RESPONSE TO A CANADIAN NURSE

Recently, a letter came from a nurse in Canada who stated that the administrator of the hospital in which she worked had made the statement that he felt that Spirit-filled doctors and nurses should not be allowed to practice in their hospital. In an era where physicians and nurses representing Hinduism, Buddhism, atheism, Judaism and every other form of "ism" are allowed to practice; it seems strange that he would single out the Spirit-filled Christian. No doubt it has to do with the fact Spirit-filled Christians are courageous in their beliefs and uninhibited in believing in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ to answer prayer. Therefore, they are apt to witness to their fellow professionals and to the patients. They are also apt to feel free to pray for patients, particularly those who are desperate or who are terminally ill.

The Spirit-filled Christian believes that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) The Spirit-filled Christian believes that it is permissible and necessary to anoint the sick in the Name of the Lord and that God will heal the sick (James 5:14) The Spirit-filled Christian believes that followers of Jesus Christ can lay their hands upon the sick and that they will recover. (Mark 16:18) The Spirit-filled believer feels that if we witness for Christ, that Christ will witness for him at the time of the Judgment. The Spirit-filled believer knows within his heart that the Blood stripes of Jesus avail for the washing away of sins and for the healing of illnesses. (I Peter 2:24) The Spirit-filled believer believes that he will be persecuted for righteousness sake but he feels that people who are persecuted in this way are blessed. (Matt. 5:11)

In an age in which secular humanism and atheism, liberalism and communism are very subtly being inserted into every aspect of life, it is not at all unusual that the believing Christian would be singled out as the one who would not be allowed to teach in the schools and work in the hospitals. Doubtless as this age continues, this kind of persecution will increase rather than decrease. This will be true in the United States, as well as in Canada.

When I was in England a year ago, I spoke with a young physician who had dropped out of his residency in obstetrics and gynecology. He stated that he would not do abortions. The chief of his department said that if he did not do abortions someone else in the department would have to do the procedure and this would mean an increase in work for the person who would be doing the abortions and he would be shirking his duties. The same kind of pressure is applied to nurses who have to assist in such procedures. Thus the prime residencies in Canada and the United States, as well as England go to those people who favor abortion and other non-Christian stances in the care of the sick.

Consider the fact that in order for a heart to be procured for cardiac transplantation, someone has to operate on another human being who is still alive (albeit with a flat EEG) and remove his heart and other vital organs, for transplant purposes. Even though the donor is considered to all intents and purposes to be dead, he is not really dead until the heart is removed. The Christian surgeon has trouble with this consideration and finds it difficult to perform this sort of procedure particularly in view of his Christian principles. These considerations and a multitude of others today, cause profound problems insofar as our Tugendlehre (ethics) are concerned. Ethical standards are being revised and rewritten in our present day and one finds
heading up our departments of medical ethics such people as Joseph Fletcher who is the father of "situation ethics." Is anything "right" as long as the situation allows it? Must one modify his ethical beliefs in order to conform to the standards of an atheistic humanist society? Is the Selbstuberwindung (self-denial) advocated by Schrödinger such that one can stand more firmly for the cause of Christ or must we come to the point where one need not stand for Jesus in this day?

I must place myself among those who will stand for the cause of Christ and having done all to stand. (Eph. 6:13) As doctors from Canada begin to mobilize for the right as God gives us the ability to see the right, and to mobilize for prayer and for reorientation of life and practice toward Christ, I entreat your most sincere and diligent prayers for those who from this time on will be joining our ranks. Please pray for the doctors in Edmonton, Toronto, Sarnia area, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Ottawa, and Winnipeg, as well as many other parts of Canada as God begins to bring doctors and nurses to a point of decision and a point of volunteering for His service, as we feel the winds of the Endtime approaching.

I was asked by a young man of the Campus Crusade for Christ in Daytona, Florida recently, what we were attempting to do in recruiting doctors and nurses for Christ in our CMF work. I replied that we are calling them out of the darkness of secular humanism in Medicine and Nursing and into the Light and protection of Christ as quickly and as urgently as possible before the skies turn to fire. (II Peter 3:12)

May God richly bless all of you who receive this letter. Pray for Canada, pray for Canadian Medicine and Nursing, pray for CMF of Canada, for its President, Rod Davison, who needs the healing touch of the Lord in his body right now.

Pray for Don Denmark as he helps organize and run the CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION OF CANADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE—in TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 13th THROUGH 15th. Pray for Tom Bryan as he assists Don in this endeavor and for the other doctors who also will be joining in. Pray for the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada, as we work with them shoulder to shoulder, for the cause of Christ. Pray for meetings being planned for Edmonton and Winnipeg, and hopefully, British Columbia in the next several months.

May God Himself richly bless Canadian doctors and nurses as they increasingly stand for the cause of Christ in these challenging days.

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