Tugendlehre*
By William Standish Reed, M.D.

The season of light and family for western society is just finished, with its accompanying inspiring music and festivities. Medicine traditionally takes its part with parties, decorated nursing stations, and even an occasional sprig of mistletoe. It is rather pleasant to reflect that light pervades the darkness of our lives each year through the observances of Chanukah and Christmastide. Both are festivals of light.

Of a certainty, it is appropriate to consider the need of enlightenment in a time such as man finds himself in at present. We look with satisfaction upon our conquests of poliomyelitis and tuberculosis. We feel pride in the accomplishments of renal dialysis and organ transplantation. Our great hospitals stand in contrast to the institutions of twenty-five years ago.

As the light of compassion and understanding dawns again upon our medical consciousness, there is a sense of alarm as we see the great accomplishments being diminished by the concomitant lack of philosophical and moral advance. It gives no great sense of joy to see at one end of the operating room corridor the preservation of the life of an older man through coronary by-pass, while at the other end fetal lives are being snuffed out through abortion.

Similarly, the great progress against microbial diseases through the various generations of cephalosporins loses significance as the mathematical progression of AIDS continues unabated.

Beyond this, the world itself is in conflagration, from Lebanon to El Salvador, from Cambodia to Afghanistan, from South Africa to Ethiopia. The wars of our lifetime have done little to change the world any more than have our politics, our institutions, or our hospitals and universities. The atomic destruction aimed at civilization potentially threatens everything mankind holds dear and worthwhile.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, speaking to the students at Harvard, summarized our status in this way, “There is a disaster which has already been under way for quite some time. I am referring to the calamity of a despiritualized and irreligious human consciousness.” Alexis Carrel stated (Reflection on Life, P. 127), “In the human species, spiritual development is the supreme law.”

Could it be that at this time of year, when Chanukah and Christmas lights come on, that we should stop our mad pursuit of power and materialistic success to take a moment to reflect upon self, family, life, fellowman, and God? I wish for you and your family a blessed New Year.

*Ethics (The learning of virtue)
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