Will our having done this eventually result in the possibility of destruction for our nation or even our world?

My brother, Dr. Robert Reed, was in the air corps at Alamogordo, New Mexico the night when an atomic device was first detonated one autumn night. My brother stated that he and his fellow airmen wondered if they would be destroyed by the explosion. The night suddenly became as bright as mid-day and some wondered if the end of the world had come about. Bob said that all they could do was to pray and ask for God's protection.

In Paul Tournier's book "A Doctor's Casebook in the Light of the Bible" he quotes a fellow Christian physician's statement about the atomic bomb. Dr. Denis de Rougemont said, "The atomic bomb is not in the least dangerous. It is a thing. What is fearfully dangerous is man.....clearly if the bomb is left alone, it will do nothing. What we need is control of man."

We must first seek the Kingdom of God as said in Matthew 6:33. Do we not seek almost always the "Kingdom of the World -- the Kingdom of the mind and not God's Kingdom of the Holy Spirit?" Is this not the problem we have in this world, in politics, in education, in the church, in governments and truly in all aspects of life -- even in our homes?

If it were not for God and His grace and His love, I would be most pessimistic. But let us "Hope in God" and in His peace and His care simply rely quietly in Him. Peace comes "not as the world gives" but as He gives to us through His "Hased", His loving kindness.

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Let us sing of healing love.

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Healing the Whole Person
Spirit, Mind and Body
William Standish Reed, M.D.
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William S. Reed, M.D.
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Coppi's Encounter

Psalms 42: 9-11 says "O God my Rock," I cry, "why have you forsaken me? Why must I suffer these attacks from my enemies?" Their taunts pierce me like a fatal wound; again and again they scoff, "Where is that God of yours?" But O my soul, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise him for all that he will do. He is my help! He is my God (I added He is my Hope)."

Psalms 42: 4-5 says Take courage, my soul! Do you remember those times (but how could you ever forget them!) when you led a great procession to the Temple on festival days, singing with joy, praising the Lord? Why then be discouraged and sad? Hope in God!

I reversed the above scripture verses because usually that is the way I pray - crying out to our Lord why - why am I having to go through this - why must I suffer again - why do you allow the devil to torment me - on and on I pray until I am calm enough to hear a still small voice say "remember all the times you have come to me with your prayer requests and I have answered them." "Oh, yes, Lord I do". As I was reading the Bible during a time of distress, the above scriptures became a Rhema to me. It was approximately a month ago I was praying about something that needed, I thought, for God to act quickly on. I prayed, cried and prayed more regarding the problem but it seemed to get worse not better. During this time, was on the phone talking to dear friend in Vero Beach, Fl, who has known me for many years, about the difficulty of the problem. She said "Coppi, remember all the times God has answered your prayers. You need to learn to trust Him - I will pray and you learn to trust God". She confirmed what I had already heard from God. So, my prayer changed and I started thanking our Lord for all the numerous prayers He answered naming them one by one......and, yes, after letting go and letting God, trusting Him and not trying to fix the problem myself, my prayer was answered.

It’s been a long journey of overcoming wrong teaching in my youth but asking, knocking and seeking and preserving in prayer and His Word has brought rest, trust, and hope in Him. I am so very glad that our Lord left all the doubts, fears, questions, pleadings, etc in the Bible regarding the patriots, disciples, and people because firstly it makes me feel I am sane and it also gives me understanding of the grace, love, and bigness of our Lord.

(Note: a friend of mine created a website for me to illustrate some of my paintings – if you are interested in viewing go to www.coppisart.com - enjoy)