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Subject: Re: Bulletin Board

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Hi James,

First of all let me say that I agree with your post except for this:

Quote:Something has been heavy on my heart for the last several weeks concerning the conclusion some here have come to about medical science and drugs as the, or 'a', acceptable solution to sickness and disease.

Nothing has changed concerning the obvious fact that Satan is the author of all sickness -- including cancer.

Next, and I think that I speak for the others in the Medical Science thread, the emphasis has not been to 'approve' medical science so that the Christian now has an alternative to faith in God. As Christians we should trust God for everything including our health.

Hopefully we all have learned to trust in God for our healing without resorting to the arm of the flesh which is a very poor substitute for anyone seeking healing.

The purpose of the thread (at least as far as my participation was concerned) was to explore the single issue of whether or not medical science (including drugs) was always occultic in nature. That was the teaching we heard and while there is no need to re-hash all of the problems associated with that teaching there are good reasons (see the thread) as to why this teaching needed to be re-examined.

You bowed out of the thread (and I respect your reasons) but there is no doubt in my mind that this single issue isn't sacrosanct to the point where an examination of the teaching imperils one's faith.

One could argue that a baby doesn't need to know why they are told never to cross the road. Just obey, they are told, but as that child grows he should be able to comprehend the reasons for the absolute prohibition and adjust his behavior accordingly. Now that analogy breaks down when applied to this particular subject because 'crossing the street' can never be equated to 'bowing down to other gods' as it was presented to us, but the analogy can and does fit when we are talking about legitimate questions about those things we heard.

I suspect that it is the issue of "holding fast the things we were taught" and the dangers involved in anything less than unquestioning obedience that is foremost in your thinking here (correct me if I'm wrong) but I don't see discussing this issue as the 'slippery slope' that will lead to an 'evil heart of unbelief' kind of situation. If it does have that effect it only proves that there is something much

more fundamentally wrong with a person's faith and the sooner it is revealed -- whether it is because of this particular subject or something else -- the better. You cannot force one to 'believe' but you can 'force' (in a manner of speaking) a person by using the threat that their behavior is synonymous with apostasy.

A lack of faith can be overcome by teaching the Word of God (Rom 10:17); the one who has, even if it is in his own mind, committed apostasy, doesn't even believe that he has hope. Surely you can see that?

Teach faith in God for healing but don't teach something that will at best keep people from crossing the street but at worse, be a vehicle for the destruction of a person's relationship with the author of their salvation--Jesus..

Blessings,  
William

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