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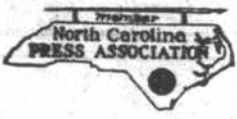
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A Body Glorified

If a religion were completely understandable, if it had in it nothing of mystery, nothing of paradox, one would rightly suspect it of being a man-made fraud. For religion, after all, represents the thin edge where the divine meets with the human, the infinite with the finite, the eternal with the temporal. And where you're trying to pour divinity, infinity, and eternity into our limited minds, there's bound to be an incomprehensible overflow.

There's something of that about Easter. Christianity is chiefly concerned with the spiritual. It speaks of things that can't be seen: virtues and vices, grace and sin; and its main occupation is the saving of a man's soul—which, again, can't be seen with eyes of the flesh.

And yet here, on Easter, we have one of the greatest festivals of the Christian year concerned, frankly, with a body—a glorified body, to be sure, but a body just as real, just a human, as any born of woman.

Jesus rose from the dead and by His action He set the capstone on Christianity, proving in that one dramatic miracle the reality of His own Godhead and the invincible truth of His teaching.

But beyond that, He elevated our human body and gave it a new dignity—a dignity that none before Him had ever dared envision for it. This body of ours, "so vile, so degraded, so animal, so sinful, which is our fellowship with the brutes, which is full of corruption and becomes dust and ashes," as Newman says, "that it could become celestial and immortal, without ceasing to be a body!"

And Newman is right. Heathen thinkers, when they considered the body, always more or less apologized for it, and in their speculation on an after-life, immortality was always for the soul alone and conditioned on the falling away of the body.

Even in our own prayers, how prone we are to bedamn our bodies as miserable and contemptible, the seat, the cause, and the excuse of all moral evil.

And yet, each year, Easter sets us right in our thinking, reminding us as it does that if throughout life, we treat our bodies with the dignity that becomes them as tabernacles of the Holy Ghost, we can hope, each one of us, one day to rise from the grave and stand in glory, body and soul, before the throne of Christ, our Redeemer!

When Incentive Is Very Small

It seems to be axiomatic that the greater the degree of socialization or government domination of public health measures, the fewer practitioners there are to do the work.

Thus, according to Time, Russia has but one dentist for 14,000 people—and Russia marks the ultimate in socialization of all phases of medicine. Britain, which has gone a long way toward complete socialization, has one dentist for each 3271 people. The United States, with its tradition of free medicine, has one for each 1885 of the population.

Various reasons account for this condition. One very obvious one is that, in a country where a bureaucracy runs the show, there is little incentive for men and women to go through the arduous schooling necessary to become a doctor or a dentist. The financial rewards, even for the most brilliant and hard-working, are severely limited by the state. Opportunity for research is small and medical men must deal with masses of forms and other

red tape which demand hours that should be given to their patients. And, inevitably, advancement goes not to the most competent, but to those who are best able to curry favor with the political administrators, or who gain seniority through the mere fact of age.

American's standards of health, far superior as they are to those of Russia or England, provide the most persuasive argument for the retention of medical freedom.

And yet there is now a well oiled Federal program to put American medicine on the skids toward the Russian and European pattern.

Mental disturbance due to alcohol ranges from slight intoxication to the various psychoses, alcoholism, and permanent mental derangement. Meggendorfer says, "That acute alcoholic intoxication is not designated as a mental disorder is simply due to a tacit agreement because of the consequences which such a designation would involve. In reality acute alcohol intoxication is a poisoning of the brain and can be placed side by side with the severest mental disturbances which are known to us."—Dr. E. M. Jellinek, Yale University.

Last year, 32,000 lives were lost in motor vehicle accidents. Improvement of highways, multiplication of safety devices and the vigilance of thousands of traffic police, still leave our highways more dangerous than many battlefields have been. Nor is death the entire story, for those maimed vastly outnumber the killed. Alcohol is responsible for approximately one-fourth of highway fatalities. Drink is also responsible for an unknown percentage of other accidents which killed 98,000 people in 1948, injured 10,300,000 and cost \$7,200,000.00.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



It is strange what fear can and will do to destroy our health and happiness. A letter on my desk poses another fear problem. "I experience terrible symptoms when I go to church or any public gathering. I have a sensation of smothering, dizziness and weakness. I feel the same way when I am called upon to appear on Club and Circle programs. It is very embarrassing as I would like to be of service to my church, to my family and to my friends. My physician has told me that there is nothing physically wrong with me, that it is 'nerves'."

"Nerves" cover a multitude of ailments due to unbalanced emotions. In back of emotional unbalance is lack of security, fear, frustration. It is a familiar pattern.

There is one sure cure, if the treatment is taken conscientiously and regularly. That is to acquire a definite sense of the presence, saving power and guidance of Almighty God. With that should come likewise sincere love and affection for our God, "Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." The whole picture of the Christian gospel is one of the love of God. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . . St. John wrote, "Perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath torment." Modern psychiatry teaches us the same thing.

The patient who wrote this letter is obsessed by too much thought of self. Let her definitely turn her back upon self, selfish thinking, worry, anxiety. Let her life be yielded fully to her Lord. Then when self is pushed down, let God come in. The fourth chapter of Philipians gives excellent treatment for this.

If our life is to be healthy and free from fear, our thoughts must be healthy, hopeful, positive. When the fear thoughts come in, let them be pushed out immediately by faith thoughts. Nothing is better for this than to memorize some of the fine promises of the Bible. Then when the first thought of fear comes in, push it out with a prayer and affirmation of faith. This is good gospel and good psychology.

We don't fear those whom we love. If we learn to love God, love our fellow man, we won't fear them but love them. We will be happy and contented in their presence.

Further literature may be had on this by writing The Everyday Counselor in care of this newspaper enclosing 10c for mailing costs and a long self-addressed stamped envelope.

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SHIRLEY JOHNSON,
Administrator of the estate of Mrs. D. E. Glass, deceased.
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