true this is! Unfortunately, there have developed obstacles between us and those we treat such as lack of money, lack of insurance, lack of permission to hospitalize, lack of citizenship, and lack of appropriate referral. How can we teach Dr. Ed Homan’s philosophy of practice to a new generation of medical students who are not free to exercise true humanism but are restricted like Gulliver by a thousand threads of restraint?

Dr. Jim Rowsey, as chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of South Florida, tried to show his students and his residents how to live compassionately a God glorifying medicine. Try to voice a prayer in your OR or on your rounds and see what happens to you in the "land of the free and the home of the brave". We are afraid to practice our faith except in the Temple or Church. The personal exercising of one’s faith through prayer or witness, where faith really counts, is frowned upon, even forbidden, in our institutions.

Dr. Rowsey in a recent letter, suggests the need of stimulation of the “predisposition to natural inquiry” in the medical student rather than subjugation. It would be a great thrill were there a student or a resident in the future who demonstrates the courage of a Solzhenitsyn coupled with the mind and imagination of a Sir William Osler or a Christian Barnard. A great physician of McGill University stated that in Medicine and in research one must not see what he believes but rather believe what he sees. This was the great talent of Sir Alexander Fleming when he noted the lysis of his cultures by a contaminant, Penicillium notatum.

There was an article in the Tampa Tribune in September 1997 entitled “Future Doctors’ Idealism In Peril”. Strangely enough this writing occurred at the time of the deaths of Mother Teresa and Princess Diana. Certainly these two women illustrated in their own markedly different lives, true idealism.

Respect and honor toward teachers and toward patients is requisite for the development of true idealism. To create idealism in the warp and woof of the making of an American doctor, one must see and hear the ultimate highest and best in those who bear the responsibility of teaching.

One of my professors, Dr. Reid Nesbitt at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, arranged for evening lectures by a faculty member of The School of Music, teaching us the intricacies of great symphonies, concertos, and oratorios. Dr. Frederick A. Coller not only taught Surgery but taught great courses in The History of Medicine. Never, in any lecture was there the remotest taint of vulgarity or profanity. Medicine was taught as a ministry more than a profession even in the Necropsy rooms. Has liberty and concomitant traditional American Spirituality been lost from our profession as we enter the New Millennium? It is my true belief that the medical student and residents in training now will create a New Medicine centered in the highest and best following the poetic idealism of Karol Wojtyla and the great vision of C. Everett Koop.

The neglected spiritual identity of the human being is about to be rediscovered and a New Medicine will result. “It is the Spirit that gives life.” (John 6:63) “The carnal mind is death; the spiritual mind is life and peace.” May the New Medicine be praxis of
Spirituality from which the healing of the whole person in America will be the inevitable result. The spiritual transformation of mentality is vitally needed in the education of the physician and the nurse. May these truths pervade our lives as we face the troubling future.

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