Satan - "The prisoner of his own empire of sin, every beat of his huge wings freezing him more inexorably in the ice by the tears of anguish he has caused. He has become - not like a living creature but an infernal machine." (Wm. H. Ralston - newsletter January ’83).

Today I was thinking about Dr. Kevorkian. Here is a man, who as a pathologist, lived his professional life in the area of cellular and post mortem diagnosis. He may have had other interests, but by and large he did not deal with healing, with sustaining life, with the alleviation of suffering. One thing he knew for sure was that when he did post mortem examinations, his patients did not have pain or suffering. Thus, when he was presented with a patient from Oregon who was in her 50’s and was having difficulty with her tennis game, he concurred with her diagnosis of Alzheimer’s Disease, when she could well have had Multiple Sclerosis, and caused her death through euthanasia. For this lethal act, no matter how it was done, it was either murder or complicity in murder, he was applauded by the fraternity of human beings who believe more in death than life and hope. Are we, at the end of this century, to believe that we should kill certain people rather than to heal them, to relieve their suffering? Are we to give up, to throw in the sponge, to admit our failure, and the failure of our entire medical-surgical-psychiatric and research endeavor?

Poor Kevorkian, he now has a lion by the tail and can’t let go. He has become by his own election the lord high executioner at the 20th century’s end. Since it has been the bloodiest and most carnal century in man’s history, despite our many scientific accomplishments, it is no wonder that this man, a product of the University of Michigan, should have achieved such a dubious title. After all, no one ever told him about God, or faith, or prayer, or hope in all probability, during his four years of medical education at Ann Arbor. Since I was an instructor in surgery and pathology at the University of Michigan, when he was a student, I share the guilt. I too was silent and did not witness to students about the Truth of Christ. Now he is snared by his lethal endeavor and as a participant in over 40 deaths, Dr. Kevorkian and the very practice is in a crescendo in his dance macabre. Strange how he takes his victims to an emergency room in Pontiac, Michigan. One would think he’d choose the morgue, or the coroner’s quarters. This very act is a manifestation of defiance against constituted authority. The poor man is in the situation of having to do his institution of cardiac arrest again and again. He does not evaluate the patient in hospital or clinic, does no tests, may not verify diagnosis. He listens to the request of the patient and pulls out his syringe.

How fearful it is, should this become acceptable, as in abortion, and profitable, there could be many physicians, waiting in the wings to follow suit. Most physicians would never have believed that abortionists would become acceptable and even applauded by society and medical profession in the years after Roe vs Wade. It is time for the infirm, the bedridden, and the defenseless to begin to become concerned. The executioner is coming and the moralists, the pulpits, the seminars, and the politicians are silent.

Jesus Christ came into this world to give us life. The life he gives is not transitory but is eternal. At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus spoke with Martha. John 11:25,26 He said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, even though he die, he shall live. And whoever is alive and believes in Me shall never die." See also I Corinthians 15:49, "As we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly," v 53-55, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting? O Sheol, where is your victory?"

Do the Hemlockists and the Kevorkianists believe that their death production is a permanent lethality? What if Heaven and Hell are real? Absolution by the courts may be the verdict here on earth, but what will be God’s verdict? What of the victims and their upcoming judgment? They are those who could not trust God, Christ, their physicians, or their loved ones to carry them through to possible healing. So they elect suicide and drag their accomplices into eternal trouble with them just as do those who elect abortion.

Lord have mercy upon us.

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Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."
John 11:25

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."
John 11:26

But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs; but one of the soldiers, with a spear, pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.
John 19:33,34

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His Glory, the Glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.
John 1:14

Since I am a physician, I have had the occasion from time to time throughout my professional life to be with a patient when he leaves this life and enters the life to come. It is always a moment of great wonder mixed with a certain degree of awe. Those who are with the patient at that particular time, whether be physicians or nurses or family, are always silent and there is a sense that prayer and inner quietness are essential.

It has always seemed rather an unbelievable thing to think that Jesus told Martha that if we live in Him and believe in Him, we will never die. I’ve seen many Christians die, and they seem to go through this experience just like everybody else. In praying about this and meditating, it has occurred to me that the most important part of the individual, his spirit or what we call at Christian Medical Foundation his logo, along with his higher mind, the psyche, do not die but go forth as a new spiritual entity to enter into the new kingdom which God has prepared for his children. Thus, in a spiritual sense, it is true that we do not die, but we lay down our physical bodies with all of their material problems and enter into the new life with no physical or emotional impediments. Those who have gone through near death experiences, which have been reported quite frequently in recent years, have described the tremendous freedom and joy of the new life. When they have the opportunity to return to this life, they actually would prefer to remain in the new life which they have entered into rather than returning to the world with all its problems. Our present life with its dust system, its matter, it cosmos, and its world system, is something which is shed at the time of what is called death, allowing the completion of the total transition which has begun at the time of salvation and being filled with the Holy Spirit and is now complete.

It also occurred to me that there was a moment in which the forces of darkness in the kingdom of this world, which is headed up by the god of this world, must have sensed a fantastic exuberance of triumph when they felt that their multiple forces of wrong had actually killed God when Jesus was crucified. But God Incarnate, the Lord Jesus Christ, at the time of His crucifixion death surely must have done what redeemed man does since that great event, stepped over into Glory and then went down to the area of imprisoned souls to lead captivity captive. My dear friend, Mary Welch, a leader in CFO for many years and a great poet, called this great human status, "the bright captivity."

So at Good Friday and on Easter Sunday, these must be wondrous times of great thanksgiving and abundant joy. A dear friend who lived in Greece always loved to shout, "Christos Anesti! Aletos Anesti!" To me the Greek expression says it so wonderfully and powerfully. Christ truly is risen, He is risen indeed! He vanquished death once and for all and made the way for us who are no longer flesh and blood, those who cannot inherit the kingdom of God - but through what He accomplished for us. Jesus' death and resurrection have become triune, spirit, mind, and body. Thus the temporary and transient in man at salvation puts on eternal life and the corruptible puts on incorruption.

In this latter regard, it is my belief that the more that man walks in the spirit, prays in the spirit, sings in the spirit, and lives in the spirit, the more he gets rid of the corruptible nature and becomes Christlike in thought, word, and deed. "That He may evermore dwell in us and we in Him." On Easter morning we celebrate the new life of the quickening spirit. We say good-bye to the Ash Wednesday person with the black cross on his forehead to whom it has been said, "Remember, O man, that thou are dust and to dust thou shalt return." The Easter message by contrast is, "Remember, O people of God, that thou art spirit and in Christ's Spirit thou shalt ever victoriously reign."

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Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel

Spring has arrived in Florida and is in full bloom. The azaleas are so beautiful with their blazing colors of fuschia, hot pink, peach, and white as well as day lilies, roses, and bougainvillea, reminding us of new life in our surroundings as well as resurrection life within our hearts.

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