PROGRESS NOTES
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HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALELUJAH!
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"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed." (I Peter 2:24)

"The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life." (Holy Communion B.C.P.)

"And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls, and bodies." (Holy Communion B.C.P.)

"...our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us." (Holy Communion B.C.P.)

"Let not mercy and kindness, and truth forsake you. Bind them about your neck; write them upon the tablet of your heart." (Proverbs 3:3)

If the blood stripes of Jesus have healed me and I am dead to sin, my sins having been borne by Jesus on the cross, I must be living in newness of life and in this new life I am preserved unto everlasting life. This means that every attendance at Holy Communion is a commemoration of Easter and an encouragement to me that I am experiencing a new life as I dwell in Him and He in me, binding mercy, kindness, and truth to my neck and heart (my body), these aspects of our selves, our souls, and bodies are renewed. I am truly in the kingdom of life eternal and am preserved in and through Jesus, my beloved Savior.

Since these things are true, I can do what Karol Wojtyla advises in his poem, "Seams". "Bind thought to the seams of the world, but free the heart and open the soul." In contemplating the world, it is quite apparent that the world is contaminated and led into confusion through the massive conflicts of the thoughts emanating from the minds of mankind. We only add to the confusion when we raise our voices to express our personal thoughts.

Wojtyla advises that we free the heart and open the soul so that a free heart and an open soul may not die from mental contamination, but may be permitted to be filled by God and His Holy Spirit. Doubtless, this is why the words of the Spirit are at times not in our own language, but in the words of His Spirit. One often sees in this present era the effects of the incarceration of the spirit of man by his mentality. It is only the freeing of the spirit, which liberates and heals. (Hebrews 4:12)

So Easter is not just a day, a season, or a time. It must become a life, a continuing festival of thanksgiving, love, hope, and unspeakable joy. It is a time of knowing that God is love and that His love is manifested in Jesus, who comes to dwell in me when my heart is free and my soul open, my human spirit thrown wide to the Holy Ghost and thus to heal. To heal not with knife, chemicals, natural things, or physical doings, but through introduction to Him. This is the Medicine of His Person.

It is interesting that Easter and Passover, like Hanukah and Christmas, occur at the same time. Passover is a happy time in that it represents a time when death passed by the children of Israel in Egypt at the time of their servitude and enslavement. It also was a time of their deliverance from captivity, allowing the people to go back to their land of origin.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if there could come a time when death would pass us by and free humanity from the enslavement of cancer, leukemia, AIDS, war and violence? It also would be worthy of our praise and thanksgiving if we could be delivered from the servitude of our cerebrations into a promised land of happiness where hatred and misunderstandings would not exist. When such deliverance is possible, it would be worthy of a Seder observance not only of the historic past but also of the immediate future.

While these occurrences are taking place there is also the consideration of Easter. Most people, who observe Easter, rarely consider Passover and those who celebrate Passover do not contemplate Easter. It is strange since both
observances have to do with victory over death and deliverance from evil. In Medicine it can be said that that is actually what the practice of Medicine is all about. The blood of a sacrificial lamb on the doorpost would deliver an Egyptian from death as well as an Israelite. And the death of Jesus was a sacrifice for Jew as well as Gentile, Arab, or Muslim.

If in this new century, the doctor of the Whole person could think in terms of similarity in contrast to difference, of unity rather than separateness, of love instead of misunderstanding, it could change American anger into peace and perhaps the world of Chinese hostility and Taliban-Iranian militarism, could disappear from existence.

Dr. Alexis Carrel saw this in the 1930’s when he wrote, “Man The Unknown”. In his train we could proclaim a new Passover-Easter time of true freedom. The New Hampshire quarter proclaims, “Live Free or Die.” This is still the Passover-Easter proclamation.

POINT OF VIEW

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I am a second year medical student at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. The last two years of my life have been spent learning about medical science. I go to class five days out of the week, hearing lectures and seeing patients. Just as many medical students have done before me, I learn from “Harrison’s Principles of Internal Medicine” and “Robbins’ Pathologic Basis of Disease.”

One of the most important truths that is not being taught in medical schools or in the highly acclaimed medical reference books is that Jesus Christ heals. Isaiah 53:5 says, “But he was wounded for our transgression, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.” I have been on the cancer ward and seen doctors tell the 25 year old mother that there is nothing else medicine can do.

I attend church three times a week. I thank God that my pastor teaches and believes that Jesus heals. The sick are prayed for and delivered at every service in accordance with James 5:14-15. I see and hear praise reports about how Jesus has healed someone of medically incurable cancer. My textbook is the Word of God. It is not a required reading in medical school.

Many physicians attend conferences to gain Continuing Medical Education (CME) hours. Christians attend church and read the Bible to gain Continuing Word Education (CWE) hours. I encourage you to gain CWE hours by attending church and daily reading your Bible. As Christian Physicians we need to combine medical science with the Word of God. Do you have enough (CWE) hours for this year?

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Hallelujah!

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