

Bettan on eulogy: "Just bury some good friend".

Honored . Actually I'm home in bed.
Some things , like Dr's orders
don't come thru clear,

Like a certain telegram. A minister's
wife passed away just before an important
service: Wires Bishop : " Wife just passed
away . Please send substitute!

I'm somewhat overawed by the number of
technical peopoe in this audience:
I can see what you have to talk about
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in your distinct fields
but what do you discuss together?

What does a medical technologist say to
a hospital accountant-- assuming both are
married.

I do know about a very attractive woman
psychiatrist attending a national conventio
While listening to one of the lecturres
man next to her moved very close and
she realized he was pinching her.

The lday psy. was just about to tell him
what she thought of him, when she suddenly
changed her mind. "Why should I get angry?
she thought. " After all, it's his problem"

My problem : to find the area of our
common concern. A fter all what is a Rabbi
doing here addressing a group of varied
professions such as yours. It certainly
is a good thing for nus to take counsel
with each other in the area of our
mutal interest in the service and health

of our fellowmen. But I am sure that what I have to say to you tonite is far more by way of reminder than of revelations. Much like the story of the operator of a filtering plant who had before his death willed his brain to science. When he died the scientists were sorry to hear of his death but they were overjoyed to get his brain. It was their first chance to see a filtering man's thinker!

Let me now filter out a few obvious but I think very fundamental thoughts for your consideration. At the same time let me emphasize that I speak to you humbly as an amateur in a field in which many of you are professional.

My first proposition is the observation:

There is a ~~xxxxxxxx~~ an enormous need among us for readily available and effective spiritual ~~shelter~~ shelter.

We live in time of greatest strides of science.

Revolutionized our lives. Travel, ed. medicine, psychology, our environment our longevity all enhanced by the marvels of science.

We have now even outreached ourselves. We have so much power -- we don't even know for sure what it will do.

It is a ~~trite~~ truism to observe our moral lag and ethical incapability to put our power to good and safe use. But when you add to this the tensions between nations and philosophies that divide our world and the temptation to use that power for resolution of differences, then you have all the ingredients of fearful explosion.

But, like you, I am not here concerned with political matters. What does concern us is the morale of mankind. Men who are afraid and anxious, stressful and tense, insecure and therefore distracted cannot reach anything near their full potential of education, creativity, adjustment or health.

This is already, as I see it, an increasing problem.

Adults and children afraid of atomic explosion, death, nuclear injury. Frightening spectre.

Civilian defense lags horribly.

Information and misinformation.

But psychic and spiritual preparedness is even worse off.

Spiritual resources will be more important in periods of crisis than ever before. And this is important not just in so called disaster areas but in hospital

and in your work and concerns. Already life is being altered in this atomic age. There will be new diseases, new syndromes, fearful because they are not understood and awesome because they shall not for a long time be cured.

In all of this it goes without saying that research and treatment will plunge on into the new frontiers of scientific and medical wilderness until the ground is leveled again, and the new age become a place fit for and receptive to happy human habitation.

But something more is needed:

My second observation:

We have not adequately drawn upon our spiritual and religious resources.

On a much simpler level ~~xxx~~ in your hospitals and in your work, we have only begun to explore and impliment the use of moral and spiritual values in the human relations inherent in medical relationships: Hosptial to patient, Dr. to patient, patient to ~~xxxxx~~ patient etc.

Hal Ferrin : SOCIAL SCIENCE IN
MEDICINE

Explores whole field of relationship between ~~medicine and health~~ and man as a medical organism and man as a social

Grateful for the book: Treats well the problem of stress and disease and related subjects.

But in the entire ~~xxx~~ book to my knowledge not one word about the undeniably critical effect of spiritual and religious influences upon patients.

Yet we know perfectly well not only that stress exaggerates disease & in many cases causes it, but that ~~xxxxx~~ patients with the confidence born of found faith in themselves, in ~~xxxxx~~ their fellowmen ministering to them and in ~~xxx~~ a God associated with them and their world, recover from disease and shock more readily. This to say nothing of those who must learn to live with physical infirmities or to confront the shock of incurable ailments and ~~limited~~ foreshortened life expectancy.

If we have not drawn adequately on these spiritual resources in such well known instances, we shall surely be found wanting when the time comes of general shock and ~~st~~ disorder as seem more than likely.

Now some will rejoin: But everyone is not religious. Granted.

But most men are or at least have within them the potential needing direction and guidance. To this end I know many of your hospitals have chaplaincy programs and hopefully all of your hospitals welcome clergymen of all faiths as visitors.

This leads me to my final observation:

It is ~~xxxx~~ That everyone --not just clergymen-- need to be schooléd in the techniques of spiritual support of the ill and the shocked.

I know this suggestion will bring rebuttal and objection. And I trust that as your guest I do not strain your courtesy when I say that I am appaled by the indifference to religion and the ignorance of religion that I often meet in hospital settings.

I have had the privilege of lecturing to ~~ix~~ classes in nursing, for instance, in several hospitals --by no means all-- in my city.

Not enuf: only hour. Internes never, Doctors never. Adminsitrators never, Technicians never.

It is my suggestion and contention that everyone in human relations jobs especially those involved with people in traumatic or anxiety producing situations should be equipped ~~not~~ to teach or preach -God forbid-- but to understand the spiritual resources upon which they may help their patients to draw and from which may come strength and , without question, quicker and ~~xxxx~~ better health.

In my view, no doctor, administrator, technician, nurse or therapist should be ignorant of the field of Religion and Health or graduate from a curriculum that does not include a sound training in the outlines of each faith and the application of spiritual values to the work that is to be done.

- 1 The Need ^{for spiritual values} ~~is there~~-- we live in fearful times.
- 2 The resources of spritual strength is inadequately used--- we have more advantage than we know.
- 3 The training of many other than clergymen can extend our effectiveness and helpfulness to the distressed in our care.

In the Hayden planetarium in N.Y.
there is a funny if not nutty sign at the
top of the stairs: ~~TOX SOLARX SYSTEM~~

TO SOLAR SYSTEM AND REST ROOMS.

To be sure an odd combination-- but true.

Let us not become so obsessed with

men's ^{pains} ~~xxxxxx~~ that we forget their

fears. Let's not be so absorbed in the

men's bodies that we forget their souls.

Let's not become so entranced with

satisfying men's basic functional needs

that we forget to serve men's high and

lofty dreams and hopes.