Coppi & Dr. Bill

"We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and the love which ye have for all the saints, for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof you heard before in "the word of truth of the gospel." Colossians 1:3-5

Two years ago I was privileged to write a letter to our dear friends about "Simple brotherly love". In this present day of debate and attempted change concerning health care, we need to face the future with faith, love, and prayer. We need to seek God's peace in our daily lives and to constantly praise our wondrous Lord and to ask for strength and understanding. Those of us in Medicine have been very proud of our profession and our accomplishments achieved in the past century. Strangely enough along with this truth there has been a concomitant outpouring of God's Holy Spirit during the same period.

Dr. Paul Tournier in his writings quoted Sauerbrach, a great German surgeon, speaking at The Hague when I was a college student in Ann Arbor. He spoke of the relations of man and technology, "The problem which denominates our economic, technical, and cultural life is that we cannot do everything by the means of technology. The doctors must use both his medical techniques and his personality as a doctor blending both together to bring about healings".

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In America a small majority of doctors added also "faith and prayer".

Dr. Sauerbrach also stated, "The world needs a directing idea ....Technique without such an idea is the most dangerous thing there is". It is our belief that the "directing idea" for medics, politics and life in general is the man totally needing God and His direction in all the days to come. Our nation in all of its attributes has been given to us by God and He has taken us to the time of leadership and success. We must continue to trust Him even more in all the days to come. Without asking for and receiving His guidance and direction, we shall not continue to have His blessings. See Deuteronomy 30:15-20.

Dear Jesus, please come to us and lead us in all the days ahead. Dear Messiah please come soon.

CUTTING FREE

'Tis true that oft in life
The hand of God doth interveve.
The scalpel blade, the piercing knife
Cuts through the mind - the in between.

The dominating mental part of man
Leads on and on to forest grand and
meadows green
Ignoring the quiet Spirit's wondrous plan
The path that to the senses lies unseen.

Thus the Surgeon up above wields His
Sword,
Cutting away most deftly the incarcerating
mind
Thus freeing the spirit by His Holy Word
Giving power to live life lovingly and truly kind.

(Hebrews 4:12)

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Harry Nickens, President of Ephraim McDowell Hospital & Dr. Bill in front of the Ephraim McDowell Museum.

Dr. Bill presenting one of the CMF Ephraim McDowell recipient’s pictures to Mr. Nickens. All of the CMF Ephraim McDowell Award recipient’s pictures will adorn the wall of this lovely building.

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Ps 95:6 says “O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker”.

The above picture is of me and a friend who posed as Jesus. It is titled “Prayer can move the Hand of God”. So many times in my life, I have had to come and kneel before our Lord to find solace for my soul. I have found, He is the only one to calm the storms of life. He, Jesus, “is a shelter in the time of storm”. (Song written by Vernon J. Charlesworth) Following is a note I wrote in my journal when I was experiencing one of these trashing winds of life:

“Have you ever watched wind? It comes and goes from whence no one knows. There are times the breeze is so very gentle. It is motionless and effortless – tree branches barely move - back and forth, back and forth - so very calming. Then, suddenly the wind will change. It becomes fierce. Thrusting and trashing – to and fro, to and fro - anxious and sharp - so very cold. Our journey in life can be compared to the winds – joy, love, laughter, and peace is like the calming southerly winds and our trials and sorrows are like the trashing cold northerly winds; both are needed for our growth and inspiration”. When the cold northerly winds come my way, I take refuge in the scriptures Ps 32:7 you are my hiding place – (I am hiding in you till the storm passes) and Ps 30:5 weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

John 3: 5 says “Jesus, replied (to Nicodemus) what I am telling you so earnestly is this: Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Men can only reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven; so don’t be surprised at my statement that you must be born again! Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it will go next, so it is with the Spirit. We do not know on whom he will bestow this from heaven”.

(God is the same God in the valleys as He is on the mountain tops)