THE DUST SYSTEM AND THE SPIRITUAL
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I Corinthians 14:4 "He who speaks in the spiritual language edifies himself..."
I Corinthians 15:47,48,49 "The first man was out of earth, made of dust (earthily minded); the second Man (is) the Lord from out of heaven. Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthily minded); and as is (the Man) from heaven, so also (are those) who are of heaven (heavenly minded). And just as we have borne the image (of the man) of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image (of the Man) of heaven."

In thinking of man and his multiple problems at the end of this century, it becomes more and more apparent that there are two types of human beings, one, the carnal man and the other, the spiritual man. The carnal man is also called the natural man, whom St. Paul says cannot understand or know the things of God because the things of God are spiritually discerned. St. Paul tells us in I Corinthians 2:15 "But the spiritual man tries all things (he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things)... (he can read the meaning of everything...)"

In thinking of these most interesting statements, it occurred to me that one of the problems of modern man is that he is rarely edified. In medical terms, one might say that modern man lives in a state of catatobism simply because of the way that we have to live these days. There is so much rushing about, so much hectic huror on the roads and so many pressures in business and life in general, that man rarely today has an opportunity to sit back and be quiet even taking time to reflect or to meditate upon life, home, and happiness. It used to be that when man walked behind horses with his hands grasping the handles of a plow, he had in the midst of that physical activity time to think and to reflect upon life, and man's reason for living. Many a man was called into God's service with his hands upon a plow, but how many hear the call of God while behind the wheel of his car in the midst of a traffic jam?

How can the patient who is waiting in the hall to go into radiation therapy or waiting to have surgery or chemotherapy in the midst of business and frenziness of the average hospital, have any possibility of clarification and inner tranquility? One thinks of President Clinton falling to his knees and suffering quadriceps muscle injury to his knee at one o'clock in the morning, then having to fly to Finland to meet with NATO diplomats and Eire's Yeltsin while still in a situation of convalescence. How can he have time for inner reflection and necessary anabolism for his healing?

Sometime ago friends of mine in Utah decided to leave their landscaping business and head to the wilderness north of St.Johns, British Columbia. There they built their own log cabin and homesteaded a large area where they could live and raise their family in the midst of God's provision and His wonderful tranquility. Granted they did not have initially all of the comforts that we are accustomed to here in the United States or in Canada in general, but they had peace of mind and an ability to live a life which is edifying worship in itself.

Kay and I are about to leave for Blackstone, Virginia where we are going to a Methodist retreat center for a CFO Camp. A CFO Camp is a situation in which people draw aside from all of the hubbub and furor of life and have an opportunity to pray, sing, worship, and reflect on God's Word. We're going to be doing the same thing in Belleville, Ontario, May 2, 3, and 4 for a Christian Medical Foundation of Canada meeting, and then we'll draw aside once more at DaySpring in Florida near Bradenton for an Agnes Sanford Pastoral Care seminar, May 15-18, with Harry and Gloria Goldsmith.

Why don't you come and join us at one of our meetings, go to a CFO Camp, take a few days off, just get quiet somewhere where you can read God's Word, love your family and perhaps even write a poem, an essay, or maybe even compose a little song? The old Pennsylvania Dutch statement was, "We get too soon old and too late smart." This is indeed a transitory life. Take some time off from the hubbub and furor and let Jesus edify your total being anabolically.

"Try it - you'll like it."

Surgery of the Soul
by William S. Reed, M.D.
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SOURCE OF HAPPINESS
by Peter G. Knight, M.D.

I have an attitude problem! In the past I have been able to deal with it and overcome it rather quickly. This time it's hanging on. I call it "the return to the U.S. after a 2 1/2 week mission trip to Nicaragua" attitude. If you have not been out of this country and worked in a poor part of the world, you may not have experienced the same feelings. Somehow we become numb to and forget desperate people whose very lives may depend upon what we are able to supply, be it physical or spiritual. Now I can't get excited about excessive fund raising and unethical practices in political parties. Controversies surrounding building a new football stadium, with a cost of multimillion of dollars, or the new athletic shoes worth $100 crafted by poor people paid in meager wages, don't hold my interest. Sometimes it carries over into my medical practice when patients complain and are excessively demanding about trivial issues or when I hear conversations in the physicians lounge about declining incomes, which will necessitate a "step-down" from the Porsche to a Levis. I know I should be thankful and grateful that I live in the good old USA. Yet, I realize that, though conditions differ greatly in poorly developed nations compared to our country, the hopes, needs, and aspirations tend to be similar. We all seek happiness, peace, and fulfillment. The real question is where are these found?

A team of 16 physicians, nurses, technicians, and support persons recently returned from Nicaragua, where we were able to completely equip an ICU and cardiac OR and evaluate about 30 chronically ill heart patients.

Doctors Corner

We successfully performed corrective surgery on a number of these. We were joined by another team from Missionary Ventures who ministered to and treated approximately 700 patients. Many of these came to a salvation knowledge of Jesus Christ. Approximately one million dollars of nutritional products were distributed. Reflecting upon our experience, Dr. Aubyn Marath, our cardiovascular surgeon, put it this way, "I am sure we have all experienced the warm feeling of satisfaction that comes with a job well done. These are not the most important feelings. Neither is it the feeling you have when your stock splits, or the lights twinkle at Christmas. The happiness to which I refer, brings enduring worth to life; not that which is dependent upon circumstances." Luke 12:15, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

In Micah 6:8 we read, "He has shown you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

His demands are not burdensome, yet the rewards are eternal!

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How like our lives in Jesus. Isaiah 58:11 "And the Lord shall guide you continually and satisfy you in drought and in dry places and make strong your bones. And you shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not." Our garden cannot live if there is a drought and the dry place is not given water to survive. How wonderful that the Holy Spirit who lives within the believer is a well of water springing up within us to give us life and peace and everything we need; full supply to live an abundant life in health and wholeness in Jesus Christ.

I recently spoke at several meetings on the "Well Watered Garden" and "How to be a Well Watered Garden." BOTH TAPES ARE AVAILABLE AT $8 / SET OF 2, includes p & b, if you are interested in looking further into this delightful subject.

The outcome to me; is the creativity of the Holy Spirit flowing through our life out to those who come in the shop each day to browse and buy.

What a delight to help the Lord meet the needs in peoples lives, whatever they are.

Bless you

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Calendar

Each Tuesday throughout the year, Kay Reed teaches at 10:30 am and Dr. Reed speaks at 1:00 pm and has a healing service at 2:00 pm at the Foundation, 7522 N. Himes Ave, Tampa, FL.

May 2 - Belleville, Ontario, Canada
May 3 - Speakers - Dr. and Mrs. Reed
Christian Medical Foundation of Canada - Physicians conference
Maranatha Christian Reformed Church
Contact: Douglas MacIntosh, M.D.
(613) 962-4927

May 15 - Ellenton, Florida
May 18 - Speakers - Dr. and Mrs. Reed
Dayspring Conference Center
Contact: Gloria Goldsmith
(813) 988-3109

May 22 - Lakeland, Florida
Speaker - Dr. Reed
Carpenter's Estates 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Tina Warnock
(813) 858-3847

June 1 - Gallant, Alabama
June 6 - Speakers - Dr. and Mrs. Reed
Sumatanga Camp Farthest Out
Contact: Henry & Judy Barclay
(813) 956-3335

June 22 - Farmington, Connecticut
Speaker - Dr. Reed
American Physicians Poetry Assoc.
Barclay House 9a.m. - 5 p.m.
Contact: Rita Iovino, M.D.
(860) 523-1100

July 14 - Philippi, West Virginia
July 19 - Speakers - Dr. and Mrs. Reed
CFO Family Summer Camp
Contact: Virginia White
(304) 622-8074

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