In the practice of Medicine, the physician is faced throughout his career with profound questions concerning humanity in general. The human being is fraught with multiple problems and difficulties, in some instances even prior to birth. It is hard to correlate this fact with the promise of Jesus who said, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10).

How does the human being achieve abundant life? If there was not the Fall of Adam and everything is as in Genesis 1:32, "very good," the fault of a sickly life would thus lie with the individual. It would be his fault if he were asthmatic, epileptic, depressive, or ill in any way.

However, in Medicine we see health and disease in just about everyone. The practice of Medicine emphasizes the diagnosis and treatment of disease but rarely deals with health or disease prevention. This tends to create a society which tends to be physician, treatment, and medication oriented. Consider the fact that the United States purchases 85% of the pharmacologic drugs produced in the entire world. Instead of life abundant, most of the world, even the United States, enjoys ill health.

If health were a product of mental processes, of positive thinking, and if health were to come about through science of mind, we should see more health in the present era of emphasis on education and mental endeavors. It is obvious that this is not the case. The more educated we become, the sicker our society tends to become.

At century's end, instead of having antibiotics and treatments for all infectious processes in the body, we now have new illnesses and drug resistances, as well as toxin damage to the cells of the body coming from water, air, and food. Beyond this are the possibilities of biologic warfare utilizing the lethal products of anthrax and botulism. This does not sound like life abundant to any thinking person.

Could it be that we are as Adam eating and eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Actually, we are learning much more about evil than we learn of good. Some of our students at University are being tattooed, having their bodies pierced, and involving themselves in drugs and sexual promiscuity. Lawyer Chub Seawell of North Carolina once said, "The devil started sitting under the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and he has never left." Pomerantz is quoted by Solzhenitsyn as saying, "Education (without spirituality) only increases man's potential to do evil." Are we unaware that in many instances this statement is true?

In God's kingdom we do not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but we eat of the tree of life and life's truth through Christ. This produces health, happiness, and success despite all opposition. Praise God for the truth of His Word and the great solace, encouragement, and healing which God's Word produces.
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