PROGRESS NOTES

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.

THE ARM OF THE FLESH

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“Thus saith the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm and whose heart departeth from the Lord.” Jeremiah 17:5

In the history of mankind, it is amazing to see how often the human being fails to trust God because his worldly tendency is to trust in the arm of the flesh. In the very recent past, it is so tragic to see certain disgruntled youth turn to fleshly solutions to counteract problems of the moment. The disaster in Colorado resulting in the death and wounding of high school students is a classic example of the use of the arm of the flesh in contrast to patient waiting for God’s answer to the problem whatever it may have been.

“Making flesh his arm” pertains to a person determining to take matters into his own hands to personally obtain revenge for the acts of a person or a group who have caused personal offense. When an especially trained soldier of our American armed service became offended at what government agents of the Bureau of Alcohol and Narcotics did to Christian people in Waco, Texas, he elected to seek personal revenge by destroying the federal building in Oklahoma City. He took matters into his own hands thus destroying the lives of men, women and children needlessly. His heart departed from the Lord; the Lord of life, love, and healing, when his carnal mind prevailed.

God’s word instructs us to “trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5) So often our own understanding is faulty and distorted, influenced by anger and hatred. Holy Scripture teaches us to learn to see with our hearts, to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and not only to love our neighbors but to actually love our enemies and those who despitefully use us! Love does not evolve easily from the workings of the human mind. Love is a product of spirituality. (Galatians 5:22) It is the spiritual mind that produces life and peace. (Romans 8:6) Life itself often implies conflict between the natural mind and the spiritual mind.

In this era of education, it becomes quite obvious that the educational process that emphasizes the natural mind and excludes spirituality, produces a multiplicity of problems. The flesh has become our arm and our hearts have departed from the Lord. This is the diagnosis of the pathologic process of Oklahoma City, Columbine, or wherever violence is utilized as the answer to hatred, fear, or mental anguish. In surgery, the surgeon is taught to utilize “reverence for tissue” in his surgical procedures. How can there be reverence for tissue and not reverence for God,

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Jesus, and life itself? Could it be that when Christian nations began to abort babies in the womb, that reverence for life atrophied and death ensued? When the pathology is identified, the therapeutic modality becomes apparent. The time for the spiritual mind has come. With this wonderful mental status, God’s love and the fruit of His Holy Spirit will inherently come about. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus.

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