, fetal and embryonic research, psycho-pharmacology, population control through drugs, legalization of marijuana and heroin, etc.

Alexis Carrell wrote in "Reflection on Life", "In the human species spiritual development is the supreme law." In order to become spiritual one must accept Christ (conception) and be born anew (delivery). This most important process is either ignored by many Christian groups or is understood only incompletely. What does it mean to be "born of water and of the spirit?" Medically speaking, birth is far different from conception. Just as the product of fleshy union has his physical and psychologic characteristics, little has been understood or written concerning the attributes of the spirit-soul-body, the new life and the law of the spirit of life which now guides the new life in Christ in the reborn person.

Jesus summarized the law of the spirit of life as being love, love of God with all of the heart, mind, soul, and strength and love of one's neighbor as he loves himself. In order to diagnose the presence of spirituality versus carnality, the litmus test is simply, "Does the person have agape love?" There's not much of this attribute in the life of an abortionist, or in the doctor who would take the life of a fellow human being through the administration of a lethal injection. What of the sodomite who gives his HIV infection to his lovers whether they be male or female?

"But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the law of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer (who obeys), he shall be blessed in his doing - in his life of obedience." James 1:25

"You have been regenerated - born again - not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm) but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God." I Peter 1:23

"What am I to do? I will pray with my Spirit - by the Holy Spirit that is within me and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with my Spirit - by the Holy Spirit that is within me and I will sing with the understanding also." I Corinthians 14:15
Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel,

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Dr. Bill and I have so enjoyed all our winter guests who have visited Christian Medical Foundation and the Littlest Angel. If you are in our area be sure to stop by, especially if you can come for our "All day Tuesday" meetings held each week.

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