Subject: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Sun, 04 Sep 2011 19:40:13 GMT
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With respect to divine healing like it was taught 30 years ago . .

The best memories I have are from the time when week after
week there was a clear, strong Word preached - healing every time,
no exceptions.

Then tragedies began and there were messages about
doubters, sinners, open doors, Job, etc.

Then more serious and prominent tragedies and then the
down the drain spiral began.

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As I see it right now. That clear uncompromised message is Bible,
demonstrable and undeniable

. . . . BUT . . . .

there is some sort of severe lack in our annointing so that
it does not work.

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Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Mon, 05 Sep 2011 01:48:58 GMT
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I say Amen to that !

Wishing34 wrote:
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it does not work.
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I say:
The anointing is not there because of the denial of the supernatural power that has been
given us !
Note:
12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.
Acts 2:12-13 (KJV)
There are still mockers and doubter in the church today !
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Wishing34 wrote:
So believing for healings in serious cases cannot be done
safely at this time.
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I say:
Tell that to my wife and she will tell you of the Faithfulness of God and His Word!
Three weeks ago as we were getting ready for Fellowship the pain started on the left side
Of her chest, it went thru to her back, her left arm went numb and she couldnâ€™t breath !
56 years old an exnurse: What did she do ? She called James 5:14-15, Not 911.
In 20 minutes the pain was gone and we were off to fellowship !

Tell her it canâ€™t be done !

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Wishing 34 wrote:
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Yes:
Tom Hamilton , Joe Brenneman,James Moseley,Myself and others on OO!

Wishing34 wrote:
How do they handle the serious cases to avoid tragedies?

I say:
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Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Mon, 05 Sep 2011 02:58:36 GMT
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Hi

Quote:Tell her it canâ€™t be done !

I said cannot be done safely at this time.

Would you counsel someone at death's door with
a child's diabetes to continue right up
to and through that door?

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Mon, 05 Sep 2011 03:48:32 GMT
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Jman wrote!
I said cannot be done safely at this time.
â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.....

I say: Be it unto thee according to Thy Faith !

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Would you counsel someone at death's door with
a child's diabetes to continue right up
to and through that door?

Jman

Yes !
I would council them and encourage with Gods Word and His Healing Promises !
Butâ€¦â€¦
If a person is fearful of the consequences if it doesnâ€™t work, itâ€™s not faith !

Get help !

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Mon, 05 Sep 2011 04:18:03 GMT
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Quote:I said cannot be done safely at this time.

Would you counsel someone at death's door with
a child's diabetes to continue right up
to and through that door?

I agree with Ron's earlier response on this but since you've narrowed your comments to focus on how we council others a few thoughts come to mind. But first let me say that it seems contradictory for you to say that the bible is authoritative and at the same time say that we can't safely rely on what it says. But setting that aside for now, I do think that we ought to be very careful in advocating a course of action for those who may not have faith in God. In those situations your argument about needing an anointing has merit.

We all know that the bible speaks about the gifts of healing. I believe that the gifts (1Cor12) are primarily for the good of others. If someone has the gifts of healing then by all means exercise those gifts and we'll all see the results and be edified as the body of Christ.

If, on the other hand, we are exercising faith in God for our healing (as opposed to having the gift) then (again--primarily) the results are going to be more personal in nature and not necessarily for the benefit of others. I'm saying (not very articulately!) that we should embrace God's promises and hold fast to them no matter what as they relate to our personal experience but unless we have some kind of anointing (like the gifts of healing) we should probably let others develop their own faith and figure out for themselves how to walk it out.

Exceptions? Sure. Your example expresses a dilemma... what if it is a child, or someone whose well-being has been entrusted to us? In that kind of situation I can only believe that God is not going to allow something to overwhelm us without giving us the tools to cope with the situation. Like someone once said, if you have faith to believe for the salvation of the whole town, go ahead, but for most of us our sphere of faith is going to be much closer to home.

That said --your note implies (although not explicitly) that medical science is the ultimate answer for those not having faith and/or the anointing... I don't believe that to be a valid assumption.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Mon, 05 Sep 2011 04:55:46 GMT
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I also agree with William, ref the caution on counseling others .
I canâ€™t tell anyone how to exercise their faith but I can stand

with them if they so desire to reach out and Trust Jesus for their healing !

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Mon, 05 Sep 2011 23:39:01 GMT
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Hi,

Quote:
 But first let me say that it seems contradictory for you to say that the bible is authoritative and at the same time say that we can't safely rely on what it says.

You perfecty recognized it Moulder.
It is reality that some Bible promises do not happen for us !!

This is a dilemma and a wake up call for us.

We see this failing in areas where God has promised
sign/wonder type actions (immediate manifestations) on His part

 - they do not happen.

Examples:

I Cor 12 - gift of signs (miracles - KJV) promised but missing
Eph 4 - Apostles with signs are promised but they do not happen.

We have the impossible dilemma that the Word promises
sign/wonders to the church but they do not happen

Contradictory? Absolutely. It should be impossible for the Word
to promise things that do not come to pass !

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A hypothetical young father with a diabetic child is going to believe for
a sign/wonder type healing (immediate manifestation) within hours
or the child dies? . . . when the church has gone decades without the promised signs/wonders.

I recommend not to do this.

The death's door healing is very similar to a sign/wonder because in both cases we need
God to do an immediate manifestation of His power.

Let's admit we lack annointing, ability by faith, close walk with God,
(or whatever it need be called)
to see these type of immediate manifestations.

I say people should not attempt faith near death's door. . .

until I Cor12 and apostles begin to happen.

Until then we need to recognize that something is wrong and we are not strong
enough with God to be anywhere near death's door believing for
immediate manifestations.

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in a soundbyte:

Something is wrong so stay away from death's door.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions

Posted by Mark L on Tue, 06 Sep 2011 00:19:10 GMT
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So are you looking at this from a intellectual point of view. Just thinking and provoking discussion? Nothing wrong with that. Is this a thought through belief for you?

I would agree with everything the other bros have said.

I would also add from what I have seen in churches that are small enough for a pastor to personally pastor you generally don't get problems like this. Because the pastor has a finger on his peoples spiritual life and is in a position to recognize when things are going wrong.

To me one of the keys here is to dwell in the secret place of most high. Dwelling there you will be in tune with God and your own spiritual life.

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I think you're going a little too far there.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 06 Sep 2011 00:39:35 GMT
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hi Hardbones,

I say people should not attempt faith near death's door. . .

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I think you're going a little too far there.

This quote typifies the crux of the matter for me.

That something is mucho wrong and people do not see
the importance of it.

Without realizing things are not right between God and the church

then people can be overconfident if/when they get near deaths door.

This overconfidence is reminiscent of 30 years ago

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as far as looking from an intellectual point of view

I think it appropriate to perceive that the promised
annointings are absent and realize that something
is seriously wrong. Then to pull back w/r faith
at death's door is appropriate because we have a history
in this area.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Tue, 06 Sep 2011 01:55:46 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Mon, 05 September 2011 18:39

I say people should not attempt faith near death's door. . .

until I Cor12 and apostles begin to happen.

in a soundbyte:

Something is wrong so stay away from death's door.

Jman, I agree that people shouldn't attempt faith near death's door. Faith is not something we attempt, one either has it or not, and if the answer is not, then I'd highly recommend getting on one's face before God until they have settled in their heart that they are born-again, filled with The Holy Spirit, and TRUST God to do and be all He has promised. There are most definately conditions to be met by a believer to receive of God's promises, including healing. Faith is conditional; seeing God is conditional...Without FAITH it's impossible to please Him Heb.11:6

I don't believe anyone needs an Apostle present in order to be healed, nor do I believe one has to be in a local assembly of believers where the gifts are present to be healed. I fully agree that the 'church' as is present in the world today lack the gifts and divine healing and every other God ordained functions such as the 5-fold ministry. But individual followers of Jesus Christ scattered throughout the world are believing for and receiving healings from God every day.

Faith isn't found through the intellect, faith comes by hearing/reading The Word of GOD and believing that He who makes these promises will bring them to pass. It's been said over and over, but simple, child-like taking God at His Word and holding on is the essence of faith. (James 1:1-8)

I also agree with what William was saying that there is a difference between individuals believing for their and their family's healings and the gift of healing as is set in The Body for the healing of others. I don't have the 'gift of healing', but I've prayed for and received healing many times over the last 30 years.

I wouldn't advise anyone to 'believe The Lord' for anything if they weren't in FAITH concerning it, much less being at deaths door. But as Ron said, I will pray with and agree to stand with any brothers or sisters who are trusting Jesus alone as healer and deliverer.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 00:55:13 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Mon, 05 September 2011 18:39

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What shall we do then ?
Oh ? I know ! Letâ€™s put our Faith in the Physicians of this world.

Should I trust in the Doctors from India, you know the Hindus. They could call on
There gods for wisdom cause ours doesnâ€™t have the power to fulfill His promises.

What about all the Muslim Doctors ? They could call out to Muhammed and get
Instructions from the Quran .

They all say they believe in Jesus, so they must be apart of the church also.
Tho I canâ€™t find any apostles in these groups either !?

Well maybe I could find a good Jewish Doctor, opps forgot, He doesnâ€™t recognize
Jesus as Lord and Savior .Not a candidate for apostleship, that wont work.

Now Iâ€™ve been told we have some really good Christians Doctors here in town, but
Non of them claim to be apostles either, that wonâ€™t work!

Now I got inside information on all these doctors. They all practice witchcraft in
One form or another ! Yes, I know it has been legalized in this country.

So what do we do now Brother Jman ?

I say:
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Prov 3:5-6 (KJV)

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 03:22:39 GMT
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hi
JWBTI,

Here is what to do.

1) decide Christianity is defined only by the Scriptures

2) look at I Cor 12 and Eph 4 and decide if God said sign/wonders are set in His church.

3) Realize that sign/wonders do not happen in the churches

4) Pray about what this means

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 03:34:24 GMT
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Hi,

Moulder, in a different thread you referenced this healing thread
mixing it with the other mark of the beast topic.

I am not clear for sure on your meaning, but I think I got it.

(I hope I am not making up an entirely new question)

you said:
'Can one safely rely on God to feed and provide without taking 'the mark'? '

Are you saying => if we cannot safely go to death's door as I say here in
this thread then can we safely go to 'starvation's door' at the time of the mark?

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insert positive confession here - no one expects to be around mid-trib
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thinking . . .

thinking some more . . .

A very interesting question (I hope it was truly what you meant)

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aside: This whole thought process happens because the signs/wonders are
missing - something that is unbiblical and should be impossible
for us to see happen.

So we are in uncharted waters - asking what is right to do when the
proper, normal annointing is missing

ultimate bottom line is get the annointing to work and then see immediate
manifestaions happen on time- no exceptions, every time.

I have made a distinction between misc prayer
requests and those prayers that require an immediate manifestation.
Healing right before death is an immediate situation.

Since signs/wonders are a form of God doing an immediate manifestation
and they are missing I then warn to avoid prayers that need an immediate
manifestation such as at death's door. . . .saying such immediate acts of
God do not happen in our experience so we cannot safely attempt such prayers.

With respect to starving in the trib without the mark . . .

it would be weeks to die of starvation but it really is sort of an immediate
manifestation that is needed.

believers would have no choice but to face starvation in the trib just the same
as a hypothetical accident victim might have no choice but to face
death's door after a car wreck.

Both (death's door healing/immenent starvation) cannot be done safely in the current state
of the church (church is the people) in my opinion - because they require
immediate action from God which does not reliably happen in our experience.

Both should be avoided if at all possible, given an option.

Not given the option then the believer can only do the best he can to survive
while staying faithful.

how that is walked -> is up to each believer and the critics should keep quiet.

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after thought ----

If one sees as I do that the promised, immediate manifestation things are missing... reason unknown, who to blame unkown

then . . .

possibly the brethern who experienced tragedies approx 30 years ago were not to blame that immediate, life saving manifestations did not occur.

Maybe there was a larger problem in play- that we lacked annointing to see immediate manifestations at all.

A larger problem that is still ignored and continues even to this day.

jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 13:48:47 GMT
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A different issue that relates.

JWBTI said

' They all practice witchcraft in One form or another '

I gather it is still taught that to go for medical help
is to go to the occult, to go to the devil for your healing.

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Mucho years ago, as I recall, the teaching was . . .

Pharmakeia means witchcraft so pharmacy things (meaning drugs)
are witchcraft.

The origins of med science is that in Bible times - until the
middle ages - they were practicing the occult - divination,magic,etc
so modern med science is still witchcraft

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Any other "proofs" that medical science is occult ?

Maybe I am not up to date.

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he went to the arm of the flesh

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others who miss it in other faith trials.

and live to fight another day
and he and the assembly are not ridiculed for failure which
is different than Biblical persecution

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So. . . could anyone please educate me further as to why
medical science is occult or witchcraft?

theological 'logical' reasonings encouraged

Biblical proof hoped for

If you are going to quote special revelations that
people have had then you are going to loose me.

Or do people no longer believe the going to medical
science is occult contact?

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 15:56:03 GMT
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In view of the title for this thread,

Divine healing- every time, no exceptions.

My nephew has a 6 year old son that has been a vegetable since birth..

Any one want to volunteer to come pray for him and raise him up??

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 18:01:04 GMT
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Hi Grandom

words are too trivial

I am sorry that happened to your family

'Any one want to volunteer to come pray '

want to ? Yes, so badly I ache.

Am I able to do so? Sadly, no not right now.

Maybe we will get this working and someday

I, or you, or one of the young bucks will
go over and pray and it will happen.

To use a cliche - It is truly realistic
to "keep hope alive"

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 18:12:57 GMT
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[quote

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want to ? Yes, so badly I ache.

Am I able to do so? Sadly, no not right now.

Jman

[/quote]

Sadly that`s where we are at now. James 5:14-15 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. The word is absolutely true.The sad part is the elders don`t have the faith to pray for others and have them raised up.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 19:21:32 GMT
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Hi Grandom,

Thanks for posting.

'elders don`t have . . . "

In my theory there is a general lack of
overall annointing that is bigger than
the elders.

I would not blame the elders the same as
I would not blame the "faith tragedy"
families from 30 years ago.

I think everyone is plugging along doing
their best but for some reason things just
do not work as they should.

It is like there is a light switch on the wall
but no electricity, no power. We look at brother
Zeke or elder XYZ and say go ahead and flip the
switch - make your child better or make that
person rise up off the sick bed - they do what they
know to do and flip the switch but nothing happens.
They become the "dodo bird" of the month and get
the blame but the issue is bigger than them.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Wed, 07 Sep 2011 20:03:53 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Wed, 07 September 2011 14:21Hi

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Jman

I guess that`s why I questioned the title of the thread.

Divine healing- everytime, no exceptions.

In theory yes. In practise at this time no

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 00:21:03 GMT
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Jman wrote,
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to see these type of immediate manifestations.

I say people should not attempt faith near death's door. . .

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Brother Jman,

This is real life, Not hypothetical,

Every week I face 20-30 dear souls at Bible Study, I see the pain, the hopelessness in There eyes and on there faces. Half of them range in the ages of 60 to 90 years old, All of which had given there whole life over to medical science. Now they are told There is nothing more we can do for you. Just live with your incurable diseases and pains.

The pastors wife, age 42 has MS, they have given her no hope. Some of the younger Ones have issues also, but because they have no insurance or the money to pay for Treatment, they are turned down for medical care.

I admit my short falls and lack of anointing, my heart is broken for these people.
I would cherish the day that I could wave my hand over the whole group and see the Immediate manifestations. But until that times comes, I can only point them to Faith in Gods Word and use what faith I have to stand with them Even near Death Door !
Because thatâ€™s all they have !

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Mon, 12 Sep 2011 16:32:32 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Wed, 07 September 2011 08:48

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is to go to the occult, to go to the devil for your healing.

james' answer in blue...

If it isn't it should be.

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Maybe I am not up to date.

If what you've been taught isn't proof enough, then I doubt seriously that you'd receive any further teaching.

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and he and the assembly are not ridiculed for failure which
is different than Biblical persecution

I beg to differ with you Jman, standing on God's Word and being ridiculed for it, IS Biblical persecution...especially when the authorities become involved.

if the medical science = occult idea is an error then

grievous guilt/condemnation is heaped on people in error

IF??? but it's not an error. But based on your argument it looks like you have decided it is...

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So. . . could anyone please educate me further as to why
medical science is occult or witchcraft?

Like I said, if you haven't received that which has been taught in the past, then I can't see you receiving it today...after all, the foundational truths of divine healing and health has been laid out extensively, as have the origins of medical science.

theological 'logical' reasonings encouraged

Biblical proof hoped for

If you are going to quote special revelations that
people have had then you are going to loose me.

Or do people no longer believe the going to medical
science is occult contact?

I'm sure there are many who have 'changed their mind' and returned to the arm of the flesh, that doesn't change it from being an open door to oppression and result in chastisement.

Jman, if you would please, go over the the Introduction section and read the thread on "Why I Would Rather Trust Jesus", there is some good info there and one small testimony...thanks, james

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 13 Sep 2011 02:17:02 GMT
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Quote:
If what you've been taught isn't proof enough, then I doubt seriously that you'd receive any further teaching.

To me Christianity is defined only by the Scriptures.

This pharmakeia/occult topic is a good case in point.

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Is the following from the Scriptures?

Pharmakeia means witchcraft in the Bible.
Pharmakeia also means the use of drugs.
Therefore all use of drugs is witchcraft.

or is it man's logic?
or is it a revelation via the elders that everyone walks in

(possibly I have set aside "revelations to the elders" that others still keep)

I say the logic that says "therefore all drug use is occult" is faulty man's logic.
That it is the application of logic and not Scriptures.

On point to the above (in this thread) diabetes example . . .

A drug that is fully understood - say insulin that does a known chemical reaction
in the blood - is NOT MAGIC.

Quote:
origins of medical science

When we say modern med science is occult because of the origins we need to re-evaluate

The origins of chemistry go back to Alchemy -- a very occult system with potients
and spells. Do we want to declare modern chemistry occult because of its occult origins
and avoid car batteries, soap, drain cleaner, plastics, various clothing materials ,
almost everything in modern life?

The "origins means it is occult" theory needs a re-think.

Quote:
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I did not see the med science/occult topic dealt with in any depth.

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You can see that I reject the pharmakeia logical argument
and the "origins" argument so I have no reason to believe that
medical science is occult.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 13 Sep 2011 02:52:53 GMT
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Hi,

My original question was :

Are there any ministers out there still preaching divine healing
in an uncompromised way?

How do they handle the serious cases to avoid tragedies?

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Is this a fair summary?

Indeed the message is still taught in many churches.
What is different now from 30 years ago is that

as per Hardbones:

"the pastor has a finger on his peoples spiritual life
and is in a position to recognize when things are going wrong. "

So the pastors are closer to the people and if a tragedy is
coming they avoid it by telling the parent (or sick person) to

as per JWBTI:
Get help !

Then tragedies can be avoided unlike 30 years ago when the ministers
did not have the option to suggest getting help without they themselves
being criticized.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Tue, 13 Sep 2011 05:12:49 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Mon, 12 September 2011 21:52Hi,

My original question was :

Are there any ministers out there still preaching divine healing
in an uncompromised way?

How do they handle the serious cases to avoid tragedies?

I don't know, I would think there are, but have no proof since I don't follow or have the ability to know what is taught by ministers 'out there'. And since I don't I should have not commented on the question, sorry to have done so.

"You can see I reject the pharmakeia logical argument and the "origins" argument so I have no reason to believe medical science is occult."

As to what you have decided to reject or believe is your choice, we each are face with that and each answer for our own choices.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 13 Sep 2011 12:22:07 GMT
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Hi,

"As to what you have decided to reject or believe is your choice, we each are face with that and each answer for our own choices."

James,

well said.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by DeWayne on Wed, 14 Sep 2011 07:13:10 GMT
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Quite an interesting topic indeed! The obvious seems to often be ignored or forgotten. I.E. AT LEAST a quarter million people die from medical errors annually. I suspect that is truly VERY conservative. Which is only the 'tip of the iceberg'. Yes indeed doctors can do amazing things. After all they were created by our infinite Jesus/God. Medical deaths from errors do not even include those who nearly die or are crippled and vegetables the rest of their lives. Why is it so difficult to trust in the living God of the Bible to fulfill what He promised? After all, He raised the Nation of Israel from the dead as He said He would do.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Mon, 19 Sep 2011 07:52:45 GMT
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It is an interesting topic... especially since this is the one area that has been and still is the rock of offense in our circles.

I've said elsewhere on here that the branding of medical science as occult was probably the watershed event in Faith Assembly's history. The idea was presented in OT Theology. From that point opting to trust in medical science ceased from being a mere 'lack of faith in God' to an active turning away from God and seeking help from Satan. Just as Saul sought help from the witch of Endor and paid dearly for it, those who sought help from other 'deities' were doing so at the peril of their own souls.

It was a game changer.

Not one of us has perfect faith (yet! <grin>) and there are times in our lives that we haven't fully trusted in God for our finances, our deliverance, or our health. Like the apostles who stayed on the boat as Peter walked on the water, we too have found ourselves arranging our lives so as to

avoid all contact with the unknown. But just as the apostles matured in their faith and eventually 'got it right' we too are maturing and learning to trust God in more profound ways.

More and more we learn that it is much better to 'trust in the Lord'.

We learn that a life that is dependent upon Him is not as scary a prospect as it once was and over time we even begin to enjoy this aspect of our walk with Him.

This is the way it works in most of the aspects of our lives. Our faith grows and deepens each and every day. Not only did the disciples of the NT learn to depend on God in this way but this was the pattern for the children of Israel as they begin their journey in the wilderness.

With that as background we can see that God expects for us to depend on Him and that He is displeased when we do not. (Just look at the trouble that befell those who continued to resist His provision in the wilderness.)

BUT... it became a completely different ball game when they begin to actively seek to appease other gods in their quest for deliverance. When they made for themselves idols and turned away from the living God (who, by the way, had been miraculously providing them with *all* they had needed) their fate was sealed. They had crossed the line from learning to trust in God and maturing in their faith to actively turning away from Him by seeking the gods of the people... this was the abomination.

Learning to walk by faith day by day and the joy that comes from that pursuit ceases when the alternative is damnation; one who chooses to turn to other 'gods' for protection and deliverance has nothing to look forward to, all hope ceases.

By choosing this route one rejects God's provision and can no longer count on His blessings. At this point it is no longer a process of learning to trust but it is active rebellion against God. It matters not whether one's faith has matured to the point of being able to jump out of the boat in the face of the wind and waves; at this point it is a matter of rejecting God and no one wants (or wanted) to do that. That was our situation and it is no surprise that many would rather die than contemplate apostasy. No Christian would choose that route even if it meant death.

This is why the topic is so important. It is one thing to turn at the last minute to your brother-in-law for the money you need to pay the rent instead of trusting that God will miraculously supply but it is altogether different to turn away from God as Saul did and seek our help/healing/deliverance from Satan which is what we do if all medical science is occult.

So is it merely a lack of faith or is it apostasy to seek medical help?

Not that I'm commending a lack of faith but surely those brothers and sisters who made up our

assembly can see the distinction I'm trying to make concerning this topic? In our circles this was not about faith or the lack thereof but about choosing God, or choosing Satan... at least that is what it became.

People with no faith for healing were choosing to die because of what the alternative meant.

Martyrs throughout history have done the same thing... maybe the circumstances were different but essentially it boiled down to either choosing God, or choosing Satan. They were willing to choose God even without His miraculous intervention and they will no doubt be rewarded extravagantly for their choice. I also believe those who have made that choice in our circles will be beneficiaries of the same reward even if this question is answered differently than we were taught... it is always better to trust in the Lord.

That said, I do think that this type of discussion is sorely needed if for no other reason than to clarify in our own minds the difference between a lack of faith and/or a lack of fidelity to God.

I hope the extent of the conversation doesn't degenerate into two camps-- those who 'hold fast' to the teaching verses those who do not--but hopefully it can be a fruitful discussion that will lead us into a solid understanding of why we believe what we believe which should help us to stand on the solid rock and give us wisdom in dealing with those who have no clue about any of this.

Paul taught us that there are those who are weak in the faith and there are those who are strong. Those with scruples, and those who are free. In either case we are admonished to recognize that each will stand or fall based upon their relationship to Him, and that He is able to make us all to stand!

How one answers the question may very well determine whether or not his conscience is violated. I know that some have never even considered that going to medical science might be occult but the fact remains that many did and were willing to pay the ultimate price for their beliefs. Rightly or wrongly they held fast to what they believed and I think that is to be commended, not derided.

Others believed that it was apostasy and when they succumbed to fear and turned to medical science for help their conscience condemned them. I'm sure there are many in this category who have not recovered even to this day... my prayer is that they will realize that it is the devil who condemns and that Jesus is the repairer of the conscience.

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Hopefully someone will have some good answers!

Blessings,

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Seriously, other than to point one to the scriptures that pertain to obedience, trust, healing, and divine health, I don't know what else to say...The message is the same, we give them the message we were given...and if we've learned anything, it's leave the rest up to them, WITHOUT PRESSURE(pray with them if desired, stand in faith with them, encourage and love), but allow them the same mercy we hope for if we should stumble.

In hindsight, I personally should be ashamed <and was> because in 2006 I let down my shield of faith and allowed myself to be talked into going to medical science...with NO positive results, wasted thousands of dollars; it took repentance to be restored to health.(Yes, repentance and deliverance.) I can give testimony after testimony of what God has done for me over the last 30 years(except for the one time in 2006, which He healed me as promised after I got right with Him...but even in that experience where I sinned against my Lord, yep it was sin for me because I KNEW better, but I learned a lesson I'll cherish forever>) but if a person doesn't want to believe, or is unwilling to seek The Lord about it then it's up to them. I'm not going to use scare tactics or coercion.

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Tell them :

Pharmakeia means witchcraft in the Bible.
It also means use of drugs.
The origins of med science is the occult practices of the Bible-era physicians.

From this many people we know believe to go to med-science for healing is to go to the occult sources â€“ to go to the devil for healing.

The â€œmed-science is occultâ€• concept is not taught in the Bible. It came from a teacher many years ago who many thought had a great anointing to teach.

Jman

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Well, I don't think I've given my opinion yet. Opinions aren't really what we are after anyway, right? Opinions allow others to take the broad-stroked brush and paint us into this corner or that but really don't address the main problems inherent to either side.

Okay, that was an opinion but let me explain what I mean. Jman pointed out that while the origin of a profession or a practice might have some unsavory elements it doesn't necessarily hold true that the modern version of the practice is to be defined by its ancient practitioners.

Science doesn't have to be derived from a witches' brew of ingredients smoldering over the flame of a candle burning in the middle of a pentagram (although you sometimes wonder how they come up with some of those theories!<grin>). I think that everyone here can appreciate *true* science. Science and religion are not at odds with each other (again, talking about *true* science here).

The desire to help someone who is sick is a commendable calling. It has been said that if you break your arm you'd probably want someone who had a little scientific knowledge about bone structure and a smidgen of biology to help you out of your predicament. Can we pray? Sure. Can God heal a broken bone? Absolutely. Can you have someone set the bone? Why not?

Someone with scientific knowledge can prepare you a set of lens that will enable your aging eyes to see better... is this what we are talking about when we refer to medical science? I hope not. (Hope I didn't lose anyone here... this just happened to be a biggie back in the day!)

If you are believing for your eyesight I'm not suggesting that this is the way to act your faith... just so you know... but neither do I think you can attribute getting a pair of glasses with occultism.

I don't want to spend a lot of time giving example after example of situations in the medical field that have nothing to do with the occult as most of you can come up with your own examples where this would be true. So there, an absolute statement that all of medical science is occult is not accurate.

Multiple thousands of nurses take care of the sick everyday and not all of them are priestesses of Satan. Compassion for the sick is an attribute that not all of us have... thank God there are those who have this ministry otherwise we would have little time to do anything except visit the sick!

I'll leave defending surgeons to someone a little less squeamish than myself especially since I'm not convinced that they aren't sadists at heart anyway.

Leaving all of the ways that medical science could be useful and 'scientific' we come to parts that are more closely related to the ancient practitioners of occultic magic--drugs.

We probably unfairly lumped everything together in our youthful zeal (all aspects of medical science) but at the heart of it all was the issue of drugs...

Unfortunately I'm out of time today folks, but if you'll tune in next week, same time, same place... (and keep those cards and letters coming!) I will give you a good ole dose of light-hearted medicine that will keep you in stitches... until then, good night, and God bless!

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But it isn't the same argument or at least it isn't one that can be applied universally... Jman goes on to show that it isn't a 'universal' truth that forever prohibits anything good from coming out of a tradition that was rooted in occultism. He gave chemistry as an example. I'm not ready to give up on my battery operated toys just yet!

There is no equivalency in those examples.

Blessings,
William

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Your last statement gets to the heart of the matter, really this is the point we're all dancing around...

If our conclusion is that *all* medical science is occult... and if we love our brothers and sisters... there is only one course of action and it cannot be 'to each his own'. Our only course of action under these conditions is to do whatever we can to warn against occultic practices... we are to pull them out of the fire at any cost. Forget whether or not they have faith for healing... we're talking about their eternal standing, not some optional choice that we should leave to chance. If your mother decided to visit a fortune teller would you tell her "well, that's your choice"? I think not.

That is a position that we'd take if someone obviously didn't have faith for healing... (not saying that we wouldn't strongly encourage them to believe God, but we wouldn't give them the dire warning that their actions were bordering on apostasy).

One we would encourage to get into the Word of God; build up their faith; learn to trust, etc., but the other we would attempt to stop at all costs--even if they did not have faith for healing.

I may be blowing it all out of proportion (if I am please let me know) especially since I seem to be unable to get this crucial point across, but don't you all see that this very question (occult or lack of faith) has been the underlying theme of most of our troubles?

We tend to be a suspicious bunch always hedging our agreements until we can be assured that the person we are agreeing with is totally pure--doctrinally speaking, but surely we are mature enough to listen to valid points even if they are coming from someone who 'may' hold to a viewpoint that 'may' be different from the 'official' stance.

I almost resent (just making a point here!) having to state my own credentials in order to be heard on this matter but knowing our background (and even my own suspicious nature!) let me say that I am fully 100% convinced that healing is in the atonement; God doesn't need or work through medical science; true healing is divine healing and that is only through one source--Jesus Christ; He has been and remains my only source of healing; I have nothing to do with medical science; I am not defending medical science; I'm not encouraging anyone to do anything outside of trusting in Him completely and I don't celebrate Christmas!<grin>

So, you may ask, why the interest in this particular thread and why is this issue is so important to me?

It is important because of the people whose lives have been shattered due to their understanding of the question we've been considering.

As I see it you have at least three groups:

1) those family members who lacked faith for healing and lost loved ones because they thought that any association with medical science was occult. This resulted in great condemnation for those who were responsible. (We all know the miserable track record of medical science and that even had they gone that route a successful outcome wasn't guaranteed, but try telling that to someone who has lost a loved one...)

2) those who lost their faith because they believed medical science was occult and when they chose that route they in effect condemned themselves.

3) those kids who grew up in the atmosphere of the above two groups.

So, the question remains... occult or not?

Blessings,
William

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Posted by GWB on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 07:04:21 GMT
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I just wrote an entire page for two hours and accidently erased the entire thing. So, this response will not be as detailed as I originally wanted. I do want to respond. I have questioned many things for years.

I believe that medicine in various forms, hormones (insulin) good food or junk food, herbs, drinks of all kinds, exercise, vitamins, stimulis from without as in sun, TV, or computer screens, and sanitation principles all cause simple chemical reactions within the body. I am sure there are many more things that would be in this group, including the OT Law that kept God's people from the plague of the Middle Ages. I feel that it is up to the individual as to how much "reaction" you feel is right or wrong for you and in the form in which it is delivered. Most of the above is simple chemistry.

I don't believe it is occult to balance your physiology or body with components unless they alter your mind. I feel that this is where the occult comes into play.

I also believe that medicine is a science that is practiced. Absolutely, mistakes are made. I am not here to totally defend medicine. However, I do believe that many things have been proven to be helpful, and are controlled (insulin) and are useful to people. In the end, it is their choice whatever the substance may be, including food and simple, but important, health choices we make everyday.

I see no difference between caffeine and insulin. Both are used to supplement the system in order to cause the reaction that is wanted at the time both are used. As a matter of fact, insulin will not give you the "buzz" that caffeine will induce. The pancreatic hormone (insulin) will only allow the body to maintain that particular endocrine system. The difference is that insulin is regulated and caffeine is not. It is readily available to anyone who chooses this, "stimulant, drug, or form of medicine," if you will.

So, where do we draw the line and just what is the real balance?

Being in the medical field, I have seen a lot. I have seen many things we were taught, as well as, much help given to many. I have seen a man's beating heart in open heart surgery clogged with plaque due to him eating junk food his entire life and not exercising properly. I have even seen a better diet handed to someone who did not understand what foods are good and bad for their particular situation.

I have cleaned and smelled things that you would have to be there to believe due to the fact that they could not do it themselves. Because of the access I have, I have also whispered in many, many ears the plan of salvation hours before death. I have also seen reactions and monitors go off, when sharing, when they are comatose or semi-comatose. You can't tell me they did not hear me, especially when a few had tears rolling down their cheeks as "vegetables."

After sharing all of this, just what do I still believe from FA, some might ask? God knows my heart and this is true.

I will use this thread to share that Jesus delivered me, tonight, from a heart attack. All of the symptoms were there trying to scream in my head and ear. I had a peace that passes all understanding knowing that nothing can touch me unless He allows it.

So, again, where do we draw the line? I draw it where Jesus wants me to, that is where. Only He knows my heart and what I understand to be true to His Word.

I will also share that He is leading me, somewhat, out of the medical field. When all of that happens, I will share with OO.

As an RN, I hope you respect my opinion, as much as, I respect each and everyone else here on OO.

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Hi William,

I wasn't equating celebrating the holidays with medical science, I was saying that it's been my experience that it's the same mindset that justifies the choices made. But idolatry is idolatry, whether it happened in the year 2000 BC or in 2000 AD. And I'm not one to 'dance all around an issue', I may/could be wrong about something, but at least I will plainly speak what I believe...but you're right, we do have some dancers. As to sharing the truth and pulling them out of the fire, not saying to each his own...I wasn't saying to jman, 'to each his own'; I said we each are responsible for what we reject or believe and I was saying it to one who has been taught the truth. I would and have shared differently with ones who haven't been taught the truth about medical science(such as my own family). He already knows, he's chosen to believe differently, THAT is his choice...not that I'm saying that it doesn't matter to God, IT DOES, but we're given free will...to chose life or death, obey or disobey, God or man.....

Hi Gillyann,

You stated that "He is leading me, somewhat, out of the medical field."

And that as an RN you want your opinion respected.

That's great that you're leaving 'the medical field',(surely you don't think 'He' lead you into it in the first place?) I'm saying this in love and without condemnation and at the risk of being scorned by others who might believe differently; but you've opened doors to serious oppression that need closing(I know that intellectually you know this, having been taught deliverance and the experiences you've openly shared here, but sometimes we can't see the forest for the trees when

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I respect you as a person, and have shown you respect over the last 3 1/2 years but I don't have a lot of respect for the titles such as 'RN' (registered nurse)or MD (medical doctor). I'm sure as an RN you have tons of stories of both 'good' and 'bad' experiences around medical science, that doesn't change the truth one iota...

Love ya'll in Jesus, I ain't mad...<smile>

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Actually I had someone else in mind when I wrote that and as I look back on it I see that it was a more a reflection on my own feelings than any objective actualities that have been presented here. I hate that old walking-on-eggshells feeling that rises up when I'm speaking to my brothers and sisters from FA... that automatic 'on guard' shield that keeps me from opening up is probably not as big a deal as I've imagined it to be. In other words, just because I've had a problem in that area doesn't mean it is a universal problem with others and even if it is it is not something that I should be concerned with, right? (Get the log out of your own eye Willie boy!).

Now before I turn this whole discussion into an introspective free-for-all let me get off of the couch, quit crying, and say that I luv you all very much and I apologize for taking cheap shots at the peanut gallery!

This forum would be nothing without you James and as I think about it each one of the regular participants adds such a unique perspective that it would be difficult to be inspired (as I am regularly by you all!) if we lost anyone. I don't know about you, but I've missed the 'sage' advice of one of the members very much.

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dumping the responsibility of Believing totally on the ones we are praying for ?

I've gone back and forth on this over the years. It's almost like the Calvin/Arminius debate... how much of the responsibility do we bear for the lack of anointing verses just how much of the anointing has the Holy Spirit delegated? It's a tough question.

It's like the old saying "I would, if you would" kind of thing at work. Are we the problem or is it the Holy Spirits' fault? (I know we'd never blame the Holy Spirit directly, but sometimes we act as if it is His fault by our attitudes!)

I lean toward it being our lack of consecration and faith right now, but I may be swayed tomorrow! (How's that for being decisive? <grin>)

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 16:10:25 GMT
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I ain't mad either!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions

Posted by james on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 16:47:36 GMT
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moulder wrote on Tue, 20 September 2011 10:21
This forum would be nothing without you James and as I think about it each one of the regular participants adds such a unique perspective that it would be difficult to be inspired (as I am regularly by you all!) if we lost anyone. I don't know about you, but I've missed the 'sage' advice of one of the members very much.

Blessings,
William

I thanks you for the kind words and I know you meant well, but i am nothing and if this forum was raised up by God to minister to people(including ourselves), and I fully believe that it was, He can/will/does use whomever He choses. My only redeeming quality(if I have one) is that I am willing and desirous to be used. When I was lead here(I believe my steps are directed by The Lord) I was in need of ministry, I needed other Christians to fellowship with and be encouraged by. I got that, plus far more than I could have expected. I was a very marred piece of clay, that HE would mercifully take the time to make me again into a vessel He could use...words fail to express my feelings.

Now, back to the subject at hand, medical science and the occult.

ps. I miss Sue as well, if you're still reading along Sue, we miss your imput and fellowship.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 17:24:34 GMT
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I`ll probably be excommunicated GWB. My daughter is an RN also.

She works very hard to be a compassionate caring nurse. It is a

very stressful job as you well know and as most nurses do they put

their patients well aware above their own..

Btw if there was no insulin my wife would not be here with me.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 18:34:22 GMT
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"I`ll probably be excommunicated GWB. My daughter is an RN also."

Hardly, grandom! Bless her heart and my prayers are with her for what she does!

Now...I hope James does not excommunicate me for saying that! BTW...I still ain't mad at anybody.

I agree with moulder. We all have different opinions, experiences, and bring different outlooks to OO. I would not want to lose anyone due to a conversation or disagreement. At least we agree to disagree and we are not mocking or insulting each other like we used to! Hey, we have come a long way!

I seriously don't feel like I have to walk on eggshells anymore. We all have strong beliefs and personalities. However, I have learned the hard way to walk my own walk, be honest and as open as possible with others, and myself, and to respect the fact that every believer is in a totally different place with Jesus.

OK. I feel like I have gotten the warm and fuzzies out of the way. This is a very, very valuable conversation and I am open to all of it.

Thank God for OO!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 18:44:59 GMT
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Choices...

I have been seeking a better understanding of some scriptures concerning obedience or disobedience, blessings or curses, trusting God or trusting man. I came across a commentary by a Jewish Rabbi on choices. He is using the Torah and using the text in Devarim(Deuteronomy)11:26. First I'll quote the KJV: Verses 26-28

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of The LORD your God, which I command you this day:

And a curse, if you will not obey the commandments of The LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known."

The Rabbi says,"In other words, Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses, our teacher) was telling the Jewish people, I place before you a CHOICE. Everything is about choice." (we know that it was G-D that who was giving them this choice, Moses was just the messenger)

Over in Jeremiah 17:5-8 another choice is offered to the Israelites.

"Thus saith The LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from The LORD.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in The LORD, and whose hope The LORD is.

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

What's changed since these scriptures were written? What's changed since we were taught this in great detail 30 years ago? Gods Word? Our faith? It was crystal clear to me then and it remains clear to me today, we are given the choice, should we make the wrong one we WILL be under a curse (lot of folks speak of a desert experience, hello?)and should we obey, we will walk in blessings.(a tree by the water, yeilding fruit)

Praise God, He changeth not; yet He is longsuffering and forgiving, but to be forgiven one must confess and repent. Amen?

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 19:05:32 GMT
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Ok. I realize that I am not up to your standards concerning the healing issue, and that truely is OK...really.

However, what do you want me to repent about? The fact that my head, or my faith, is not where

yours is, right now? In that case, I would be repenting out of condemnation.

I love your passion and grasp of the Word, but I am not on the same page as you are for now. I would love to be Smith Wigglesworth, but I am not, and I know it. BTW, that is not a jab on my part towards you...honestly.

Where and when do you allow people like me, who don't "quite get it," even after all of these years, to keep growing and waiting for the light bulb moment?

According to you, and me, I have genuine beliefs and struggles, if you will. So, what are you going to do with me?

You can twist my arm all you want, but I will, and am, screaming ouch!

BTW...still not mad!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 19:46:34 GMT
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Gillyann,

I WAS NOT addressing you, per say. I know and understand that many people will read this, I'm encouraging them to turn back to that which they first embraced when they said, "Yes Lord, I'll follow you"...it's the plough thing, we can't look back and expect to enter in. I 'AIN'T there either in every aspect of my walk with Jesus, but I know unless He finds FAITH when He returns, people can confess to be overcomers til the cows come home, without total trust in Him we don't have a ticket on the first load going up. That's me, you, William, and any other confessing Christian. When are we going to prepare? We got to get the oil now...today is the time.

I said that I have know for 3 years that you were into medical science, I've never said one thing to you about it, either on OO or in private messages. And I certainly have no intentions of 'doing' anything 'with' you except to love and encourage you. I firmly believe this, if Hobart Freeman were here today he would be saying the same(or near to it) thing.

I am not the poster boy for a perfect man, I have no standard except God's Word. Forget the messenger, remember the message.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions

Posted by GWB on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 20:18:35 GMT
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"I certainly have no intentions of 'doing' anything 'with' you except to love and encourage you."

Thanks, James. That is more than enough.

I appreciate everything you have shared. For a moment there, I was wondering if you had prayed for patience recently.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 21 Sep 2011 00:50:13 GMT
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I said:

They all practice witchcraft in
One form or another ! Yes, I know it has been legalized in this country.
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So did I !

I was a slave to all and every drug that had a possibly of taking
Away the pain caused by Cluster head aces ! Even after I came into the message
Of Faith. No one condemned or criticized me, they pointed me to Gods Word.

God had mercy on me and one day the light came on ! Praise Jesus !
Healed in Jesus Name !

My heart goes out to those that tend to the sick and the needy.
Be it the physicians, nurses or aids, if they do it with a pure heart !
Is that occultâ€¦â€¦.No !

Do I question the use of drugs used by modern medicineâ€¦..Yes !
Do I caution others on the use and effects of those drugsâ€¦..Yes !
So do the doctors and pharmacy !

Do I believe that those drugs are linked to the occult ?
When I considered the damaging effects that those drugs had on
my mind an bodyâ€¦â€¦â€¦yes !

Do I condemn those that seek help from Medical Scienceâ€¦..Nope !

My prayer is that God would grant you Mercy and Grace as He
did me and bring healing to you in Jesus Name !

Forget not all his benefits:
1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's
Psalms 103:1-5 (KJV)

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Wed, 21 Sep 2011 02:39:43 GMT
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Thanks brother for the encouragement. I do feel like we are all in this together. For that I am so very thankful. I love each and every one of you.

BTW...I know how you love music. I am getting equipment to transfer tapes to CD. I have about a dozen more to share in the music section. It is a lot of work, but I know it is what He would have me do. Also, I have more notes to post that Linda found.

I know...You guys pray for me to have less hours in order to give me time for my next venture away from medicine. That will give me more time for the new music and notes to get posted for all to enjoy as well! HaHa!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Sun, 02 Oct 2011 15:39:11 GMT
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moulder wrote on Mon, 19 September 2011 02:52It is an interesting topic... especially since this is

the one area that has been and still is the rock of offense in our circles.

That said, I do think that this type of discussion is sorely needed if for no other reason than to clarify in our own minds the difference between a lack of faith and/or a lack of fidelity to God.

I hope the extent of the conversation doesn't degenerate into two camps-- those who 'hold fast' to the teaching verses those who do not--but hopefully it can be a fruitful discussion that will lead us into a solid understanding of why we believe what we believe which should help us to stand on the solid rock and give us wisdom in dealing with those who have no clue about any of this.

Hopefully someone will have some good answers!

For whatever the reason (and I understand the reason could be me and the way I share what I believe The Word teaches), this conversation came to a screeching halt and no one besides Grandom and myself have had anything to say since then on any topic. Hopefully no one was offended, but if anyone was and the offence came by me, I'm sorry.(not for standing on what I believe, but for not articulating it in a way that wouldn't cause others to withdraw from continuing...just what William warned against)

If anyone wants to continue the discussion and "Hopefully someone will have some good answers!", I will refrain from commenting on this thread. And NO I'm not offended, just want to make sure I'm not a hinderance for anyone needing/seeking 'answers, help, and clarity' on this most important subject.

If I'm misreading peoples reactions and this just happens to be a coincidence, maybe everyones seeking The Lord (if so, awesome! or maybe everyone has said all they have on their hearts to say), but if not, please continue.

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Posted by william on Sun, 02 Oct 2011 16:54:31 GMT
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Hey James,

Just been busy here on this end... and I couldn't be troubled yesterday what with Auburn/SC and Alabama/Florida both televised on the old sewer-line! (Congratulations on the Auburn win, btw.)

All week I've been researching both the history and present-day application of DRUGS especially as it relates to Christians. I've even gone back to the tape that brother Freeman did on the subject way back when. I don't think that anything I've learned has changed my overall view on this subject but it has helped clarify some of the fuzzier aspects. (Fuzziness doesn't translate to faith very well!)

I think that our faith should rest solidly on the Word of God and not on someone's opinion lest we find ourselves standing on shifting sand. This is especially true if we expect others to hold to the same standard... obviously.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Mon, 03 Oct 2011 05:58:58 GMT
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As for me, I will always continue to seek answers and to weigh other's opinions.

There is so much on the line with all of the questions that have been addressed.

I don't take this topic lightly. Do we need to be able to embrace the uncompromised message of healing in order to "make it?" That is, without question, what was presented at FA.

You all know I respect Dr. Freeman very much. I am thankful I had the opportunity to learn so much about the Word from his ministry.

I am considerIng our attitude towards others, and ourselves, when wrestling with the issues at hand.

Many were hurt, and still are hurting, due to the "fight for the faith regardless" stand. My heart breaks for so many. I think it is one thing to fight, and I have had to fight for my life, and brush those people under the rug because everything does not line up with the apparent head knowledge.

You all know my story after FA. Also, I laid in childbirth to death's door. I told Him, after 36 hours of hard, horrid labor, that all I could do was push one more time and then I was ready to be with Him. You have to dilate 10 cm in order to deliver. I was too small and to push out 6 cm without anesthesia. People left the upstairs apartment and they closed all windows in hot weather due to neighbors and the fact that I was screaming at the top of my lungs out of pain for hours. My baby was born with jaundice which can be fatal. So, parden my details. My labor could have been helped with common sense puncturing of the bag. However, that was "help from man." Due to the trauma, my insides started to fall out. Even though my husband and I were in agreement to allow my body to heal, I was still the topic of a sermon about birth control. It was humiliating and devistating.

After being shunned for months, I moved back to the South in defeat. I had major players at FA call me and tell me that my salvation was at stake. Boy, what an encouragement!!!

So, dear brethren, this topic hits home very much. I could write a book about the condemnation I sent to others in my self righteousness and the condemnation sent my way and proclaimed over my walk.

Where do I stand in all of this? May God smite elitism in myself and the Body of Christ. It is very demonic and unproductive. IMHO

The Body of Christ is a family and familys can be very difficult to raise (whoops, rear...remember that one?). I truly believe we make it too difficult on those who are not picture perfect.

I always recall King Saul when I am tempted to judge others, "Oh, how the mighty have fallen."

I miss my precious sisters I sat next to in the nursery one night, and the next meeting their passing in childbirth, as well as the child, were not even acknowledged.

Is this what we call "defending the Faith?" God help our hardened hearts if it is.

Again, seriously, how are we to address these issues? Don't tell me it is water under the bridge because I am ministering to a dear sister who lost a baby 30 years ago!

What can you say to her right now as the siblings are in the process of getting a proper grave marker for the sister they never knew? Tell me what to say to her this coming week.

BTW...still not mad!!! Just not!!!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Mon, 03 Oct 2011 20:56:55 GMT
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James, in being raised (reared) with brothers, cousins, uncles, and brother-in-laws who demanded reponses whether I liked it or not , I would love your input. Don't hold back for my sake; boring.....

After all, that is what family is all about. So, please.....go for it.

P.S. Because of the Word and our Father who we have in common, I respect your opinion more than all of theirs put together.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Tue, 04 Oct 2011 18:49:33 GMT
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I just wanted to add to my above post that Bro. Freeman was not the one who addressed this issue.

I also want to say that all is forgiven towards anyone who might have had a part in what happened to me.

Someone came to my home, I thought out of great concern for me, prayed with me, and immediately went to one of the teachers at the time with the story. I don't know why they took it upon themselves to do this, but they also added things to the story that were never said by me. That is forgiven as well.

I believe we ALL did and said things out of our love and zeal for Jesus. I will always be grateful for everything I learned at FA and for every single person I knew. We all learned many things, both good and bad, and we have moved on to more mature places.

I am thankful for unconditional love from my brothers and sisters. I am also thankful for the grace He has given me to show that kind of love to those from the past and present. For me, that is a daily walk as situations arise.

Again, it can be so very difficult to raise a family, as in the Body of Christ. I am thankful to be a part of that family.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 05 Oct 2011 00:05:08 GMT
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Hi Gillyann,

We had a similar experience, though not as bad as the one you describe. It's tough when the ones that should be the most supportive are the least supportive, but it happens. I'll have to say that you really learn how to trust in Jesus during those times, probably more so than ever... (... all things work together...!).

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 05 Oct 2011 00:22:44 GMT
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james wrote on Tue, 20 September 2011 13:44Choices...

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This begs the question: Are curses to be equated to the occult?

I know that being involved in the occult will bring a curse but there are other things that will bring a curse that has nothing to do with the occult... at least as I understand it.

Not that I would recommend one over the other but David was under a curse for a time (for trusting in man) but I don't think we could charge him with occult involvement.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Fri, 07 Oct 2011 07:26:53 GMT
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Is it the drugs in 'medical' science that makes it occult (if indeed we conclude that it is) or the 'science'?

Science and Christianity always had a shaky alliance and even today you'll find that some Christians think that faith and science are in opposition to each other and have nothing in common (redundant, I know!). I'll agree that when science theorizes about things that are contrary to the plain teaching of scripture it ought to be opposed but in those cases 'scientific' facts are not really facts but merely theories arising from the unbelieving heart of man. True science should affirm (where it is capable) all that is true and since Jesus is perfect Truth anything that is contrary to His teaching (or His Word) is by definition -- not true.

Most of us here are not Amish. We enjoy the benefits of scientific discoveries without apology. (If you are Amish and are reading this you might need to re-consider whether or not you are faithful to the tenets of your religion.)

Furthermore, as active participants on these internet forums we cannot still hold to some of the

teachings of FA or we would have long ago discerned the reality that the internet is ten-times the sewer-line the television ever was. So it is not that we are incapable of separating the good from the bad... we do it all the time in this arena. (Not only in this arena... most of us don't even hold to the rigid rule we were taught concerning the original sewer-line -- that old television set.)

So what about the arena of medical science? Can we not examine it anew without being labeled as having forsaken the faith? Is there nothing redeemable in this field? How is it we can be so liberal in some areas but not in this area?

I don't mean in any way to discredit anything that we were taught that had as its basis the word of God. That never changes. But man's opinions do change and are in no way to be equated with infallible Scripture.

Truth is truth wherever it might be found. A dirty wound will almost always become infected unless it is throughly cleansed by soap (a wonderful chemical combination that, like deodorant, has become indispensable in almost all social situations!) or an antiseptic solution. (I suppose that there are natural soaps and deodorants that can be made from common ingredients that are totally natural -- like sand and water -- but who does this?<grin>)

A healthy diet is now the rule for those who want to remain healthy for the duration of a lifetime (another one of those ways that scientific discovery has been assimilated into our thinking) and we don't consider that a breach of faith even with the promise of healing so prominently taught in our circles.

I've been reading a lot about the subject of drugs this past week and while there is *much* to condemn, especially as it relates to ancient rites and mind-altering potential, some of the material I find hard to dismiss with a blanket statement as I've done in the past. I'm certainly not saying that faith in the atoning work of Jesus isn't the answer for Christians, it absolutely is, but I'm not at this point ready to say that *all* drugs fall into the occultic category. And if you've been reading this thread you know the importance I place upon the Christian's involvement with the occult -- a serious matter that can have eternal consequences.

If we do conclude that *all* drugs are to be placed in the realm of the occult we have more to be concerned about than we probably realize. We ingest all kinds of chemical concoctions everyday in the food we eat and the coffee we drink. I'm not sure we can escape this problem without serious thought being given to actually adopting more of an Amish lifestyle -- raising our own food and livestock. Even then we might have trouble because of our dependence upon drinking water and the air we breath -- both oftentimes containing trace amounts of chemical pollutions.

None of these things keep us from praying to the Lord for our daily bread and thanking Him for the abundant supply of all of our needs even as we chow down on the hormone injected sirloin steak, not to mention all of the other drugs given to livestock to prevent disease and whatnot.

Occult involvement, innocent or not, does not excuse us from its effects...(I've heard that somewhere before!)

Hopefully I haven't been too lighthearted in this thread because I would like to get across the absolute seriousness of the subject matter.

Occult or not? What could be more important than figuring this out? Some of our closest friends have given their lives because of this question, and the faith of others remain shipwrecked, all because of this.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Sun, 09 Oct 2011 17:05:14 GMT
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There seems to be not much appetite to attempt a definition of the pharmakeia doctrine.

I was totally on board with the med science = witchcraft teaching
approx 30 years ago.

Now I have changed to define Christianity solely by the Bible
and disallow private interpretations and personal revelations.
So now I say that the med science = witchcraft teaching is extra-Biblical
and should be set aside.

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Following are the concepts I would have posted in this forum 30 years ago
back when I believed the med science = occult teaching.

Possibly this will trigger new ideas for people.

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30 years ago I would have posted . . .

Med science is witchcraft for the following 2 reasons:

1)

Pharmakeia, the Greek word, means witchcraft, poisoning, the administering of drugs

Since the administering of drugs is so closely related to witchcraft - so much so that the Greek word was the same for both - therefore they are inseparable even unto this day.

Therefore drug administers (doctors, nurses,) are practicing witchcraft and contact with them in their health-providing capacity is occult contact whether drugs are involved in a given situation ot not - ie: going to an occult practitioner for health is occult even if drugs are not involved on a given day.

2)

The ministry gifts of our churches have taught the above concept or close to it.

These ministry gifts are the real deal a la Eph 4 and God has His hand on them to avoid serious error and possibly all error.

If the med science = occult contact teaching is error, since it is such an important doctrine, then God has failed to watch over us (the churches) doctrinally - a concept that is not even possible since we are a special end time move of God.

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Questions and answers- from 30 years ago

Q:Can a word definition from a word 2000 years ago be used to link modern med science to witchcraft?

A (30 years ago):The word definition links the use of drugs to witchcraft. So med science relates because med science uses drugs today.

Follow up: But the connection of witchcraft and drugs - could that connection have been because ancient witches used drugs as poisons - and there be no connection to modern drugs?

Beneficial, modern chemical combinations (drugs) were unknown in the first century so word usage would not have made the distinction between drugs as poison and drugs as helpful- because the helpful usage did not yet exist.

So then the first century word 'Pharmakeia' links witchcraft to the first century drug usage (poisoning). But drug usage has been changed so much by modern science that the linkage no longer applies.

A (30 years ago):Your concept makes some sense - modern drugs are far from the poisons of the first century witches. But I fall back on the fact that our anointed ministers have taught it as I am saying it.

Q:Is a farmer who uses antibiotics on his cattle an occult practitioner?

A (30 years ago):Yes because he is using drugs instead of praying for God to take care of the animals.

Q:
Should 'poisoning' be labeled occult by the same reasoning as 'administering drugs' - since

pharmakeia means 'poisoning' also?

Then gardeners, farmers (weed killing) , and people who spray ants are
occult practitioners just like doctors are occult practitioners?

A (30 years ago):
True the word definition logic is identical for farmers as it is for doctors but God has
only applied it to medical science - through our anointed teachers.

Q:
What about the argument that if you depart from the teachings of 30 years ago
that you are going to be judged?
A (30 years ago):
Possibly a consistent argument for someone who believes the ministry of 30 years
ago was caused by God to always be correct.

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30 years ago my defense of the med-science = occult
teaching would have rested heavily on the anointing
that I believed our ministry had - to always be correct.

I suspect where each person comes down on this issue
today relates mucho to the same belief or lack thereof
regarding the ministry.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Mon, 10 Oct 2011 00:35:15 GMT
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Jman wrote:
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Not so my friend !

In light of this discussion, I have been reevaluating The what and The why I Believe
That Medical Science = Occult.
Still searching, but will respond soon.

Jman wrote:
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and disallow private interpretations and personal revelations.
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Seem to me that the Bible is full of private interpretations and personal revelations.
The Old Testament Prophets, the Apostles, The New Testament,
The Book of Revelation !

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. What good are they then ?
Should we live by the Letter of the Word only or by the Revelation and understanding
By and thru the Holy Spirit of His Word ?

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
John 14:26 (KJV)

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a

doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.
1 Cor 14:26 (KJV)

Paul Said the Holy Spirit gives Revelation, should we ignore it ?

Still searching, be back later.

Blessing to all !

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Mon, 10 Oct 2011 02:12:28 GMT
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Hi JWBTI,

Allowing for new doctrines to be added to the
Bible teaching is in my opinion ill advised.

You end up with everyone being able to change
the doctrines of the church according to whatever
they think God revealed. You would end up with a zillion
different denominations.

We would have to say , concerning each doctrine , that
the teaching is XYZ according to verses ABC . . . unless
any new revelation has been had to change/modify it.

You said :
Seem to me that the Bible is full of private interpretations and personal revelations.

The Bible indeed came via many revelations given to many people.
I am working under the assumption that the Bible is the complete and
final revelation of God.

Possibly I am wrong about that. The question then becomes how would

God reveal new revelations? My thought is through an apostle who demonstrates the validation from God through the signs of an apostle.
So then the people know that God indeed agrees with the new revelations coming through the apostle. Of course the new concepts could never disagree with the existing Word.

I think new revelations would not come through any 5-fold except apostles.

The threshold to be accepted as a 5-fold is too low. The threshold to be accepted as an apostle is high enough to avoid imposters.

You said:

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.
1 Cor 14:26 (KJV)

Paul Said the Holy Spirit gives Revelation, should we ignore it ?

Interesting. I never viewed this verse as new doctrines â€“ rather as insights to understand in a deeper way the existing revelation (the Bible).

But you might have a verse here to hang your hat on if you want to allow for new revelations â€“ but I think it is not what Paul meant.

You said :

I have been reevaluating The what and The why I Believe
That Medical Science = Occult.
Still searching, but will respond soon.

May you be prospered in this effort to the edifying of all.
Whatever the true, complete theology is . . . it is needed mucho.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Mon, 10 Oct 2011 04:02:59 GMT
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JWBTI wrote on Sun, 09 October 2011 19:35
Seem to me that the Bible is full of private interpretations and personal revelations

Based on 2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: I cannot concur that they are private "interpretations".

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Tue, 11 Oct 2011 00:03:28 GMT
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grandom said:
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I agree Brother, I stand corrected !

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Tue, 11 Oct 2011 00:38:46 GMT
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Jwbti:
What are the Biblical standards For the Apostles ?

What are the Biblical standards for the prophet, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

Can the prophet, evangelists, pastors and teachers be given revelations equal to
The apostles ?

Is the Holy Spirit still giving revelations today ?

Has Eph 4:13 been fulfilled ?

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors
and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
Eph 4:11-13 (KJV)

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 11 Oct 2011 04:25:00 GMT
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Hi JWBTI,

You said :
What are the Biblical standards For the Apostles ?
What are the Biblical standards for the prophet, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

What is relevant is that apostles are to have the 'signs of an apostle'

This keeps out the imposters and is the reason we have no recognized apostles so far. No one was ever allowed to elevate their favorite minister to apostleship.

The "signs of an apostle" must be quite impressive the way II Cor 12:12 reads.

Paul could have not challenged his rivals the way he did in I Cor 4:18-21 if the "power" contest he anticipates does not involve very undeniable signs by his hand

So an apostle must have notable signs and wonders to be recognized as a real apostle. Therefore the church can know for sure that they are to pay attention to what the apostle says. The church would also be sure that what the apostle says is accurate -- because God confirmed

it with signs..

This line of reasoning is why I suggested above that any new doctrines
that are not already in the Bible come only through a functioning apostle.

You said:

Can the prophet, evangelists, pastors and teachers be given revelations equal to
The apostles ?
Is the Holy Spirit still giving revelations today ?

Revelations as defined as new doctrine that is not already in the Bible â€“ case in
point in our discussion here is the 'med science=occult' teaching â€“ are in my opinion to
only come through a valid apostle.

Revelations defined as deeper insights to existing Scripture should happen all
the time via the Holy Spirit to all believers

You said :
Has Eph 4:13 been fulfilled ?

Clearly not which is why the church must address the fact
that apostles are promised but have never happened.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Tue, 11 Oct 2011 20:48:19 GMT
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I think that you all are missing one key word in Ephesians 4:11.
He gave some, apostles, some, prophets, some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers. I don't see any where in that verse that all five are promised to everyone.

I do see in Ephesians 4:13 that we ALL, come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

To me that indicates that not all five are necesary in any individuals life for this verse to be fulfilled and in fact apostles are not neccesary either. They were only given to some.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 11 Oct 2011 23:47:33 GMT
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Hi Grandom

It is beyond my ability in the Greek to be
authoritative w/r to the Greek words in this
passage.

So I refer you to look here

http://www.textkit.com/greek-latin-forum/viewtopic.php?f=23& amp;t=5503

as a starting point â€“ this link is exactly on point and disagrees with your
analysis of the word 'some'

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The issue :

does â€œ He gave some â€œ
mean â€œHe gave to some people apostlesâ€• (but not to other people as
your infer Grandom)
or does it
mean â€œ He gave (to the church) some who are apostles â€œ indicating apostles
were given to the church.

I think the Greek means the second option - He gave (to the church) some who were apostles
but I am not good enough in the Greek to say with total confidence.

Your interpretation has a couple of draw backs

In the New Testament the pattern was for every church to be
ministered to by an apostle. Consider Paul's whole ministry as an example and also
in Acts 8:14 apostles were sent to Samaria to put things in order
as soon as it was known that there was a group of believers there.

The New Testament pattern of the church in Corinth was that they
sent Paul questions and Paul set them in order by his responses.

This dove tales with my thought that doctrine comes through apostles
because apostles have signs of an apostle which validate that God
agrees for sure with what is being preached.

With your line of thought then some believers would never be
part of the ministry of an apostle . . . and some never part of the
ministry of a pastor â†• same Greek word construction for pastors
as for the previous ministries.

I think everyone agrees that saying only some believers are given
pastors cannot be right. We believe that all believers are to have a
local church and that all churches are to have a pastor.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Wed, 12 Oct 2011 00:40:30 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Tue, 11 October 2011 18:47

This dove tales with my thought that doctrine comes through apostles because apostles have signs of an apostle which validate that God agrees for sure with what is being preached.

It would then appear to me then that every pastor in every generation since the apostles were last on the earth may or not have been preaching in agreement with God since there have not been any apostles to validate them according to your statement..

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 12 Oct 2011 01:29:56 GMT
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Hi Grandom,

For approx 2000 years pastors have been teaching according to the apostle delivered doctrines of God which is the Bible. The Bible of course needs no further

validation each generation.

If a pastor (or teacher,etc) creates a new doctrine that is not already in the Bible then I believe he has stepped beyond his calling and his anointing. What that pastor comes up with as a new doctrine may or may not be correct.

I believe anyone such as myself who chooses to not accept that new doctrine is not to be criticized and anyone who chooses to believe the new doctrine is free in Christ to do so.

But the new doctrine cannot be required (via peer pressure or pulpit pressure) in order to be â€œright with God.â€•

Of course it is understood that the new doctrine would not be something that disagrees with the Bible.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 01:42:48 GMT
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Jman wrote
Q:Can a word definition from a word 2000 years ago be used to link modern med science to witchcraft?

A (30 years ago):The word definition links the use of drugs to witchcraft. So med science relates because med science uses drugs today.
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Jwbti:

What about the other words in Gal 5 should they be defined differently today ?

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
Gal 5:19-21 (KJV)

Soâ€¦. Is this a New Doctrine or not ? Drugs=Occult
Do we have the authority to redefine what Paul wrote because itâ€˜s 2000 years later ?

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Follow up: But the connection of witchcraft and drugs - could that connection have been because ancient witches used drugs as poisons - and there be no connection to modern drugs?

Beneficial, modern chemical combinations (drugs) were unknown in the first century so word usage would not have made the distinction between drugs as poison and drugs as helpful- because the helpful usage did not yet exist.

So then the first century word 'Pharmakeia' links witchcraft to the first century drug usage (poisoning). But drug usage has been changed so much by modern science that the linkage no longer applies.
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Jwbti:
The above appears to be extra Biblical Information, do you have chapter and verse for this ?

Is Strongs definition wrong ?

from <G5332> (pharmakeus); medication (â€œpharmacyâ€•), i.e. (by extension) magic (literal or figurative) :- sorcery, witchcraft.
â€”Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 04:02:38 GMT
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Hi, JBTI

JBTI :
>>> What about the other words in Gal 5 should they be defined differently today ?

Yes if the meaning does not apply for any of the other words--like
what we see w/r pharmakeia.

JBTI :
>>>Soâ€¦. Is this a New Doctrine or not ? Drugs=Occult

On point with our discussion is â€œmodern medical use of drugs = Occultâ€•

Yes this is a new doctrine that Christendom has not known until us.

JBTI :
>>>Do we have the authority to redefine what Paul wrote because itâ€˜s 2000 years later ?

It is not â€œredefiningâ€• that I am saying.

I am saying that the only ones administering drugs in the first
century were witches so administering drugs (pharmakeia) meant witchcraft back then.
In 2000 years people have learned beneficial uses for drugs that are
not magical and are not witchcraft. Pharmakeia does not apply to the modern, beneficial uses.

I am saying that in Gal 5 when pharmakeia was used it was not in the mind of Paul
nor the mind of God to anticipate down through time 2000 years and use pharmakeia
to refer to the modern scientific application of chemicals in the body â€“ a usage of drugs
that did not yet exist in the first century and was not included in the definition of the

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You quote me giving a hypothetical question and answer as a mechanism to communicate ideas. To say such a hypothetical must be chapter and verse is not clear thinking on your part.

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No not wrong, instead shallow.
It is not a very thorough lexicon.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 11:26:00 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Wed, 12 October 2011 23:02

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Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 12:50:54 GMT
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Hi Grandom,

Do you try to apply Is 55 when someone says pharmakeia DOES apply to med science?
(the opposite opinion from mine)

Does not that person also claim to know what God meant in Gal 5 ?

For that matter is not the study of every verse an attempt to know the mind
of God expressed in that verse?

Is 55 is saying God's ways are different from and superior to human
ways â€“ not that it is impossible for humans to learn/discern God's ways.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 19:25:53 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Thu, 13 October 2011 07:50

Do you try to apply Is 55 when someone says pharmakeia DOES apply to med science?
(the opposite opinion from mine)

No. I would apply Is 55 to any one who says God was not omniscient when he inspired that verse to apply to the year 2011.

Kinda reminds me of Gen 3 when the serpent asked Eve "yeah has god said", He really didnt mean you would die....

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 21:01:44 GMT
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Hi Grandom,

What if my postings here are being used by the
Holy Spirit to ignite a spark that starts a flame
that sets everyone free from a grievous mistake made years
ago with the pharmekeia teaching.

It only takes one who is currently recognized as five fold
to become convicted about pharmakeia.

What we debate here might greatly help God's people
and save lives.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 21:37:06 GMT
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Jman wrote:

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and save lives.

Soo True !
It could have saved these lives!

Xanax | Drug deaths now outnumber traffic fatalities in U.S., Times ...

http://articles.latimes.com/2011/sep/17/local/la-me-drugs-ep idemic-20110918

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 21:52:07 GMT
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Hi JBTI,

I appreciate the link because I have
family who really like the anti-depresent
drugs. Will be helpful.

I assume you realize that I was referring to saving
the lives of believers (or their children) who are
afraid to go to medical science because they think
in error that it is occult â€“ going to the devil for their healing.

If they ever come to a place of realizing they lack faith for healing
they could live to fight another day if getting
medical science help were merely seen as the arm if the flesh
and not the devil.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 13 Oct 2011 23:02:34 GMT
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Hi,

How did we handle alcohol w/r pharmakeia 30 years ago?

Would seem alcohol is a drug yet the wine at Cana, Timothy
drank wine for his stomach, and the Corinthians got drunk
on the wine from the bread and cup.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Fri, 14 Oct 2011 23:33:50 GMT
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If we are going to deal with all chemicals being evil, then let's be thorough.

Chemical reactions, for healing purposes, are wrong according to some. They even open up occult doors, according to the same group of people.

Chemical reactions, for stimulant purposes, are OK because it was not mentioned at FA.

Is it really OK for those who "have to have their coffee, or tea, in the morning to function" people to be commenting about chemical substances being evil?

Caffeine is a stimulant used to manipulate the chemical reactions in the body. If you are not convinced that caffeine addicts are legitimatly as "evil" as insulin, than google caffeine and occult. Those two words have quite a following with self proclaimed pagans.

I guess "mojo" does not apply when you want to stick your head in the sand. "Practical magic" does exists and it is on your local grocery store shelf.

Try dealing with a person who has been addicted to caffeine for years and they are now in a controlled envirnment where they can't have all they want.

Anyone want to throw away their coffee machines and teabags?

Splitting hairs is getting to be exhausting.

I'll be OK....I need a cup of tea.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 00:18:56 GMT
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After some Googling . . .

Caffeine is indeed used as a medicine by the medical profession like other drugs

http://science.howstuffworks.com/caffeine3.htm

http://4david.home.xs4all.nl/caffeine.html

http://www.webmd.com/vitamins-supplements/ingredientmono-979
-CAFFEINE.aspx?activeIngredientId=979&activeIngredientNa me=CAFFEINE

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 13:49:02 GMT
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Yes Jman, I understand what your saying.

But the Battle we face today isâ€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦

Most Christians today equate Medical Science with Devine Healing !
Most put the Doctors on the same level as Jesus Christ and His power to Heal !
We donâ€™t need the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives to Heal and set free,
cause Medical Science has replaced Devine Healing with there Drugs and treatments!

Just ask any Christian, at any Church and they will say:
That God has given the Doctors the Knowledge and the power to heal !
It is good that The doctors and nurses want to help those that are suffering !
But itâ€™s evil to put them on the same level and status as The Lord Jesus Christ !

No matter how we define the terms and usages of the words Drugs/Occult, if it turns
Our hearts away from God, it is sin !

If we as Believers, would do a better job of preaching repentance and following
in the steps of Jesus, Healing the sick , raising dead and casting out demons, there
would be a lot less people dependant on medical science.

Blessings

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 14:27:05 GMT
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Hi JWBTI,

I think you nailed it w/r the medical
profession being worshiped by the church.

I also agree that failing in a health test/trial
is sin.

Say bro. Zeke has a death door sick child
and he comes to the place where he knows he
lacks the faith.

At that moment he is in sin (the lack of faith is sin)
so the sin or not issue is over - his faith fell short
and thereby he sinned a sin.

What Zeke does next is the core of our debate here.

If Zeke
sees med science as just men and chemistry - just
the arm of the flesh - he would very likely go to
the hospital and have a chance for a good outcome
(we realize med science has many mistakes and side effects)

If Zeke sees med science as occult (going to the devil for help)
then he will let death occur rather that go to the hospital.

So the ' pharmakeia/med science = occult ' topic
is hugely important.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 15:06:32 GMT
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JWBTI wrote on Sat, 15 October 2011 08:49
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Blessings

Amen!!

Hard to imagine someone who had been raised from the dead going in for his yearly checkup!!
(Especially if his old doctor had anything to do with his death!)

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 15:56:45 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Sat, 15 October 2011 09:27Hi JWBTI,

I think you nailed it w/r the medical
profession being worshiped by the church.

I also agree that failing in a health test/trial
is sin.

Amen to both statements.

The question is: would we even be having this discussion if brother Freeman hadn't equated medical-science/drugs with the occult? Would it just be about faith vs lack of faith?

We probably would be discussing it because there is a very dark side of the pharmaceutical industry (coupled with its authorized dispensers) that makes it a perfect tool for Satan to enslave and hold-captive his victims -- physically, mentally, and economically.

The moniker "medical deity" is not just a witty portrayal of of some stereotype that has no basis in fact... there is an almost obsessive relationship between the 'deities' and their adherents. So yes, I think we probably would be having these kinds of discussions even without brother Freeman's comments.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Sun, 16 Oct 2011 12:21:40 GMT
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Jman said:
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and he comes to the place where he knows he
lacks the faith.

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Jwbti:

Why didnâ€™t Zeke call for the Elders as James 5 teaches ?
I know we all want to grow and expand our own Faith, but I wonder how many things
We walked out needlessly. If we would have just obeyed this passage, maybe our
Healings would have been manifested sooner if not instantaneously.

I know this passage was taught and spoken on more than the subject of drugs/occult !

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5:14-16 (KJV)

V 16 Bro Zeke could have called for the elders, confessed his faults (lack of faith) and the child could have been healed.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Sun, 16 Oct 2011 13:44:43 GMT
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Hi JBTI,

Excellent point w/r James 5 and going to the elders.

As soon as Zeke's faith has come up short then he has
sinned. Then it becomes a question of what to do next.

If Zeke believes the prayer of his local elders will
work then he indeed would call them and not go to
the arm of the flesh (hospital)

If Zeke lacks confidence in the elder's prayer then
he might not go to them and might go to the hospital.

The lack of confidence in the elder's prayer could be about
the elders â€“ their holiness, pride, track record of unanswered
prayer, previous James 5 situations, etc. - and not be about

James 5 itself and God's faithfulness.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Sun, 16 Oct 2011 20:29:25 GMT
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If Zeke lacked confidence in the local elders why did he even stay
And lesson to what they were teaching ?

Or maybe it was his pride an unwillingness to humble himself before the Lord
And His word ?

Itâ€™s not the vessels we are to have faith in, It is His Word that heals !

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Sun, 16 Oct 2011 21:36:07 GMT
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Hi JBTI,

W/r confidence in the elders and staying or not staying under their ministry - many
believers see the ministers as human vessels who are allowed growth and mistakes.
 - whose faith might or might not be strong enough to trust with a child's life
given the current circumstances of the trial.

In many cases the local assembly is the best there is available so people
stay while they pray for God to correct what lacks. They might not
have the local elders on a very high pedastle.

JBTI
>>>>Itâ€™s not the vessels we are to have faith in, It is His Word that heals !

'the prayer of faith shall heal* the sick'

At issue is whether the faith of the elders is up to the challenge. Without
'the prayer of faith' by the elders then there is no promise in this verse.

Jman

* I know, KJV is wrong

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Mon, 17 Oct 2011 05:02:41 GMT
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Back to the matter at hand...

Quote:
The nature of sorcery:

1) They consult the dead (1Sam 28)
2) Practice magic (Ex 7:11)
3) Interpret dreams (Dan 2:2)
4) Use divination (Jer 27:9-10)

They often use drugs as a part of their ritual, sometimes taking them internally to heighten the experience (often sexual).

The usage of drugs has its source in witchcraft.

There is no place in the OT where it says drugs are to be avoided but the association is derived from the Septuagint translation of the term for sorcery with the Greek term for drugs--pharmakeia. Gal 5:20 uses the same term.

From the above teaching HEF says that it isn't just a lack of faith to turn to the doctors and their drugs but it is a lack of discernment as to the source of where you are getting your treatment. His conclusion: Anyone who seeks that sort of treatment needs to go through occult deliverance.

He goes on to say that medical science comes directly from witchcraft and they still use some of the same techniques.

"God didn't design our bodies for witchcraft potions and mutilation with a scalpel."

(The above notes were taken from the tape in OT Theology where this subject was covered.)

HEF defined occultism this way:
Quote:
WHAT IS OCCULTISM?

Stated concisely, it is participation or involvement in any way with fortunetelling, magic practices, spiritism, or false religious cults and teachings.

Following is a compilation of some of what I've found on the subject from various books and web sources:

oc·cult·ism (-kltzm, kl-)
n.
1. The study of the supernatural.
2. A belief in occult powers and the possibility of bringing them under human control.
oc·cultist n.

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oc·cult (-klt, klt)
adj.
1. Of, relating to, or dealing with supernatural influences, agencies, or phenomena.
2. Beyond the realm of human comprehension; inscrutable.
3. Available only to the initiate; secret: occult lore. See Synonyms at mysterious.
4. Hidden from view; concealed.

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[Since Alchemy and its associations with the occult and drugs have been brought up in this thread I've included information on that subject as well.--WE]

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Etymology
Main article: Chemistry (etymology)
The word alchemy derives from the Old French alquimie, which is from the Medieval Latin alchimia, and which is in turn from the Arabic al-kimia (Ø§Ù„Ùƒ ÙŠÙ…ÙŠØ§Ø¡). This term itself is derived from the Ancient Greek chemeia (Ï‡Î·Î¼Îµî¯Î±) or chemia (Ï‡Î·Î¼Î¯Î±) with the addition of the Arabic definite article al- (Ø§Ù„Ù€). The ancient Greek word may have been derived from a version of the Egyptian name for Egypt, which was itself based on the Ancient Egyptian word kÄ“me (hieroglyphic Khmi, black earth, as opposed to desert sand). The word could also have originally derived from chumeia (Ï‡Ï…Î¼Îµî¯Î±) meaning "mixture" and referring to pharmaceutical chemistry. With the later rise of alchemy in Alexandria, the word may have derived from Î§Î·Î¼Î¯Î±, and thus became spelled as Ï‡Î·Î¼Îµî¯Î±, and the original meaning forgotten. The etymology is still open, and recent research indicates that the Egyptian derivation may be valid.

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History

Extract and symbol key from a 17th century book on alchemy. The symbols used have a one-to-one correspondence with symbols used in astrology at the time.

Alchemy covers several philosophical traditions spanning some four millennia and three continents. These traditions' general penchant for cryptic and symbolic language makes it hard to trace their mutual influences and "genetic" relationships. One can distinguish at least three major strands, which appear to be largely independent, at least in their earlier stages: Chinese alchemy, centered in China and its zone of cultural influence; Indian alchemy, centered around the Indian subcontinent; and Western alchemy, which occurred around the Mediterranean and whose center has shifted over the millennia from Greco-Roman Egypt, to the Islamic world, and finally medieval Europe. Chinese alchemy was closely connected to Taoism and Indian alchemy with the Dharmic faiths, whereas Western alchemy developed its own philosophical system that was largely independent of, but influenced by, various Western religions. It is still an open question whether these three strands share a common origin, or to what extent they influenced each other.

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Alchemy is an ancient tradition, the primary objective of which was the creation of the mythical "philosopher's stone," which was said to be capable of turning base metals into gold or silver, and also act as an elixir of life that would confer youth and immortality upon its user. Alchemy can be viewed as a protoscience, a precursor to modern chemistry, having provided procedures, equipment, and terminology that are still in use. However, alchemy also included various non-scientific mythological, religious, and spiritual concepts, theories and practices.

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Modern discussions of alchemy are generally split into an examination of its exoteric practical applications, and its esoteric aspects. The former is pursued by historians of the physical sciences who have examined the subject in terms of proto-chemistry, medicine, and charlatanism. The latter is of interest to the historians of esotericism, psychologists, spiritual and new age communities, and hermetic philosophers. The subject has also made an ongoing impact on literature and the arts. Despite the modern split, numerous sources stress an integration of esoteric and exoteric approaches to alchemy. Holmyard, when writing on exoteric aspects, states that they can not be properly appreciated if the esoteric is not always kept in mind. The prototype for this model can be found in Bolos of Mendes' second century BCE work, Physika kai Mystika (On Physical and Mystical Matters). Marie-Louise von Franz tells us the double approach of Western alchemy was set from the start, when Greek philosophy was mixed with Egyptian and Mesopotamian technology. The technological, operative approach, which she calls extraverted, and the mystic, contemplative, psychological one, which she calls introverted are not mutually exclusive, but complementary instead, as meditation requires practice in the real world, and conversely.

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Esoteric hermetic alchemists may reject work on exoteric substances, instead directing their search for the philosopher's stone inward.Though esoteric and exoteric approaches are sometimes mixed, it is clear that some authors "are not concerned with material substances but are employing the language of exoteric alchemy for the sole purpose of expressing theological, philosophical, or mystical beliefs and aspirations." New interpretations continue to be developed around spagyric, chemical, and esoteric schools of thought.

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During the 17th century, practical alchemy started to evolve into modern chemistry, as it was renamed by Robert Boyle, the "father of modern chemistry". In his book, The Skeptical Chymist, Boyle attacked Paracelsus and the natural philosophy of Aristotle, which was taught at universities. However, Boyle's biographers, in their emphasis that he laid the foundations of modern chemistry, neglect how steadily he clung to the Scholastic sciences and to Alchemy, in theory, practice and doctrine. The decline of alchemy continued in the 18th century with the birth of modern chemistry, which provided a more precise and reliable framework within a new view of the universe based on rational materialism.

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During the renaissance, alchemy broke into more distinct schools placing spiritual alchemists in high contrast with those working with literal metals and chemicals. While most spiritual alchemists also incorporate elements of exotericism, examples of a purely spiritual alchemy can be traced back as far as the sixteenth century, when Jacob Boehme used alchemical terminology in strictly mystical writings. Another example can be found in the work of Heinrich Khunrath (1560â€“1605) who viewed the process of transmutation as occurring within the alchemist's soul.

The recent work of Principe and Newman, seeks to reject the 'spiritual interpretation' of alchemy, stating it arose as a product of the Victorian occult revival. There is evidence to support that some classical alchemical sources were adulterated during this time to give greater weight to the spiritual aspects of alchemy. Despite this, other scholars such as Calian and Tilton reject this view as entirely historically inaccurate, drawing examples of historical spiritual alchemy from Boehme, Isaac Newton, and Michael Maier.

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Science and the occult

To the occultist, occultism is conceived of as the study of the inner nature of things, as opposed to

the outer characteristics that are studied by science. The German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer designates this "inner nature" with the term Will, and suggests that science and mathematics are unable to penetrate beyond the relationship between one thing and another in order to explain the "inner nature" of the thing itself, independent of any external causal relationships with other "things".[16][original research?] Schopenhauer also points towards this inherently relativistic nature of mathematics and conventional science in his formulation of the 'World as Will'. By defining a thing solely in terms of its external relationships or effects we only find its external, or explicit nature. Occultism, on the other hand, is concerned with the nature of the "thing-in-itself". This is often accomplished through direct perceptual awareness, known as mysticism. From the scientific perspective, occultism is regarded as unscientific as it does not make use of the scientific method (that is, observation and experimentation) to obtain facts.

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The New Age Movement and the Biblical Worldview [I can get reference information if you insist]

"For most of human history, the diagnosis and treatment of bodily malfunctions have belonged to the realm of the supernatural. Indeed, if a history of the world's medicine were to give equal time to each century of the last five thousand years, most of it would be a Who's Who of mystics, faith healers, gurus, and shamans (the medicine man/priest of primitive societies). Only in the recent past has the study of the human body been separated somewhat from a supernatural overlay".

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From the above information (which is just a touch of what is out there!) there seems to be a consensus that there are two distinct streams in both alchemy and medical science. One stream is clearly occult in nature and the other would fall into the scientific category. We can ignore this distinction but consistency demands an explanation of why one branch (alchemy/chemistry) is acceptable for the Christian and not the other given the close similarities and even direct overlapping of the two fields.

In many cases the distinction is not very hard to discern like homeopathy and other mystical new-age methodologies that co-exist with the more modern counter-parts.

Western medical science is predominately concerned with the purely physical aspects of the human body and seeks to fix the problems that arise not by seeking the root cause of the problems (which more often than not have a spiritual cause and not merely a physical one) but by patching up the body with things/drugs that are known to relieve the suffering of its patients. Now one can argue about whether or not this is the proper methodology but it does remove much of the mystic aspects of medical science that would place it clearly into the occult realm.

It is interesting that the approaches that attempt to deal with the 'whole man' (holistic, new-age, etc.) are those that are still actively involved in the ancient roots of occultism.

Praise Jesus for His provision. He came to heal/save the whole man!

Anyway, I hope I haven't been too boring.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Mon, 17 Oct 2011 18:28:14 GMT
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Thanks for all of the info, moulder. I know it must have taken a lot of time. I know that I will be referring to it often.

Regarding medications and the use of them, I believe that when they are used to specifically alter the mind, it gets into the esoteric aspect that you mentioned. To me, this is occult and evil. I feel that many substances we ingest in everyday life can be put into this category if they are abused and moderation is not involved. These substances could include wine, caffeine, vitamens, herbs, etc. Yes, you can OD or alter you mind on any of them.

My understanding is that the exoteric side is related to the chemical reactions that could benefit your physical body for healing. I believe that this is where one needs to be convinced in one's own heart, before Jesus, as to what is moderation or compromise as to "leaning to the arm of the flesh."

What about those things that are considered "leaning to the arm of the flesh" but are not ingested? This can apply to many areas of life, let alone healing and medical science.

Again, this is where I think it is important to know, for yourself, and to walk your own walk before Jesus.

I feel that the same principal applies. "Let every man be convinced in his own heart" as to what they should do.

Dr. Freeman was a gifted teacher and I will always be grateful for having sat under his ministry. His ministry, quite literally, saved me and my family's lives on many occasions.

Having said that, I want to mention that I look back and do not agree with all that was taught at FA or how Dr. Freeman chose to act out his faith at times.

One thing in particular is that he continued to eat butter, cream, sugar, etc. I am more than open to correction, but with my understanding of the nature of his trials, that was not wise. IMHO

At one time, these statements would have been enough to be considered "critical" of his ministry. That is not my heart at all. I am saying that Dr. Freeman was a man and was not perfect. It is not wrong to question everything that came across that pulpit.

I feel that this is what Dr. Freeman would have wanted; to search the scriptures and to know how to discern and know the voice of the Holy Spirit for ourselves. I think we had so much coming at us for years, that we did not have time to process or to be put in positions to use all of the information that we were given.

Personally, I have been put in different positions where I had to fall back on the teachings of FA. I slung my sword and was delivered! But, in order to sling the sword with confidence, I was 100% convinced in my own heart of what I knew and how to battle, even down to physical death's door.

Since FA, we have all been shaken up like a box of cereal in transport. What has settled in our hearts? What is good and right in our own eyes? How do we see our brothers and sisters who may not agree with "everything" that was presented 30 years ago?

I feel that these are important questions when we go to prayer and claim the promises. Attitudes can block answers to prayer. We should not feel like we have to walk on eggshells or be afraid to express what we believe after all of these years. I do believe that we are getting past most of that.

I value each and every little thing that is put on OO. I am thankful that I now have a venue to share and to continue to wrestle with and settle issues that have been pending for years within my heart. I can't speak for others.

Midrashing is what OO is all about and it blesses my life. I pray that others, as well as, readers who do not actively participate, are blessed as well.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Mon, 17 Oct 2011 23:48:48 GMT
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Thanks Brother William,

Lots of info there !

Sister Gillyann,

Thank you for an open heart and your kind words !

No egg shells here !
Been beating them into sand with the beams that have come out of my own eyes.

Brother Jman !

Thanks for starting this thread !

It has been a very interesting discussion.

AND

Blessing to all that post and read these messages on OO !

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 18 Oct 2011 03:03:06 GMT
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Hi,

A summary as I see it:

The teaching cannot stand as
'pharmakeia informs us that all drugs = occult therefore med science is occult.'

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alcohol is a drug and was allowed by Jesus, Paul, the Corinthians
Therefore the drug alcohol cannot be occult therefore not all drugs are occult

FA only said med science drugs are occult, but not all drugs.
ex- alcohol, caffeine
But this is not consistent if the doctrine comes from the
pharmakeia definition which contains no distinction among
drugs.

pharmakeia itself was a first century word that has no reference to
modern scientific drugs since modern, helpful drugs did not exist for
many hundreds of years after the first century.

The teaching stands as a revelation given to HEF.
His credibility is judged differently by different people.
Most tell new people that believers live by the Bible not that
believers live by the Bible and also HEF revelations.

The teaching also includes the fact that med science has
origins in magic and witchcraft. But so does modern
chemistry science have origins in alchemy â€“ a witchcraft system
of thought in the middle ages. If med science is occult then
why not chemistry science â€“ and astronomy, and farming
(Agricultural sciences), and any more?? sciences whose origins trace back to
occult belief systems

We cannot avoid ingesting drugs in our modern society
(in air, food , and water)
so if the drugs are in themselves occult then believers need some
doctrine in place as to how to spiritually safeguard themselves.

Possible modifications of the med science is occult teaching.

Maybe say only some drugs are occult

This deviates from the definition of pharmakeia argument which includes no distinctions among drugs

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Maybe say the motive of the heart of the drug user makes the drug use occult or not occult

This deviates from the definition of pharmakeia argument which includes no distinctions
This deviates from the HEF revelation/teaching
This is inconsistent with the 'origins are occult' idea if looking at med science

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A non-pharmakeia option . . .

Maybe say the definition of 'occult practices' is
â€œ to seek something supernatural from any source other than God. â€œ
Therefore some drugs are occult or might be occult if their chemical
operation within the body is not scientifically totally known yet.
ie: these poorly understood drugs might work by occult means instead of scientific means

This idea is defined from the definition of 'occult practices' â€“ derivable
from the Bible â€“ and not defined from pharmakeia.
This idea omits pharmakeia and revelations completely.

I remember that the HEF track on occult deliverance (little gray tract)
has a great Biblical teaching on the occult all in one place. So I think this
definition of ' occult practices ' can readily be Bible validated.

Then some things are not occult

set broken bone
clean a wound with germ killer
insulin
any drug with known chemical function
alcohol
caffeine
fancy tests and equipment
the hospital building itself
the nurses and doctors themselves

Some things are occult

Acupuncture
homeopathy
â€œtrippyâ€• mind altering drugs that take the user into the spiritual realm â€“ LSD, meth, cocain
any drug that is not understood yet how it works might or might not be occult
more?

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Tue, 18 Oct 2011 05:25:51 GMT
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Jman wrote:
Quote:The teaching stands as a revelation given to HEF.
His credibility is judged differently by different people.
Most tell new people that believers live by the Bible not that
believers live by the Bible and also HEF revelations.

Hi Jman,

I don't have a lot of time to get into the rest of your summary most of which I agree with but I did want to examine the above quote because I think that a fundamental misunderstanding here will color/taint the proper relationship that teachers have with the Church.

As far as I know this teaching was not, nor was ever purported to be, 'a revelation'.

First of all this 'revelation' as you call it was not unique to Hobart Freeman. There are and have been many people/teachers in history that have held to similar views. Greek lexicons have been around a long time and it doesn't take a genius to yoke pharmacology with the Septuagint's translation of the OT term for sorcery as pharmakia.

This, in and of itself, takes it from the realm of 'revelation' and places it squarely into the realm from which most teachers operate -- Biblical studies, words and their meanings, interpretation of facts, etc..

If this teaching were in the realm of 'revelation' then we would have no other option than to say that it was a 'revelation' from a source other than God -- assuming that the modern-day application of HEF's teaching is in error, of course, and also assuming that our conclusions are right. I don't claim that my conclusion is in any way 'a revelation' so why should we assume that HEF's conclusion was a revelation? Did he claim that?

We've done nothing more that examine evidence and draw conclusions from that evidence and I'm pretty sure that brother Freeman did the same thing.

From reading your other notes I get the impression that you regard the five-fold ministry as almost infallible -- they are not (plenty of evidence for that!).

Yes, we do have the Holy Spirit to guide us and hopefully we take these kinds of matters very seriously, but that doesn't make us, or anyone in the ministry incapable of error. You don't need to read very far in the New Testament before running across ministers who were mistaken in some of their viewpoints. We do see these kinds of things being eventually corrected as the early

Church hashed out the issues -- praise God -- but it took time. We have the benefit of an inspired revelation to gather together our doctrine but that doesn't mean that we ourselves aren't influenced by things that eventually the Holy Spirit will correct -- if we let Him.

He will lead us into all truth:

Quote:John16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

This very verse implies a process of time. No Christian/minister has arrived with regards to perfection... yet!

More later...

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 18 Oct 2011 10:58:59 GMT
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Hi Moulder,

When I said it stands as a revelation through HEF I am
thinking that all other supports for the doctrine
do not stand up and then all that is left - as the
only way to hold fast to the teaching - is to have it stand
as a revelation through HEF.

I too never recall HEF claiming it was a revelation.

What might apply here is that there was a strong assumption
that our 5-fold were the 'cutting edge' of the restoration
of the end time church and that what HEF said over the pulpit
was super highly, mucho, mucho respected as being Holy Spirit led.

I am unaware of others in history that applied the
pharmakeia definition to say 'modern med science drugs are occult.'

>>>"a 'revelation' from a source other than God"
- could be from the flesh - a simple mistake.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Tue, 18 Oct 2011 13:11:34 GMT

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Quote:What might apply here is that there was a strong assumption
that our 5-fold were the 'cutting edge' of the restoration
of the end time church and that what HEF said over the pulpit
was super highly, mucho, mucho respected as being Holy Spirit led.

"...super highly, mucho, mucho respected..."

An understatement if I've ever heard one!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Tue, 18 Oct 2011 14:22:17 GMT
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Quote:When I said it stands as a revelation through HEF I am
thinking that all other supports for the doctrine
do not stand up and then all that is left - as the
only way to hold fast to the teaching - is to have it stand
as a revelation through HEF.

I had it totally wrong. My apologies.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 02:20:09 GMT
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Quote: GWB wrote: Midrashing is what OO is all about and it blesses my life. I pray that others, as well as, readers who do not actively participate, are blessed as well.

Had to look 'midrashing' up... it's a pretty descriptive word.

I wish more of those who are reading would jump into the midrash session.

(You all know that you can sign up using any name you like without revealing your real identity, right? We don't consider that as being deceptive, just prudent.)

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 05:13:35 GMT
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moulder wrote on Fri, 21 October 2011 21:20

(You all know that you can sign up using any name you like without revealing your real identity, right? We don't consider that as being deceptive, just prudent.)

Blessings,
William

Ahh yes, but the ip address will give you away every time...

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 07:20:22 GMT
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grandom wrote on Sat, 22 October 2011 00:13moulder wrote on Fri, 21 October 2011 21:20

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William

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And pray tell us what you will find out from an IP address?? (Go ahead and look up mine Mr New-Haven/Ft-Wayne-Comcast-cable-user!)

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 11:51:40 GMT
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moulder wrote on Sat, 22 October 2011 02:20

And pray tell us what you will find out from an IP address?? (Go ahead and look up mine Mr New-Haven/Ft-Wayne-Comcast-cable-user!)

Blessings,
William

Thank you William for proving my point.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 13:37:05 GMT
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grandom wrote on Sat, 22 October 2011 06:51moulder wrote on Sat, 22 October 2011 02:20

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New-Haven/Ft-Wayne-Comcast-cable-user!)

Blessings,
William

Thank you William for proving my point.

So being lumped in a group of... oh, let's say 100,000 or so Comcast subscribers, is not anonymous enough for you????

You must be an outstanding individual.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by grandom on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 15:14:34 GMT
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moulder wrote on Sat, 22 October 2011 08:37
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So being lumped in a group of... oh, let's say 100,000 or so Comcast subscribers, is not anonymous enough for you????

You must be an outstanding individual

No. Not really. I really cant understand how I pissed you off William. I was good natureardly challenging the anonymous thingy and you immediately took offense.

Whats the name of this forum? Oh yes "Overcomers" on line.Forgot there for a few moments.

Oh and before every one looses their minds the word piss occurs twice in the bible.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 16:16:42 GMT
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I am a very sarcastic and tongue in cheek kind of person when responding to people on OO and in everyday life. I mix it with humor and throw it out there.

My grandfather did the same thing. I wish I could only be as funny as that man was. Also, he was sure to use this style of speaking to not hurt others.

I really think that we misinterpret many responses in prose due to not being able to watch facial expressions, body language, etc.

I can't see either one of you guys really wanting to (urinate) anyone off.

Grandom, are you sure about the Hebrew or Greek on that word?

Maybe this was a misunderstanding due to all of the above?

Like moulder said at one time, I think we all need to get together, do some midrashing, and throw pizza at each other to clear the air when misunderstandings arise.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 16:27:15 GMT
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grandom wrote on Sat, 22 October 2011 10:14moulder wrote on Sat, 22 October 2011 08:37
[/quote

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Whats the name of this forum? Oh yes "Overcomers" on line.Forgot there for a few moments.

Oh and before every one looses their minds the word piss occurs twice in the bible.

Here I am trying to get people to participate; assuring them that they can do so without revealing too much about themselves -- i.e. anonymously -- and then you throw out a comment that implies that they are not anonymous and then use the comment I made about being able to narrow it down to a list of thousands of Comcast users, as proving your point? No, I'm not pissed, just bewildered as to your motivation.

Being an overcomer doesn't preclude one from pointing out when a person is wrong, btw.

Blessings,
William

(I'm surprised that you didn't get my humor as I deadpanned the comment about you being an 'outstanding' individual... <grin>)

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by sparkles on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 17:25:42 GMT
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Okay to get in the topic even though I havenâ€™t posted for a long time? The last year has been a
hard one, but I have been following you all just about every day, and been blessed and encouraged.

Divine Healing is clearly taught in Godâ€™s word. There are many, many scriptures that support the
teaching of healing and it is up to us to either believe that and walk in that truth or not. Now in saying
that, we also need to give people room to grow and have faith for healing and see it in Godâ€™s word. The Bible is full of absolutes, such as peace for the believer(John 14:27,) our daily needs met(Matt. 6:31-34,) victory in our everyday life(Ps. 91,) freedom from fear(2 Timothy 1:7,) healing

and forgiveness(Ps. 103:3,) family salvation(Acts 16:31) and many others.
And with each of the above promises there are multiple scriptures that we could also look at that says
the exact same thing. Even if there was only one scripture for a promise of God we should believe it because God said all the promises are yes and amen in Him.

I canâ€™t answer why some have died, but it doesnâ€™t change what God says. If we want to blame someone
for what has happened, then do it, forgive them and go on with your walk with the Lord.
Personally, I do not want to blame anyone because I am responsible for myself. If I would blame myself for anything it would be for not walking in the light I have been given, whether through Brother Freeman,
Brother Hill, Brother Jerry, and many others. Whatever happened to others I canâ€™t help, but I can help
what I do with what I have been given. No doubt some have been mistreated by others who we called our brothers and sisters, but we also have to remember that there are tares that grow with the wheat, and how do we know that some who so mistreated us werenâ€™t being used by our adversary? Many of these have not endured, so from our side we forgive and pray for them. I donâ€™t know who will be saved and who wonâ€™t, but I know that if God said something it is truth and I am responsible to walk in it.

If we donâ€™t want to believe God will heal us every time then we can get into the â€œif it be thy willâ€• deception. God has been too faithful to me all these years to not believe Him. I remember a song we use to sing: â€œI have decided to follow Jesus.â€• One verse we use to sing with that is: â€œThough none go with me, yet I will follow.â€• Do we still believe that? It is so hard to see old friends and where they are now. I saw someone yesterday who use to go to church with me and it made my heart sad.

I remember one time when I was driving to Faith Assembly early one Sunday morning after there had been a split in our assembly, and the Lord spoke to me as clear as I have ever had and said: â€œYou havenâ€™t seen anything yet. You need to pray for acute discernment for what is ahead.â€•
We need to be aware of the wiles of the devil in his subtle deceptions.

The following statement was posted and I would like to disagree with the statement:
â€œI want to mention that I look back and do not agree with all that was taught at FA or how Dr. Freeman chose to act out his faith at times.
One thing in particular is that he continued to eat butter, cream, sugar, etc. I am more than open to correction, but with my understanding of the nature of his trials, that was not wise. IMHOâ€•

How Brother Freeman walked out his faith was between him and the Lord. I can remember many testimonies of people who did things contrary to common sense or what medical science would

recommend. One brother fell playing basketball and hurt(possible broke) his ankle, so common sense
would say to put ice on it and quite playing and go to the doctor. This brother got up and said to someone else he would race them to the other end of the court. By the time they got there he was totally healed.
Someone else couldnâ€™t eat some kind of fish, but after a teaching on confession and faith they were able
to eat the fish they couldnâ€™t before.
When you say Brother Freeman shouldnâ€™t have eaten certain foods, that would be said from a medical point of view, not faith.

I think one thing we see happening in our society is a subtle and not so subtle fear that people have when it comes to food. Christians have opened doors up to oppression by their putting their faith in their diet instead of in Jesus. For instance, if you eat certain herbs and organic food it will help you not get cancer. If you eat other kinds of foods, or stay away from certain foods you have less chance of getting Alzheimer disease. There is a constant bombardment from medical science to eat or not eat certain things, so we can stay healthy and not get cancer or other diseases. Sounds nice, doesnâ€™t it?
But it is only another tactic of Satan to get us away from trusting Jesus for our health. If I want to eat red meat, I will. If I want to drink coffee or soda, I will, but not in excess. As we walk closer to the
Lord, He will check us when we are over indulging in something.

There is also such occult practices in the churches today that Christians have been made to believe is okay because it is done all in the name of Christ. Such as Yoga and karate. After all if one would focus on Jesus while doing Yoga it is okay, right? Wrong. And if you just do Karate for exercise, what is wrong with that? A lot. Things use to be more black and white, right or wrong, but now there is so much gray
that it is hard to distinguish what is what anymore.
Godâ€™s word is true and God is true to His word. If He said it, He will do it, including healing.
I suppose I should stop for now. Thanks so much for people who truly love the Lord and want to please Him in all they think, say and do.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 17:54:23 GMT
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Thanks, Sage, for your input. We have missed you around here.

I am sorry you have been through some hard times this past year. God is faithful and I will

remember you in my prayers.

I appreciate the things you said and I will consider them when walking this topic out in my life.

Also, it truely is between everyone and Jesus as far as how one acts out their faith.

I still don't agree that it was wise for Dr. Freeman to eat those things, but that is me. I had that opinion before FA due to watching some people die to the same disease processes and not eating properly. I was confused for years, while being at FA, about this subject. I believe I have settled the matter for myself in my own heart.

And then again, I am working on my own personal intake being more healthy everyday. There is room for improvement at times. I am not going to beat myself up if I slip every now and then.

Good to see you back, and I hope you have time to share more often!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 18:34:49 GMT
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Yea! You're back!

I know how that all of the things that we are constantly facing in our lives determine how much time we can focus on this type of medium and at times I've had to limit myself to just reading -- so you aren't alone in this -- but I too have missed your participation. We'll take whatever time you can give us!

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Anyway, it is good to hear from you!

Blessings,
William

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Posted by william on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 18:44:23 GMT
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I'm sure James echos the welcoming back as well but at the moment I suspect he is having a private tail-gate party as his Auburn Tigers get ready for the second biggest game of the season... (the biggest being around the middle of November -- roll tide!)

<grin>

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Posted by GWB on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 20:25:09 GMT
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I don't think common sense eating habits is a medical point of view. Medical science may have adopted this view, but it is not where it was first presented to the human race.

I believe God started teaching His people good eating habits in the OT Law. Many people eat according to these habits, and they are quite healthy. They do not do it to earn their salvation either. God had reasons in establishing these things in order to protect His people.

If anything, I think medical science has learned much by using these standards. Food was just one aspect of many health issues He presented to His people and that others have adopted into their lives. Clean techniques regarding everyday living, the preparation of food, isolation, rest, and the assessment of diseases is just the tip of the iceburg.

I also know that God will ask people to do many "odd" things in walking out their faith. Still, I don't think that gives us the blanket excuse to eat anything we want and expect God to heal us. Moderation is very good. Sometimes I think that the word moderation is another word for compromise in the Faith Camp, but that is another thread.

I also realize that the Holy Spirit will lead each and every person to do what is right according to His leading, and not by what others may do or think about those actions.

I love discussing the Word, but in the end, especially at death's door, one HAS to be convinced in his own heart 100%.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by Mark L on Sun, 23 Oct 2011 01:58:41 GMT
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I really think that we misinterpret many responses in prose due to not being able to watch facial expressions, body language, etc

I post on several other forums and that is very common. One has to be very careful.

One thing I remember HEF said and not sure if anyone said this was that some were going through trials "now" because of (medical) drugs they took yrs earlier. I'm not sure if he meant the result was spiritually or physically caused. I always took it to mean there was a natural result.

I'm trying to work my way through this thread before I post so I can an idea of what has been said.

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Posted by sparkles on Sun, 23 Oct 2011 03:06:26 GMT
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I agree that common sense eating is not a medical point of view.
If someone is going through a physical trial and acts his/her faith in a way that is contrary to medical science I don't think we can say they shouldn't have done that because it isn't a wise thing to do. Faith says I can, but medical science says you better not or else... I personally do not believe Brother Freeman eating butter, cream and sugar had anything to do with his dying. When

he had the heart attack during the Corinthian series I believe, he came and preached. Medical Science would have told him to stay home. Actually medical science would have had him in the hospital hooked up to all kinds of machines and various medications. Brother Freeman acted his faith by preaching, in the same way with what he ate while going through his trial. I know everyone is not going to see everything the same, but no doubt we all have to act out our faith in how we believe the Lord would have us to.

If medical science agrees with God's word, then great, but there will be alot of times they will be opposite. Faith in Jesus versus faith in a doctor, or faith in Jesus versus faith in a prescription.

What are people going to do as things get worse for the christian and they can't get medical science help unless they
deny the Lord? Are they going to have faith all of a sudden to trust Jesus now that the other route has been closed? I don't believe so. God is giving us time now to prepare for what is ahead, including to learn to trust Him in all areas of our lives, including the body.

Eat herbs and organic? Fine, but don't put your trust in them to keep you healthy, you put your faith in Jesus Christ to keep you healthy. 3John 2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Here is a key to health: have your soul prosper.

God wants us to take care of His temple, and as we walk close with the Lord we will know if there is something we shouldn't eat, but we need to always have our faith be in Jesus for our health, not in the fear that medical science tries to put on people all in the guise of helping them.
Eat heathly, great. Someone likes organic foods, or no red meat, fine. Just so they don't do it out of fear.

Our standard is God's word, not the medical books. People need to grow in their faith in this area with healing for the body, because it does work and is in the Word of God. But we need to give everyone room to grow, and yet encourage them that God is faithful.

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Posted by sparkles on Sun, 23 Oct 2011 13:05:42 GMT
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I sure do agree with what you say here. It can be foolishness for one to act their "faith" a certain way, when the only reason they are doing it is because it worked for someone else.
I can remember Brother Freeman saying you don't base your faith on a miracle or someones testimony, but on the Word of God. A healing or deliverance or financial testimony sure does encourage me, but I cannot base what I believe on someone else's faith and how they received something, but only because God said it and I am walking with the Lord as I should so I can receive the promises. That is certainly another topic: meeting the conditions for answers to the promises of God.

There is so many things out there now that have been ever so slightly twisted that the christian is following and thinking they aren't being affected. As I said in another post: yoga and karate are two that come to mind. Or all in the name of unity praying with Muslims and other false religions on
Sept. 11. Then there is the people who have been buying into
the Emerging Church errors. People don't open doors to deception without paying a price at some point in their life.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Sun, 23 Oct 2011 20:22:31 GMT
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Amen to that Sage! Good stuff on your comments.

Two things come to mind when discussing all of this:

1. Smith Wigglesworth punching a few in the stomach for their healing to be manifested. Now that really does not make sense!

2. The mark of the Beast. When all is said and done, that will seperate the men from the boys, in light of how God unfolds the end-times.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 15:11:57 GMT
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moulder wrote on Tue, 04 October 2011 19:22james wrote on Tue, 20 September 2011

13:44Choices...

..."Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of The LORD your God, which I command you this day:

And a curse, if you will not obey the commandments of The LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known."

...

What's changed since these scriptures were written? What's changed since we were taught this in great detail 30 years ago? Gods Word? Our faith? It was crystal clear to me then and it remains clear to me today, we are given the choice, should we make the wrong one we WILL be under a curse (lot of folks speak of a desert experience, hello?)and should we obey, we will walk in blessings.(a tree by the water, yeilding fruit)

This begs the question: Are curses to be equated to the occult?

I know that being involved in the occult will bring a curse but there are other things that will bring a curse that has nothing to do with the occult... at least as I understand it.

Not that I would recommend one over the other but David was under a curse for a time (for trusting in man) but I don't think we could charge him with occult involvement.

Blessings,
William

No, I don't believe based on God's Word that curses are to be equated to the occult, only. But like you state, involvement in the occult does bring a curse. We know that curses can and do come from our disobedience as well as the disobedience/sins of our forefathers(generational curses). The key word is DISOBEDIENCE, God said 'here is the way I command you to walk, obey Me and you'll walk in blessings, refuse and you'll be cursed'. Idolatry covers a LOT more than golden calves, alters, and graven images; reliance in or on anything other than Him (including ourselves) constitutes idolatry. And concerning healing, He specifically said in Exodus 15:26 that if we will OBEY Him He will put none of the diseases upon us, and that He, The LORD, is who healeth us. And Isaiah 53:1-5 describes what He, Jesus, went through so that we could receive salvation and healing.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 15:46:01 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Thu, 13 October 2011 16:01

What if my postings here are being used by the
Holy Spirit to ignite a spark that starts a flame
that sets everyone free from a grievous mistake made years
ago with the pharmekeia teaching.

It only takes one who is currently recognized as five fold
to become convicted about pharmakeia.

What we debate here might greatly help God's people
and save lives.

Jman

Jman, for the sake of argument let's say that medical science and drugs no longer have occult implications. Even if that should be true, it still doesn't change the bottom line...Christians are commanded to trust in God alone.

Pharmekeia teaching aside, it's still disobedient to God's will for Christians to seek healing and health through any other source other than Him, Jesus Christ. I Peter 2:24 says we're healed by HIS stripes...if He meant through medical science and drugs He would have told us that. James 5:14 says the PRAYER of FAITH (faith in who? doctors and drugs? NO! Faith in Jesus and His work at Calvary...His shed Blood) will save the sick.

There ARE conditions, not that He must meet, conditions that WE must meet...Obedience, confession of sins, pray in FAITH. No where are we instructed to seek medical treatment from any other source.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 19:35:53 GMT
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Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 11:01:05 GMT
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Posted by william on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 13:08:49 GMT
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Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 13:13:13 GMT
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I am not aware myself.

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Posted by james on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 13:55:10 GMT
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I know you did, that's why I returned to the original post and question. My question is, at this point, has anything changed due to this discussion? The people (at least the ones we 'know')who believe this probably haven't seen anything to convience them otherwise...By being taught, I think Ron was probably refering to individuals moreso than '5-fold', besides Tom Hamilton and probably Bobby Freeman.

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Yet with all the 'liveliness' of discussion, has a verdict been reached? I'm not sure of everyone's motivation in this, but I am willing to prayerfully look at and consider what you or others present to disprove what we were taught by HEF. And I pray that if it's the leading of The Lord to indeed "set people free from a grievious error", that our eyes will be open to see the truth...Let God be true and EVERY man a liar.

I can't help but make this observation, when we were all young and invincible (in our own eyes) it wasn't so hard to 'trust' God for healing and health; now that most of us are approaching our golden years the issue gets a bit more serious. (not speaking for myself, just making a general observation of older Christians on various forums.) I'll say this for Hobart Freeman, he was spot on with the warnings about if things aren't in a man's heart, time will prove it...

Jman

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Posted by james on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 14:23:39 GMT
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Amen brother, we can't(and shouldn't want to) live in the past...yet we are admonished to hold fast to that which has been given and Jeremiah comes to mind about seeking the old paths...everything kept in context, of course.

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1. EVERYONE HERE AGREES ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF PHARMIKIA.

2. NO ONE IS SAYING MEDSCI/DRUGS *EQUALS* = "OKAY".

3. NO ONE IS SAYING THAT MEDSCI/DRUGS IS "FROM" GOD.

Of course, if you are isolated from other Christians I'd say that this issue is moot. But if you minister to other Christians you are obligated to warn them about their involvement in the SATANIC REALM OF OCCULTISM; afterall there are eternal consequences to consider.

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Now if you can't see the monumental problems created by the taking the former approach, *and* the absolute necessity of taking that approach -- if you believe that they are in danger of becoming demoniacally oppressed/possessed -- then I'm wasting my time and the time of everyone here.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 16:27:42 GMT
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Let's face it, brother Freeman gave all of us the tools we need to eventually come to a Biblical understanding not only in this, but in other realms as well. If, when we talk about "holding fast the things we've heard", we are talking about that, then I'm holding fast as hard as I know how, but if we are talking about holding on to a teaching that is the teaching of a man -- just because we respect the man -- then I'm doing all I can to work against that attitude.

I would not put the teaching we heard about "divorce & remarriage" in the same category as this issue, but in terms of how it affected those who found themselves in that group, this came close to being as important. It affected their lives in a profound way. Those who came under the influence of that teaching either left their second marriages or left the body. There probably were some who didn't/don't fall neatly into those extremes but I can imagine that they never felt fully integrated into our fellowship under those circumstances.

Like I said, the teaching on divorce & remarriage is not an exact parallel with the medsci/drugs teaching (because of the supposed occult nature of the latter) but it does show the utter hopelessness of being faced with a decision where one was forced to make a choice between "following Jesus"(the teaching) -- or staying with the 2nd marriage. It was all the more complicated when kids were involved as was in my mom's case; -- yes, under that teaching I'm a bastard child. (Grandom can vouch for the Biblical usage of that term!)

Hopefully no one here considers that teaching unworthy of a second look even if it doesn't directly effect their situation, so it isn't strange to be looking at an issue that has even graver consequences.

Blessings,
William

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Posted by james on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 16:48:42 GMT
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OK, one at a time<smile>

Yep, my grandma equated medical science and all their high-falutin ways with the devil...

and grandpa too!(I'll keep the many reasons to myself)

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Posted by james on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 17:00:33 GMT
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Onward and upward...(as my dead pilot friend used to say)

I am willing to discuss this stuff(unlike most others) but let's not take or allow it to become a 'you' vs 'me' discussion. It's very safe keep your mouth shut and just reading along(and that's perfectly fine everyone doing so, enjoy.)but when I don't get in the middle of a discussion it seems a bit different. So here I am, in a thread that I'd really just as soon be a spectator in willing to converse about the issues. But you guys are going to have to provide the ammo...<grin...shrug...>

Don't become exasperated with the endeavor, just line up the ducks and let people decide,eh?

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FOCUS, we ain't going into the marriage/divorce/remarriage issue, are we? Hey! I'm an living epistle on that subject...but not now, OK?

Yep Grandom would be the resident expert on dat...but he ain't play'n right now.

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Are we doing anyone a favor by justifying drugs and medical science? I don't think so. Things people use to embrace they now call it a curse. Their children are doing things that they never would have wanted.
We are in the season of Halloween, and it makes one wonder, how many people who would never embrace and allow their children to participate now go to parties and encourage their grandchildren to dress up in those costumes? Because after all, they sure look cute and can get free candy, and besides what does it hurt?

There is so much that could be said, but people need to be willing to forsake all(including medical science) and trust Jesus. It is no small thing to be a follower of Jesus, and there is nothing in the world that compares with knowing the God who created us and the God who heals us.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 18:28:24 GMT
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Hi James,

Here is what I am perceiving from you:

I think you are saying:

1) The pharmakeia teaching is just fine as taught 30 years ago.

2) This discussion is coming against the entire healing message.

3) We should hold fast to what we were taught by HEF out of respect for the gift to teach that he had.

Point 2 above would not be an accurate analysis of this thread.

Points 1 and 3 could combine and leave you with a nicely consistent theological position. This was my position years ago.

According to me 30 years ago:
(The Greek definition of pharmakeia is not conclusive by itself but we have the revelation about it given to HEF â€“ our anointed teacher â€“ therefore we agree with HEF)

I think you could stake out your stand with points 1 and 3 and be theologically consistent.

Then you and I agree to disagree w/r respect of HEF's revelation part of it. -> which results in us disagreeing as we do conscerning med science as occult or not occult.

Unresolved then is how each believer is to decide for themselves whether to agree with HEF's revelation on this or not.

Also unresolved is how we are to react to each other (or others who disagree with us) - the old way of " disagree with me and you are of the devil " needs a re-think in my view

Jman

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Posted by william on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 18:35:32 GMT
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have to provide the ammo...<grin...shrug...>

Don't become exasperated with the endeavor, just line up the ducks and
let people decide,eh?

If you think I'm enjoying this then you'd be wrong.

Those who hold to the medsci/drug-occult-connection are the ones who should be front and center on this. There is no excuse for letting anyone go along with the notion that they are saved when you know better. You'd certainly give a piece of your mind to anyone who thought that celebrating Halloween or visiting a fortune teller as a Christian was simply something that they will eventually 'get right' given enough time and teaching. There should be no hesitation on your part to pull these individuals out of the fire, immediately.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 26 Oct 2011 18:53:12 GMT
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I put those things in an abc simplified format because James requested it that way. Brother Freeman did teach the importance of growing in the faith BUT HE TOOK THIS ISSUE OUT OF THE REALM OF FAITH when he said that it wasn't simply a matter of this or that person having a lack of faith for healing it was a matter that required occult deliverance.

Babies who can't eat meat are one thing, babies that are involved in the occult are a whole different matter. It isn't a growth process at that point it is a salvation issue and if that teaching is accurate then we have no choice but to act accordingly and jerk them out of the clutches of their occultic bondage.

If I haven't shown the difference by now, I give up.

Blessings,
William

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Posted by james on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 00:02:18 GMT
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I'll stand by those statements. That's the way that I've read the other's opinions... if I'm wrong about it let them tell me plainly.

1. As I read their comments I think that all have acknowledged that the origins of the word

pharmikia was closely yoked to witchcraft/sorcery -- Jman? GWB? James? HEF? Sage? Mark? Ron? Grandom? I haven't heard anyone dispute that fact.

2. Concerning drugs, I believe that everyone has expressed and acknowledged that all are not -- "okay". Pretty sure about Jman, GWB explicitly stated as much, I'll let the rest speak for themselves but I'm certain there won't be anyone who "okays" all drugs.

3. I suppose that by my making the statement that no one believes that drugs are "from God" one could misconstrue that to mean that since God made everything... etc., but I don't think anyone who has our background would take that as my meaning. To be clear: God has provided healing in the atonement and I believe that all would agree that the drug route is by comparison not from God, or at least does not represent His repertoire of healing methods.

Have I misrepresented you Jman? GWB? anyone? by those statements?

If I have, I'll stand corrected.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 02:49:50 GMT
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Have I misrepresented you Jman?

No

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 03:52:08 GMT
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Blessings,
William

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Posted by sparkles on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 14:59:42 GMT
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Posted by william on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 15:52:10 GMT
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Posted by sparkles on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 17:59:07 GMT
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I guess what I was trying to say is: I don't believe a true christian will be kept out of heaven for possibly partaking in an occult activity if they did it ignorantly. If someone has light on a subject and believed it according to Gods word, and turns back, then it is up to the Lord what happens. Thankfully I am not the judge, jury and executioner. There are true believers in Jesus Christ who are willingly doing Yoga, which is an obvious occult activity, but if they die and have never renounced their participation in Yoga, I do believe they will be in heaven. In saying that, there may be rewards they will lose, but I don't believe they will lose their salvation.
But do we sin that grace may abound? Absolutely not!

If someone has light, and willingly goes to an occult practitioner, then I believe they are opening a door to occult oppression. Just because they don't seem to have picked anything up from that association, doesn't mean there isn't an open door that at the right time(or wrong time) will show. And once they have started on the slippery slope in disobedience to God's word, we can only pray their eyes be opened to the truth of God's word and freedom. No one dabbles in sin and doesn't at some point pay the price.

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Posted by sparkles on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 18:32:12 GMT
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Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 20:03:32 GMT
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Hi Sage,

you wrote :
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In this specific case it sounds like more than just chem reactions to me.

One example case cannot establish that ALL drugs are occult.

Jman

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Posted by william on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 20:45:57 GMT
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There's a lot we don't know about the physical world and we know even less about the spiritual world.

A quick answer would be yes, this is a demon, but it also could be that the man was possessed (in the good old KJV sense of the word!) and the drugs, by lowering the man's resistance, allowed the demon to manifest. Sickness itself can weaken a person to the point where a demon can

manifest.

Satan doesn't play fair, he'll take advantage of a bump on the head, drugs, surgery, sins of the parents, pride, violence, etc.,etc.,etc.. He capitalizes on a person's weakness, or maybe it's a door they've opened, maybe a personality disorder, who knows? We are only safe as we rest under the wings of the Almighty!

Then again, it could be a reaction to chemicals. We really don't have an answer that covers everything, at times we just need discernment.

I've heard people attributing the constant crying of a baby to a demon -- could be -- but then again it might be a chemical reaction taking place in the diaper that is causing the discomfort!

In recent months there have been cases where someone after an accident or surgery (can't remember) woke up speaking with a foreign accent. No one seems to have an explanation. Could it be demonic?

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 01:45:11 GMT
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When our baby was born dead we had been "suspended" from our local body because the message of Jesus' absolute promise of healing was being changed and we did not agree. Many Christians in the community were praying something would happen to "teach us a lesson". There was 'just' me and the Holy Spirit to deal with the situation. I tell people I get more grace than most. Why? Because I ASK and wait till He comes. He ALWAYS does! Please carefully read Hebrews chapter 11, especially verses 17-19. If you do not want to train for these things then do not be concerned about "to him that overcomes". It will sometimes feel like you have been thrown into the deep end of the tank with hands and feet tied. However NOTHING can happen to you that Jesus does not allow. If it happens then you are ready, even if you do not feel like it. Will fear get all over you? YES! If one is not settled in his HEART on how much Jesus loves them fear will crush them.

I have no problem taking someone to the medical system if they ask to go. Otherwise I speak the word. Or shut up. You also should know it is the biggest idol in the nation, only rivaled by nationalism, which is also another religion.

What much of the reasoning I see here amounts to is Jesus is not really sovereign. Some have not settled the issue. What if this or what if that. No apostles or anyone with the an anointing. The

church is in horrible shape. I will tell you from experience that He will isolate you from everyone and everything but His Holy Spirit. Ask anyone who has been a line infantryman. Isolation is the greatest cause of fear on the battlefield. One of our responsibilities as Christians is to exercise courage.
Jesus raised our daughter from the dead.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 02:50:57 GMT
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lesjude wrote on Thu, 27 October 2011 20:45
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In my heart of hearts and in all humility I believe in SO many cases this is the crux of the matter. One can not exercise faith when in the midst of a trial when they haven't settled in their hearts that God is truely who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. Hobart Freeman regularly admonished and warned concerning this, to get it settled in our hearts. I have written several words of encouragement and exhortation concerning this very issue. We can't overcome ANYTHING if we aren't settled on the trustworthiness of what we believe.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 02:51:33 GMT
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Hi lesjude,

Welcome to the thread

New eyeballs looking things over can only help.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 12:40:44 GMT
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Demons often get in through blood transfusions. One sister told us that after several blood transfusions her husband's personality changed drastically. Neither were saved at the time, but she received the truth years later. Jesus is still doing a work in her husband's heart. One change is this man, who was an active persecutor of our fellowship for years, invited my wife and I to spend time in their very nice summer home in the Thousand Islands.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 20:39:14 GMT
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I just saw a special report on prescription drug abuse among young mothers and it's effect on their newborn babies. The study focused on the state of Florida (statistics reportedly show that Florida is one of the worst states with this problem, to the point they're calling it an epidemic.)

In St. Petersburg, Florida they went into a hospital's newborn section where there were 80 infant babies requiring extensive care(in incubators), of the 80, 24 were going through withdrawal from addiction to prescription drugs their mothers were on and abusing while pregnant. Oxycotin was the most popular drug of choice.(but not the only one) Miami reported even worse statistics.

I'm not using this to argue the issue about drugs and their origin being occult, just found it to be of interest with this discussion going on here. I know that there are also a substainal number of infants brought into the world addicted to crack, heroin,and other 'illegal' drugs their mothers were addicted to during pregnancy.

It wasn't a pretty sight watching those infants suffering the pangs of withdrawal...and speaking of demons and oppression/possession, if they did a follow-up study of these children over the next 20 years, I can almost guarantee you that apart from spiritual intervention, most of these kids will suffer from all types of disorders ranging from rebellion to drug abuse themselves...Demons entering through the drugs? I believe it is.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 23:59:11 GMT
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I have done quite a bit of deliverance and will tell you that there is a demon behind EVERY drug and usually the drug is named for them. Ask any health professional and they will tell you, if they are truthful, that there is NO drug that does not have harmful side effects and often causes the same symptoms it is supposed to 'cure'. Most of these drugs cure nothing but allow you to live with the condition, enrich the drug companies, and often die of the side effects that they do not tell you about. A group medical practice in a city near us had a lunch catered every week from one of the most expensive restaurants by the drug sales reps. I know because our bible study got the left overs every week and they were delicious.

What do you do if an unbelieving relative is in a nursing home and on drugs? Here is what Jesus showed us to do. First get mama out of there if at all possible. You should not need a revelation to do that. The best of them are pits who drug to control. We finally persuaded the rest of my wife's family to let us care for their mother in her own home. She was in an institution on 'comfort care' which means she was expected to die very shortly. She was an unmanifested saved Catholic who had severe dementia symptoms and heart problems for which she was on beta blockers and other drugs. We just ministered Jesus to her, loved on her and did some deliverance. Jesus had her drug free within months and she lived 2 more years. Anyone will tell you a person cannot just stop taking beta blockers, but Jesus....Her salvation was fought by the Catholic devils to the very end but they turned lose minutes before she died when Jesus showed up in the hospital room. She died with total peace. The nurse was totally amazed as he saw it happen. Fighting, snarling, and thrashing one minute and then she looked up and total peace!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 00:41:44 GMT
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The Bible is nearly totally negative about physicians and their means of curing. Jesus had more than ample opportunity to tell the "suffered many things of many physicians" what they were doing wrong and give them the miracle drug to get it right. Jesus speaks loudly by what he did NOT do. The principle is in what Jesus said in John 14:2 "...If it were not so I would have told you." This also applies for what He could have said and did not.

There were no physicians in Israel until (one of the worst things that God ever allowed to happen in Israel) better known as King Solomon married pharaoh's daughter, and she brought her physicians with her. Guess who began to use them? When the leadership does this it is not long until the led are on board!

Honestly, who cares what HEF said about medicine or doctors. If you can read and are willing to educate yourself it will not take long to figure out that medical science is NOT a science at all, but is just a false pagan religion with their high priests, temples, mysteries, temple prostitutes, blood sacrifices, occult based 'cures', training centers for the priests and lesser ministries, and more than enough perversion, drug use and filth to go around. In at least some medical schools they teach a course on the history and origins of medicine. They have no problem explaining its occult origins.

In the physical realm the medical system has all but bankrupted many states and corporations. About 50% of NYS's budget is for medicaid! What other 'business' could kill over 120,000 people a year in the US alone, by their own admission, and not be investigated? Not a religion?

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I trust you guys can appreciate a little lighthearted humor...In the midst of a serious subject.

I did NOT recruit Leslie as my hired-gun, but it don't look to me like he's running short on AMMO...

I don't know him from Adam...

Leslie, check your Private Messages.

Hey Leslie, I put the check in the mail...

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I think you are hitting upon a very common component in the theology or belief system of a lot of people. I think you are saying that all drugs are a demon connection because of what is learned (usually from the demons themselves) in deliverance sessions.

As for me personally I do not accept deliverance sessions as a source of theology.

(maybe someone else will say next week that drugs are Ok because a demon told them so)

(if we incorporate 40 years of demonic info into our beliefs then there is no limit â€“ maybe along the way someone thought a demon came from micro-waves, Nike shoes, from anything and everything â€“ one would need a database to list them all and the believers would be placed under terrible duress to avoid all the open doors if we accept all the demonic input into our theology)

I am a bit eccentric around here. A long time ago I decided to define Christianity as only the Bible.

I thereby set aside revelations such as the pharmakeia teaching that we have been discussing here.

I also set aside theology that came through deliverance sessions.

If others include into their theology things that I do not then naturally we will
come to different conclusions.

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lesjude wrote:

>>>>> The Bible is nearly totally negative about physicians . . . etc , etc, etc

>>>> If you can read and are willing to educate yourself it will not take long to figure out that medical science is NOT a science at all, but is just a false pagan religion with their high priests, temples, mysteries, temple prostitutes, blood sacrifices, occult based 'cures', training centers for the priests and lesser ministries, and more than enough perversion, drug use and filth to go around. In at least some medical schools they teach a course on the history and origins of medicine. They have no problem explaining its occult origins.

What you are saying here has already been part of the give and take in this thread.

If you want to stand pat with your above stated opinion then that is of course
your option but the counter points have been made already in this thread if
you want to go back and read through and consider them.

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Hi James,

As I said above I define Christianity differently than others.
As such I see no â€œnew ammoâ€• here.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 02:30:32 GMT
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Yup, a lot of shotgun fire straight up in the air!

We've all heard the cliches and the statistics... shoot, I even agree with most of them, but pick up a rifle and aim at a couple of the valid points that have been proffered.

Medical science is involved in abortion too (or has that already been mentioned?) therefore all medical science worships at the feet of Molech. Com'on guys surely you can do better and at least answer some of the points without shooting off another roman-candle.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 02:52:21 GMT
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Like I said, a little lighthearted humor...

I put down my weapons a long time ago...

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:02:11 GMT
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You are quite correct in your assertion that theology should NOT come from demons. All one has to do is look at he effects of drugs on society and it is obvious they are NOT from God. Drugs are now being found in the drinking water in major cities. Guess how they got there. If you can name just one drug that is not harmful to the body I will concede. Why in the world would Jesus 'give' His people anything like this? I will tell you. It is allowed for the same reason as the bill of divorce was, for the hardness of your hearts! Are we not joined as one flesh with Jesus as His bride? Which groom would give His bride a drug when He died to give her health and healing? Do you understand the grounds for divorce? Is not Jesus' bride to trust Him for all He has provided? Do you not realize that to seek the unregenerate medical system regardless if it is seen by anyone as occult or not is adultery?

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:02:17 GMT
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Just messing around with you James with a little humor of my own.

After reading one of the notes I started humming this: (I don't believe I've ever heard the other verses so I'll include them.)

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:09:07 GMT
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I usually turn the sound off when they start that, but tonight at the start of world series game I listened because I wanted to hear Cris Daughtry's version.<boo...>

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:10:53 GMT
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Surely you jest! Patriotism/nationalism is just another false pagan religion. Is there anyone in here that believes the US is a Christian nation?

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:20:35 GMT
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Yes Leslie, we were jesting. If you'd take a little time to read and get to know us a bit you'll understand where each is coming from a little better.

In the "Christian Ethics" section there's a thread on 'Principles of non-resistance vs our rights' and I believe it includes some thoughts on patriotism.(post #5689) You find I'm about the most un-patriotic person you'll run across.

Speaking for myself only, NO, I don't think America is a christian nation.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:32:07 GMT
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You are correct. I was hasty. Several attempts were made to fire me from my HS teaching position over the pledge of allegiance. I eventually quit when Jesus told me that the school system was turning the hearts of the students away from their parents and Him. And I was taking the wages of a harlot. Within the last few years I have come to know that this was an extreme understatement. I taught US and European history. There is little more than lies and half truths in the text books. I got a lot of grace for 22 years!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:34:56 GMT
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I wonder if it is possible to quote the whole thread in a post... <sigh>

Les, you should go back over the thread and try to pick up some loose ends that have been left

hanging.

I remember one time I was involved in a thread where all of the participants had this same old straw-man that they kept trying to kill (now don't get me wrong, they killed the poor bugger!) but the only problem was that they would never address the subject of the discussion. They had stereotyped the poor guy who was trying to give some great (if I do say so myself!) insight, and even when he repeatedly told them exactly what he wasn't saying they spent all of their time addressing that very straw-man.

Hopefully this isn't another one of those situations... Jman isn't the straw-man you've pegged him to be. I'm not that straw-man either. GWB is certainly not a man at all!!! We all are a part of the body of Christ and we all want to serve him with all of our hearts.

We have an issue here that has plagued people in our circles for a long time. If you don't see the importance of that issue, fine. But at least give the old straw-man a rest... if you don't he's going to die and he'll probably die in the place where people go to die -- that old temple of doom that can lay claim to having more deaths than anywhere else on the face of the earth -- and yes, that will be one more that you can add to the 90% that already die in hospitals. (You are aware of the fact that hospitals are where most people go right before they die, right?)*

William

*My little attempt at humor...

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:37:45 GMT
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Hi lesjude,

It sounds like you are arguing that God provided healing and Christians should trust Him for healing. Everyone agrees with that already.

Our discussion has been whether or not ALL drugs are occult and whether or not medical science is occult . Ie; whether or not the HEF teaching on pharmakeia was accurate.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:39:35 GMT
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<grin> (where is that rollie eye when you need it!)

Yes Les, we are jesting -- BUT IT ISN'T COURSE mind you.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:47:14 GMT
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Who really cares if HEF taught this or not. It seems this is as productive as trying to determine how many angels fit on the head of a pin. Drugs are either God or the devil. It seems there should be no doubt which it is. By all means do all that is in your heart.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:50:57 GMT

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Quoting that bit of doggerel is about as close as it gets. Some people have paid a fairly high price on this issue from a Biblical stand point.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:55:19 GMT
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You are correct. I really do not see any issue and have had this settled for a very long time. I will cease and desist.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 03:59:54 GMT
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Yes, they have, my friend. A very, very high price.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 04:00:26 GMT
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lesjude wrote on Fri, 28 October 2011 22:50Quoting that bit of doggerel is about as close as it gets. Some people have paid a fairly high price on this issue from a Biblical stand point.

This thread concerns an issue over which people have paid an even higher price -- their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions

Posted by wishing34 on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 04:02:00 GMT
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Hi lesjude,

The importance is that if a believer has a death door type trial and gets to the point where he realizes he is not in faith. . .

He might go to the hospital and live to fight another day if he views the hospital as only the â€œarm of the fleshâ€• and just another â€œmissed itâ€• in a tough trial.

But if he believes that the hospital is occult and that he is going to the devil for help then he would let a death occur rather than denying Jesus by going to the devil (the hospital, drugs, etc).

So whether the hospital and its administering of drugs is occult or not matters.

HEF comes into the discussion because the â€œmed sciece is occultâ€• teaching originated with him and he is so respected that people live by what he said on this issue to this day.

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Also if med science is occult then working there is considered by some being a witch â€“ tough label to endure.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions

Posted by GWB on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 04:45:43 GMT
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Not really!

At least OO still talks to me!

Having a close family member being a black witch Satanist, and a member of the Satanic Church of Louisville, I can't see her, or any of her coven members using any of the drugs in question in this discussion, for their rituals.

Sorry, but.....yawn.....

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by sparkles on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 11:46:57 GMT
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gets to the point where he realizes he is not in faith. . .

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the devil for help then he would let a death occur rather than denying
Jesus by going to the devil (the hospital, drugs, etc)"

As I have been reading the different posts I am just wondering
if what is being said is:
Taking drugs and going to the hospital is only going to the arm of flesh, and not occult, then it would be okay. But if you believe it is occult then it would be wrong. I don't see the consistency in the logic. If it is occult, it is of the devil. But if you only compromise because you don't have faith and take drugs that are obviously of the devil(because they sure aren't from God) then it is more justified, because it is only taking something from the devil that is not occult.

Seems like either way you are ingesting something that is from the devil, whether you want to call

it occult or not. And even if it wasn't occult, it can still open the door to oppression because it is not from God.

I don't really feel there are that many people out there who went to Faith Assembly even care anymore if it is considered occult or not. Obviously it is a sensitive issue as to what happened to people, but at some point people need to forgive and go on. If that seems harsh, I am sorry, but that is what the christian needs to do.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 13:44:00 GMT
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So what! There are thousands who have given their lives for the world's causes and their demonic religions. If Christians had to take Omaha Beach the German's would still have it.
  What is a soldier taught to do when people are killed and wounded all around him? If Christian's are going to take back from the devil what he has stolen then their will be casualties, real ones. Some of those should have stayed home in the first place until they were ready just as the Bible's rules of warfare state. There is no stigma in that. Some were tares that the devil planted to destroy the will to fight. FA was a pioneer work that made mistakes. Those things can get people killed and did. Some mistakes were their own, some were leadership. The Holy Spirit is more than capable to show what those were and correct them.
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Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 14:04:06 GMT
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Hi Sage,

Sage said:
>>>>>Taking drugs and going to the hospital is only going to the arm of flesh, and not occult, then it would be okay.

No. I'm not saying it is OK. I have said it is â€œmissing itâ€• in a faith trial. I've said the point in time when someone is without faith for the healing is sin (the lack of faith is the sin).

The question is what to do after realizing faith is missing â€“ go get
help and live to fight another day or allow a death to occur because
the hospital is occult.

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Sage said:
>>>>>>> drugs that are obviously of the devil(because they sure aren't from God)

All chemical compounds are capable of good or capable of evil.

chemical compounds can do good or do evil:

Drain Cleaner can clean the drain or poison a toddler.
Water can sustain life or, if overdosed enough, kill
Alcohol based disinfectants can clean a wound or, if drunk, cause blindness.
The communion wine (alcohol) can be used to remember Jesus death or used to get drunk

Drugs are just chemicals. They cause chemical reactions in the body .
They are not good nor evil in and of themselves.

I disagree that we can say, as you did, categorically that drugs (merely chemicals)
 are not from God.

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I ask you to flesh this out with the Scriptures.

â€œnot from Godâ€• and â€œoppressionâ€• are phrases we use a lot but they are
not clearly defined. To take a theology position as you are here
needs to be more concrete or else people could end up with all kinds of
strange beliefs â€“

â€œoppressedâ€• as in occult deliverance?
â€œOppressionâ€• needs deliverance?

Example:
Believer struggles with angry thoughts at his neighbor.
These thoughts are â€œnot from Godâ€•
Is he â€œoppressedâ€• by a demon? Needs deliverance?
Or needs to just resist the attempted demonic input into his thoughts?

If such an offense indicates demonic deliverance is required then
after deliverance â€“ when he succumbs again to this easily besetting sin -
can the demon return with 7 more and his situation is far worse ?

PS: No I did not mean to indicate that angry thoughts are OK

So before your idea w/r a non-occult sin is oppression and thereby
on par with occult involvement â€“ the terminology and ramifications/consistency of
this theology needs looked at.

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Sage wrote:
>>>>>> I don't really feel there are that many people out there who went to Faith Assembly even
care anymore if it is considered occult or not.

Not until they approach death's door in a trial â€“ which is indeed relatively rare.

This teaching had huge and devastating affects on some in the past. The teaching is still the same. The same devastating affects will probably happen again.

Plus it is a poor handling of the Scriptures (Gal 5:20) which is offensive.
Plus it is error.

Jman

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Posted by wishing34 on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 14:07:17 GMT
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loses a very high percentage of his best people in an assault. Jesus can spend us ANY way he chooses for His Kingdom and purposes. Whining about casualties and asking 'why' is not acceptable.

Please re-think and re-pray w/r this.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 14:42:36 GMT
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I remember coming back to Alabama on vacation after this teaching came forth and there was a buzz in the air. Everyone that I knew recognized the monumental significance in what had been said even if some of you cannot.

We hung on every word that came out of the mouth of HEF. "Brother Freeman said it, we believe it, that settles it." Now we wouldn't say it like that because brother Freeman also taught us about the dangers of 'trusting in man', but we embraced it. That attitude prevailed so strongly that even to this very day a small misstep in this area and you're history as far as being able to enjoy the full communion in the family of overcomers.

If anyone has doubts about the validity of that last paragraph then I challenge you to sift through the 5000 or so messages on this board and see how many times you can find an unqualified "brother-Freeman-was-wrong" statement. If you do find such a statement you'll find it preceded and followed by qualifiers and explanations (assuming that the person making the comments

wanted to stay and enjoy communion with us, of course) as to why he/she dared disagree with brother Freeman. A disagreement with brother Freeman without the obligatory qualifiers relegates you to the dustbin of history. Even with the appropriate offerings you will find it difficult to retain street-cred with the faithful.

Why? Because all such disagreements fall into the easy-to-remember and oft-used cliche -- "they are criticizing what they once praised".

Anyway, as I was saying, the atmosphere had changed, grandma's liniment had suddenly become Faith Assemblies' ouija board -- your salvation now hinged upon whether or not you gave up the annual checkup at the temple of Satan. A true game-changer, it was.

I'm not sure what you mean about us "needing to forgive" and "move on" because I can't see how it fits into this discussion, but I hope I've given some indication as to why it matters. It matters for all of the reasons already outlined but it especially matters because brother Freeman said it mattered.

Blessings,
William

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Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 15:57:45 GMT
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I see you must have read the thread on non-resistance that James mentioned!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 16:03:31 GMT
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I really thought there were some deep seated issues that were unresolved earlier in the thread when for two weeks everyone shut down, that's why I encouraged the continuance. But as for me it isn't and hasn't been an issue so I felt comfortable staying out of it, but returned hoping to see everyone come to a unity(plus as much as I've endeavored to get people to join in on this forum and share their thoughts I didn't want to seem uninterested when people finally found something they were passionate about). I would encourage everyone to SETTLE this issue in your hearts, because an unsettled (or double minded, wavering) mind and heart can not exercise faith...'when at deaths door' or any other time. But I don't think I have anything else to add to this discussion, at this time, anyway.

I'm not offended, even with Jman giving his opinion that the teaching is offensive and an error; or that the views of some were putting GWB to sleep or boring her (yawn...).

In fact I was laughing this morning thinking about a couple of references made to water...

"Come on back in, James. The water is just now getting warm." ~Moulder<GRIN>

"I now find myself swimming in shark infested water"
~L.B. <lol>

Even though I was once a lifeguard and am not afraid of sharks, I think I'll just hangout on the shore for a while...

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 16:30:44 GMT
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It's funny how differently people perceive things!

I was thinking that this thread represented one of the most reasoned and thought-provoking threads we've ever had. Sure there has been passion, that is expected; you've got the one 'side' (only using that term with reference to the positions taken in this thread) focused upon the core concepts involved the other 'side' focused (like a floodlight!) on the 'why-does-it-matter' and 'holding-fast-the-things-we-were-taught' part of the issue.

Next question: Who are the SHARKS?? <grin>

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by sparkles on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 17:00:58 GMT
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"It's funny how differently people perceive things!"

Sure do agree with that. Not really sure what the topic accomplished as far as peoples convictions, I just hope that some out there who have read this topic will see that Jesus Christ can be, and wants to be, their healer. It has been promised in God's word and worked in some of our lives for decades now. Faith works, as long as we are meeting the conditions, and it has seen people healed, raised from the dead, delivered from Satan and his snares, and given us peace in every situation in spite of circumstances.

Sometimes I think people like to say Brother Freeman was wrong just so they can justify their compromise. I suppose maybe only they may know if this is true or not. Brother Freeman was just a man, who God has used. Not perfect, to be sure, as none of us are. I couldn't count the times he told people to get in the Word themselves so they could get faith in their hearts, so when their trials came they would overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. I refuse to blame someone who told people to not follow him. I believe in personal responsibility, as we are all accountabily for ourselves. With some, I believe they are proud to be able to say they disagree with Faith Assemblies teaching, and have the courage to oppose Brother Freeman and say where they think he was wrong.

And for those who truly have questions, without the argumentative spirit, ask them. Private message someone, or a couple people and ask. You don't need have the world see your concern. I am certain any of us would be very happy to respond to your questions and concerns.

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Just like Moses, God dealt with brother Freeman. God is not pleased with vituperative criticism of him. Moses did not enter the promise land nor did brother Freeman enter into all that God intended. These things do not make him a false teacher. Many true men of God had issues, even those in the Bible. God also allowed his death to allow people the opportunity to follow what was really in their hearts. Many did just that.

I have nearly all his tapes. I know of no one who teaches uncompromising, consistent Bible truth the way he did. Without faith it is impossible to please God. He had it and was anointed to teach Hebrews 11 faith to others.

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Posted by william on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 17:23:39 GMT
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Sage wrote on Sat, 29 October 2011 12:00
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I don't see how that anyone here is trying to 'justify their compromise'.

Many, and I'm not saying you, use the litmus test of adherence to brother Freeman as their sole source of discernment. That is a sad part of our legacy for it puts all disagreement out of the realm of discussion. When a person disagrees with something, even when it is a valid disagreement, the 'compromise' label is pasted upon their forehead and they are 'off the reservation'.

I agree with jman on this kind of posturing... it needs to be re-thunk. You cannot deny that a disagreement under these circumstances is viewed as compromise equivalent to having said something like 'hath God said?'; for proof of this you have to look no further than this thread.

Blessings,
William

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lesjude wrote on Sat, 29 October 2011 12:12- I never met brother Freeman, but attended fellowships in NY state that followed his ministry and one fellowship that an itinerant word minister from FA taught at. I attended several faith seminars in Indianapolis after his death and some meetings at FA itself. I and my family still live the biblical faith message he taught. I could fill many pages with testimony of Jesus' faithfulness to heal, provide and deliver as we trusted Him alone. It has been over 30 years and He has NEVER failed us.

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Just like Moses, God dealt with brother Freeman. God is not pleased with vituperative criticism of him. Moses did not enter the promise land nor did brother Freeman enter into all that God intended. These things do not make him a false teacher. Many true men of God had issues, even those in the Bible. God also allowed his death to allow people the opportunity to follow what was really in their hearts. Many did just that.

I have nearly all his tapes. I know of no one who teaches uncompromising, consistent Bible truth the way he did. Without faith it is impossible to please God. He had it and was anointed to teach Hebrews 11 faith to others.

That is so true. A false statement doesn't a false teacher make. Also true is that when a person follows their heart it doesn't automatically mean they have left the Faith.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 17:40:51 GMT
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This thread has been far from boring! I won't even react to certain comments.

I dedicate this thread to the sister who I tried to hug and comfort in the nursery at FA. No one was talking to her. She was being shunned due to the death of her baby! It just did not happen once, it was status quo. If anyone failed a trial or believed other than the pulpit, you were put on the back burner. Buh-Bye!!!

I told her, "I know you were faithful." She replied, "Yes, we were."

Is there anybody here who actually has the nerve to say she needed to stay home anyway! I guess so!

I wonder if she is reading OO right now and following along? Does anyone care about that?

This thread has been one of the most honest, open, and valuable discussions ever on OO. IMO

I think that this thread may not only be adjusting our thinking toward the teaching at FA, but also our attitudes toward each other on OO and our dear brothers and sisters from years ago.

I think we may need a time out corner (spanking room) for OO! Either that, or learn what it really means to die out and love each other for who we are and where we are at in our hearts.

I value all opinions; the attitudes behind a few of the presentations of those opinions, not so much.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 17:55:50 GMT
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PS. Can we please continue to fight for the faith and not put each other down while doing so?

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 17:59:53 GMT

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I have considered these things for a very long time. I am not sure what your problem is. If you think it is because I do not believe in non-resistance, I do. Have I seen real casualties? Yes. Dead ones. You see I have it settled. Jesus is sovereign and ALWAYS is perfectly good and right and loving in what He does. Further NOTHING can happen to a believer unless Jesus allows it, for his glory and our good. I will agree that my statement was rather direct and could be seen as 'unloving'. I was not totally appreciative of the statement made to me that this was in response to. I have little interest in how many angels fit on the head of a pin, or all the lyrics that praise that bloody rag!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 18:06:28 GMT
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"I am not sure what your problem is."

Hmmmm.....still can't get that sister off of my mind.

"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." I Cor 13:2

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 18:21:39 GMT
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Strictly for the record and because some people care about such issues you can have an infinite number of angels on the head of a pin because they don't take up space.

I'm still working my way through this thread. Lot of interesting discussion.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 21:10:04 GMT
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I like it!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 21:20:50 GMT
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When in a situation like this it is exactly right to hug her and love on her. I would NEVER suggest you tell them anything but kind words and pray for and with them. I am in a leadership position and have had to deal with losses like this. You deal with the other side of the situation in the future. But it has to be dealt with, by the person(s) themselves seeking Jesus in counseling or both. There is ALWAYS a reason and it is NEVER from God's side.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Sun, 30 Oct 2011 02:45:29 GMT
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God is SOVEREIGN. No one can go to the hospital if God does not allow them to. I took my own adult son to the emergency room at his request. He had been in what most would consider a life or death trial for a week. When we arrived they did some preliminary testing and were ready to admit him. All the symptoms LEFT! He got the message and refused admission and we took him home. ALL the symptoms came back when we got home! We had to battle the devil for another several days and he was too weak to go to work for two more weeks. Essentially the same thing happened with another sister and her grand daughter in our fellowship. If they go to the medical system God does not fall off the throne and has allowed it or they would die before they got there. As long as they understand that this is NOT Bible faith, repent and submit to Holy Spirit Grace and training this will change. They do NOT become 2nd class Christians. One reason they were treated as such in FA was people were AFRAID. They did not have it settled that faith ALWAYS works and God is ALWAYS faithful for themselves.

OK. If drugs and the medical system are occult and one uses them so what? Repent, cast out the demons, and dig in for faith. This is NOT the unpardonable sin! If they are not, then repent, don't cast them out and dig in for faith. This is truly a non issue.

As for working in the medical system NO ONE can tell another person to quit or not quit a job. All that can be done is point out what the unscriptural issues are, pray and let the Holy Spirit do His job. Trust me He will. I was a a high school social studies teacher for 22 years. This is at least as unscriptural as the medical system. I got GREAT GRACE for 22 years and when He showed me to leave I did. I was used in the system and was a real light to the community. However they did

not always see it that way and tried to fire me several times with quite a bit of additional persecution. I am a bit outspoken at times. (Y'all seem like nice Christian folks bless your hearts.) It does not take a lot to understand that peer pressure, opinions, and playing Holy Spirit were problems in FA. If the educational system was seen as it truly is then I am sure I would have gotten pressure as well. That is ALWAYS WRONG!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Mon, 31 Oct 2011 06:00:57 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Sat, 29 October 2011 09:04
All chemical compounds are capable of good or capable of evil.

chemical compounds can do good or do evil:

Drain Cleaner can clean the drain or poison a toddler.
Water can sustain life or, if overdosed enough, kill
Alcohol based disinfectants can clean a wound or, if drunk, cause blindness.
The communion wine (alcohol) can be used to remember Jesus death or used to get drunk

Drugs are just chemicals. They cause chemical reactions in the body .
They are not good nor evil in and of themselves.

I disagree that we can say, as you did, categorically that drugs (merely chemicals)
are not from God.

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Jman

Maybe everyone just skimmed over this statement and didn't see the significance of what is being said here?

This is a statement that capsulizes much of the disagreements in this thread. If true then we can all sit down, take a break, and say, whew! finally this whole question is resolved.

Surely we aren't going to move on to the next page without a comment here?

If this is a true statement then the whole occult/drug argument is out the window.

The issue is then placed squarely upon the person who is using the drug, not the drug itself.

How about it? Is there someone who wants to answer this from Scripture?

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Mon, 31 Oct 2011 12:28:42 GMT
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ALL, that is A double l, drugs sold by drug companies cause harm to the body, including aspirin. That is a given. If you do drugs, you do harm. None cure. They only mask the symptoms as aspirin does, or just 'control' the disease so you can live with it. You can find no where in the Bible that drugs are recommended or spoken of as an alternative. Jesus had a lot of opportunity to supply the information. Are they used in heaven? We are to expose the works of darkness, not argue about their darkness. All that you do in word or deed do in the name of Jesus. That does not include ingesting harmful substances into your body. That having been said, you are FREE to do it.

This is up to the individual and NO ONE can tell them not to do it. Over the pulpit, under the anointing these things can be taught. Peer pressure is NEVER acceptable. If you do not agree with a teaching you might want to do what a large # of His disciples did in John 6.

Can a bad tree bear good fruit i.e. drug companies?
It is 'good' for people to do drugs and the medical system to "live to fight another day". It is 'evil' if they do not. Oh really? This is thinking that is controlled by the thought patterns of good and evil not the Spirit of Life. Please review the principle in Genesis 2:9, 3:5. One of the purposes of the Holy Spirit baptism is to change thinking from the principles of good and evil to the Spirit of Life! 2 Cor 7:1.

Is there grace and time to grow? YES! We get all we need, but from our side we can stop growing any time we choose. Is their repentance if one stumbles? YES! Repentance is a change of thinking in the area of the sin which involves submitting to the Holy Spirit training. Please be aware that God is SOVEREIGN and predestination is true. No one lives or dies because they do or do not go to the medical system. The medical system is as likely to kill them as the symptoms the devil tells them they have. I do not think y'all have it settled as to who God is. He can do with everyone AS HE WISHES!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Mon, 31 Oct 2011 14:40:20 GMT
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Hi lesjude,

lesjude said:
>>>>> You can find no where in the Bible that drugs are recommended or spoken of as an alternative. Jesus had a lot of opportunity to supply the information

Remember Divine Healing is not in dispute here â€“ the question is whether
or not med-science (administering drugs) is occult.

Lesjude said:
>>>>>>Over the pulpit, under the anointing these things can be taught

Consider what is to be taught over the pulpit.

Revelations is a valid concept â€“ but I do not see people here acknowledging
that the pharmakeia teaching was a revelation. They seem to indicate
they think it is a literal Biblical concept just like other doctrines.

Lesjude said:
>>>>>>If you do not agree with a teaching you might want to do what a large # of His disciples did in John 6.

With your John 6 reference are you referring to John 6:66 wherein some disciples
separated from Jesus? If so are you saying if someone disagrees with a teaching
they might leave the fellowship?
Do you recommend 100% conformity? Disagree on on a single teaching and you
self-eliminate yourself from the church(es)?

Would you forbid people being allowed to disagree?
Would you say that the 5-fold never make mistakes while in the pulpit?

Lesjude wrote:
>>>>>It is 'good' for people to do drugs and the medical system to "live to fight another day". It is 'evil' if they do not. Oh really?

It is good to live on and not die from sickness.

Lesjude wrote:
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Please clarify what you mean here.

Lesjude wrote:
>>>>>>Please be aware that God is SOVEREIGN . . . . â€¦ . . He can do with everyone AS HE WISHES!

Since the sovereign God has limited Himself to be faithful to His Word
we know that His will is always to fulfill the healing promises and it
is not His will that believers die from sickness.

Your idea that God might will that some believers die from sickness
is a serious error. Die from martyrdom â€“ yes this is possibly God's will

for some believers â€“ then your statements apply but not w/r death via sickness.

If indeed the med science is NOT occult then it is an option for the arm of the flesh
not worse than claiming $$$ then borrowing from a friend, claiming protection then
getting a guard dog to provide the protection, praying against roaches then spraying pesticide â€“ all these are
faith failures but they are not occult.

PS I do not mean to indicate that the "arm of the flesh" is OK. It is a faith failure.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Mon, 31 Oct 2011 23:22:32 GMT
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You can find no where in the Bible that drugs are recommended or spoken of as an alternative.
Jesus had a lot of opportunity to supply the information

Remember Divine Healing is not in dispute here â€“ the question is whether
or not med-science (administering drugs) is occult. THIS IS THE REASON JESUS DID NOT SUPPLY THE INFORMATION. DRUGS OPEN THE DOOR TO THE ENTRANCE OF DEMONS WHEN USED TO DO WHAT HE PROVIDED (HEALING.)THE DEVIL'S PLAN OF GOOD AND EVIL DISINFORMATION WAS ALREADY WELL UNDER WAY.

MEDICINE IS BASED IN THE OCCULT AND IS NOT a true science for several reasons. I have already stated that drugs cure NOTHING, JUST create a false sense of 'health' and there is NOT one that does not harm the body. It is like a Shaman's stick. It is a stick, but when used for that purpose it is occult and summons demons and is used to open the door for their entry. I am sure you have looked up pharmakia in Vine's. The purpose of the chemicals as used by sorcerers was to invite spirits in as part of the occult ritual. The drugs provide the open door for them. This makes the teaching on drugs AS OCCULT A BIBLE DOCTRINE: "they think it is a literal Biblical concept just like other doctrines".

With your John 6 reference are you referring to John 6:66 wherein some disciples
separated from Jesus? YES If so are you saying if someone disagrees with a teaching
they might leave the fellowship? YES
Do you recommend 100% conformity? NO Disagree on on a single teaching and you
self-eliminate yourself from the church(es)?NO, One needs to seek Jesus in the word and prayer to find the truth. He will show one what is true or not and what to do about it. There has to be agreement on Bible doctrine. The Holy Spirit will either bring unity or remove those who are in disunity.
Would you forbid people being allowed to disagree?NO
Would you say that the 5-fold never make mistakes while in the pulpit? They do make mistakes.

>>>>>It is 'good' for people to do drugs and the medical system to "live to fight another day". It is 'evil' if they do not. Oh really?

Lesjude wrote:
>>>>>> Please review the principle in Genesis 2:9, 3:5. One of the purposes of the Holy Spirit baptism is to change thinking from the principles of good and evil to the Spirit of Life! 2 Cor 7:1 CLARIFICATION: When they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil their thought patterns were changed. Satan then could control these thought patterns to begin his disinformation campaign. For instance it is good to fight in a just war for just causes. It is evil not to. I assume you know this is not what the Holy Spirit of Life (tree of life in the garden) teaches.

Satan has nearly completed this process with many/most Christians calling evil good and what the Spirit Of Life says as evil. He does NOT want people to think that drugs open people to demons when used by the occult based medical system to 'cure' sickness. They get relief, are 'cured' but Satan gives to get. He then just bides his time. They are 'just' chemicals not good or evil, which is a new twist in his disinformation program. It seems he is getting help in this stream.

Another example of the plan is to see the basis of Christianity, Hebrews 11 faith, on the basis of good and evil. Here is what the Holy Spirit says: Job 13:15
15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.
Here is what you say:

It is 'good' for people to do drugs and the medical system to "live to fight another day". It is 'evil' if they do not.

The Spirit of Life says one thing and Satan's disinformation plan says another.

Satan has the majority of Christianity convinced that Bible faith is totally evil! There is no such thing as unbelief, everything is faith which makes Christians feel good. One gets NOTHING from God without Hebrews 11 faith. He will wait until the right time and steal their salvation.

Do I have to say there is grace to grow, repent, and dig in for Bible faith if you do drugs? This is no big deal. Just cast out the demons or fill up on faith till they leave of their own accord. Even if you do not think they are there an extra 'bath' never hurt anyone, and you might be surprised what is there.

You said: Since the sovereign God has limited Himself to be faithful to His Word
we know that His will is always to fulfill the healing promises and it
is not His will that believers die from sickness.

I never said it is His will. EVERYTHING has been preordained from before the foundation of the Earth including our free will choices. That includes doing drugs or not doing them. There are consequences for not exercising faith, willful sin, etc. Some get another chance for doing drugs and some Satan gets the right to kill. God is sovereign and it is His choice as to what happens.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 00:49:28 GMT
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Hi lesjude:

lesjude said:
DRUGS OPEN THE DOOR TO THE ENTRANCE OF DEMONS WHEN USED TO DO WHAT HE PROVIDED (HEALING.)

Only if the drugs do something supernatural. That would mean that the believer had sought somewhere other than God for something SUPERNATURAL.

To seek elsewhere from God for something that is just natural science is not trafficking with demons because it is not supernatural.
(it is the arm of the flesh though â€“ but not occult)

Everything that provides what God also provides is not necessarily demonic.

not demonic : guard dogs, security systems, neighborhood watch, cleaning a wound, closing a wound, setting a bone, joy from a good book , joy from enjoying children

If it is supernatural then it is demonic (occult)
If it is natural science then it is not demonic.

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lesjude said:
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This makes the teaching on drugs AS OCCULT A BIBLE DOCTRINE

I think we agree here in part â€“ The first century occult sorcerers used drugs is a demonic way.

Where we disagree is that the first century practices are the same as modern day practices.

I see no way that what you say here makes the pharmakeia teaching a Biblical doctrine using normal interpretation methods â€“ like we do on other Bible doctrines.

I need you to quote Vine's for me (if it is important to what you say) â€“ my Vines is buried in a box somewhere.

Lesjude wrote:
>>>>> Here is what you say:
It is 'good' for people to do drugs and the medical system to "live to fight another day". It is 'evil' if they do not.
The Spirit of Life says one thing and Satan's disinformation plan says another.

I actually said â€œIt is good to live on and not die from sickness. â€œ

You misquoted me. (or maybe you quoted yourself and attributed it to me?)

Lesjude â€“ what you did here is make a straw argument. You redefined my position with a false representation. Of course then it should be easy to destroy the false representation.

Consider my actual words = â€œ It is good to live on and not die from sicknessâ€• and decide of you want to say these words are from Satan.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 01:22:51 GMT
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The Spirit of Life says one thing and Satan's disinformation plan says another.

I actually said â€œIt is good to live on and not die from sickness.
I know I read that going to the medical system would allow you to fight on another day. Is that not what you meant or did someone else say that? If you are going to split hairs like this I am wasting my time. The obvious implication of even your statement is that going to the medical system is good if it allows you to live and evil if you do not go and die.
I would not even attempt to explain to you the occult nature and occult roots of medical science. It is not even a true science. Do your own investigation of its origins and what they teach in many med schools about the history of medicine.
I suggest you get Confessions of a Medical Heretic [Paperback]
M.D. Robert S. Mendelsohn. There is also much information in any public library.
Dig out your own Vine's please. I do not type very fast or well.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 03:47:09 GMT
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jman Quote:Moulder, in a different thread you referenced this healing thread mixing it with the other mark of the beast topic.

I am not clear for sure on your meaning, but I think I got it.

(I hope I am not making up an entirely new question)

you said:
'Can one safely rely on God to feed and provide without taking 'the mark'? '

Are you saying => if we cannot safely go to death's door as I say here in this thread then can we safely go to 'starvation's door' at the time of the mark?

Sorry I haven't answered this question yet... (it is hard to accuse others of sidestepping pertinent questions when I'm guilty myself!) so here is my answer:

Yes, not having faith for healing is just as dangerous as not having faith in God's provision if one finds themselves in the midst of tribulation, both can result in death. We know that there will be a large number of martyrs that come out of tribulation (that fact is stated in the book of Revelation and implied by the quote "they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and loved not their lives unto death") with this in mind one has less reason to think that death won't be the ultimate price one may need to pay in the tribulation. It is a fact that in our circles people have paid the ultimate price, which has formed the direction of this thread and given rise to all of the discussion concerning this topic.

What we are considering is not whether Christians are willing to die for their faith -- they are, they have, and they will -- the question is: did they die for the wrong reasons? Did they die because of a doctrine that may not have biblical support? I'm not taking away from the nobility of dying for what you believe, many did and I have nothing but the greatest respect for those individuals.

Those that survived the death of their loved ones have found their faith shaken to the core and many have given up because of what happened. Many of the kids from such situations remain in a state of confusion to this day because of this.

Many others gave up because their conscience wouldn't let them continue this walk of faith knowing that they had sought help from a source that they believe to be satanic in nature. Their faith is shipwrecked.

Anyone who suggests that the subject now under consideration is somehow unimportant or not worthy of our attention is severely limited in their capacity for compassion for those groups I

mentioned. This lack of compassion isn't unusual however, we are known for it.

Jesus said: Mat25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
(we say: You shouldn't have been sick in the first place and you sure shouldn't have been sick in a hospital, you know that is no place for a Christian... a Christian in a temple of witchcraft? Indeed!)

Our doctrine has gotten in the way of true love for our brethren, not only those who are sick physically but those who are shipwrecked in their faith.

(Don't everyone shout me down here, you know it's true even if it doesn't apply individually to you.)

Just as an aside, we do the same thing when we treat people in the denominational system as pagan worshipers instead of treating them as Christians in need of enlightenment... but that is another thread!<grin>

Given the implications of the whole doctrine that says that *ALL* medical science is OCCULT and that *ALL* drugs are demon-inspired, I'd say that it's high time we got this one right.

Today, to some, even bringing up the question is proof that one has already left the faith and is now actively pursuing some reason to justify their own inadequacies. I can't speak for the others, but I can tell you that this is the furtherest thing from my mind.

Some (on both sides) have stated their positions unequivocally and
refuse to acknowledge any of the valid questions that have been raised
-- your prerogative -- but just so you know that we know -- there are
some glaring inconsistencies in your position. I would imagine that
the cognitive dissonance must be horrendous, <grin> but it shouldn't
keep you from examining why you believe what you believe. Trust me,
your faith will be so much more solid if you do.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 04:21:07 GMT
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(I'm recycling this private note that I wrote to someone because I hate to waste time doing it again -- hopefully no one will begrudge me for doing so!)

The post jman did, one of the last ones about drugs being neither good or evil in and of themselves, was pretty thought provoking. It certainly made me think. If true, it does clear up some of those nasty inconsistencies that plague any attempt to classify them all as evil or even all as good.

If I understand him correctly it places the responsibility of the evilness or goodness squarely upon those that use them. Let's face it, most have some pretty bad consequences if used incorrectly, and even when used according to the best knowledge we have at this time, they still can be deadly. But, by taking the view that the chemical compounds are not inherently evil, it becomes a matter of usage that determines the rightness or wrongness of those compounds.

Take marijuana (no not literally!) it is a natural plant that grows along side of wheat or corn. If the grain isn't 'evil' then it is hard to label the marijuana as 'evil'. It boils down to how the substance is used. If one wants to get stoned out of his head is it the marijuana's fault? Is the marijuana the evil culprit or is it the heart of the individual?

If what jman postulated is true it is the user that creates the situation where it becomes sinful. If the same person gathers the plants and makes a hemp rope should it be called the devil's rope? I think not.

btw, I've never used marijuana except for once or twice at friends parties before I was saved and even then I was too afraid to inhale because I hated to be out of control. So yes, Bill Clinton and I have something in common! I say that to let you know that I'm not some fringe hippy wanting to legalize the drug!

What about glasses (this has been brought up...), I have a pair that I use for reading and have used them for that purpose even before we moved away from FA, twenty plus years ago. So no, I don't have any problem with them. That said, I have no problem with anyone acting their faith by not using them either. That certainly is one way a person can act their faith.

Jman has given us a lot to think about. I can't see how that view is contrary to what the Bible presents. It's kinda like the wine/alcohol thing, there's nothing inherently wrong with it, but it can be sinful in the hands of a person hell-bent on sinning.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 14:07:13 GMT
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I like your dissertation on roast pig.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 15:08:03 GMT
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There you go again with the 'good' and bad ('evil'). You do not grasp the SOVEREIGNTY of God. If you did you would find the answers to these issues. I really have tried to explain this with examples from our lives. When you look at the experiences of others that you do not understand, except on the basis of good and evil, you will miss it every time.

Do you really believe that ANYONE can go or not go to "the arm of the flesh" for ANY REASON if God did not preordain it, including their own free will choices? We do not know what comes after if they live, but from our side and theirs it is repent and go on with Jesus. If they choose not to go on with God He will have someone intercede until His perfect plan for their lives comes about. Do I have to say that the intercession, and the result was already determined. This is NOT fatalism! It is FAITH and a REST!

Quit the thought patterns of good and evil and get in the word. Here is a good attitude to start with: Deuteronomy 29:29

29 â€œThe secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Here is what I mean by allowing the Holy Spirit to change thought patterns from the spirit of good and evil to the Spirit of the tree of life.

John 16:12-14

12 â€œI still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

We CAN know the answers. Our responsibility is to seek them from the Holy Spirit mind set, not the spirit of good and evil. It begins with understanding the SOVEREIGNTY of God.

Please study out Job's attitudes and mind set. It is the correct one and he did not have nearly the light we do. I am NOT talking about a Job's trial here, but his thought patterns contrasted with his wife's and his 'friends'.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 15:30:38 GMT

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Quote:Do you really believe that ANYONE can go or not go to "the arm of the flesh" for ANY REASON if God did not preordain it, including their own free will choices?

Uh... yes.

I get the idea from your notes that you believe that the devil is just God in disguise? Help me here if this is a wrong impression.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 15:36:39 GMT
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It is a wrong impression.

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Posted by james on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 15:44:53 GMT
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moulder wrote on Mon, 31 October 2011 21:47
Sorry I haven't answered this question yet... (it is hard to accuse others of sidestepping pertinent questions when I'm guilty myself!)

I suppose the key is discerning what is 'pertinent ' questioning, and being lead of The Lord when answering. Not all questions are asked with sincere motives looking for truth, some are designed with an unterior agenda in mind.

Anyone who suggests that the subject now under consideration is somehow unimportant or not worthy of our attention is severely limited in their capacity for compassion for those groups I mentioned. This lack of compassion isn't unusual however, we are known for it.

I don't think there is anyone who believes(or is suggesting) this is unimportant...that is quite obvious by the reactions it brings out in folks, but I think some people have had this settled long ago and don't feel lead to debate back and forth about it.

Some (on both sides) have stated their positions unequivocally and refuse to acknowledge any of the valid questions that have been raised -- your prerogative -- but just so you know that we know -- there are some glaring inconsistencies in your position. I would imagine that the cognitive dissonance must be horrendous, <grin> but it shouldn't keep you from examining why you believe what you believe. Trust me, your faith will be so much more solid if you do.

At some point we (i) need to stop with the verbal jabs/thrusts,(Joel 2:8) I think I'm at that point. I stated previously my convictions, my faith in them are solid...I have no interest in narrowing the divide between obeying/trusting God and coming to conclusions of the intellect and human reasoning that make disobedience more palatable. I'm not making accusations at individuals, (i love you guys) I just believe this mindset can lead to compromise in those whose faith is weak...OR are looking for a justifiable excuse.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 15:45:36 GMT
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Until you study out these issues we really have no basis for discussion on this topic. It would also help to change your thinking on the good/evil vs the Spirit Of Life issue.

Romans 8:29-30

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Romans 9:11-23

11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, â€œThe older shall serve the younger.â€•[a] 13 As it is written, â€œJacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.â€•[b]

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! 15 For He says to Moses, â€œI will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.â€•[c] 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, â€œFor this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.â€•[d] 18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

19 You will say to me then, â€œWhy does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?â€• 20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, â€œWhy have you made me like this?â€• 21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?
22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

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Posted by william on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 19:59:55 GMT
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Ouch!

I prefer to call it prodding, but your admonishment is acknowledged and I'll try to do better in implementing it in the future.

My purpose in 'prodding' for answers has produced some good though at least as far as my own views are concerned.

1) For years I've questioned the *ALL* medical science and *ALL* drugs equals occult involvement, but I never could put my finger on the reasons why. It didn't affect my position on divine healing because I've burned all bridges to the arm of the flesh and have completely committed myself to the sovereignty of God in this area (I hope you understand what I mean here.)

Because of the teaching at FA I had always equated that route with turning away from God -- to Satan, and believed with all of my heart that taking that road would be apostasy. I don't think that this view was unique to me. In fact I know it wasn't unique to me. It was a mind-set that permeated those in our circles. Maybe you and Sage (and others) weren't afflicted, but I know that many had that same attitude. If you've noticed my passion for this issue has been a result of my concern for those who were similarly affected.

So while this thread wasn't the first time I had considered this issue it has greatly clarified a lot of

loose ends for me. (Pardon me for personalizing this so much, but I want you to see that my earlier notes were not just attempts to get others to doubt their positions but to get this fully hashed out in my own mind.)

2) This is related to the above but it is different in that it is a separate issue and that is whether or not the chemical substances themselves are evil. I'm seeing that this isn't a true perception. Substances are not evil in and of themselves (I do believe that demons can attach themselves in some sort of way, that I'm not prepared to explain, to inanimate objects -- like an Ouija board or a figurine for instance -- but the wood itself isn't by nature evil or we'd have to make a decision concerning living in a house built of the stuff.)

I'm very happy for the discussion because I believe that with a better understanding about these things my faith is actually more settled than ever. No one should want to stick with the status-quo if our foundational thinking is wrong.

3) Which brings up a completely separate issue concerning the relationship of faith to sound reasoning. The capacity to think/reason isn't a bad thing. The ability to reason/think is an attribute that God has given to us as human beings and this ability coupled with a renewed mind is one of the greatest assets that we have as humans.

Carnal reasoning without a renewed mind might be in opposition to faith but those who 'understand' who God is are much more likely to have a strong faith than those who adopt a few principles of faith and expect good results. Faith doesn't work that way. Faith *IS* knowledge. It's just knowledge based upon our understanding of the immutable attributes of God and because of this it transcends our physical senses.

Reason even has its place in the carnal unbeliever. Thank God for that! But redeemed reason, that is something we all should aspire toward.

With all of the above in mind, please reconsider your participation. Even if you have everything settled in your heart you can certainly contribute to the understanding of others. I know that I have been influenced by all of you and hope that this kind of interaction can continue. I'll do my best to gently 'prod' instead of resorting to jabs!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 22:26:55 GMT

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God's sovereignty to our discussion.

Here is a hypothetical to use as an aide to
clarify our communication.

Say a brother named Zeke, a single parent, has a child who will apparently
die from diabetes in 2 hours. He has come to realize that
his faith is not real. Say the elders have already prayed and
are in the other room praying as are other church members.
Zeke decides to take the child to the hospital.

Situation summary :

death in 2 hours
Zeke's faith is missing
church/elders are all interceding
Zeke takes child to hospital

lesjude, please apply God's sovereignty as you
understand it to this hypothetical example.

Hopefully I will grasp your theology and we can bounce ideas
back and forth.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 22:48:41 GMT
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Information on prescription drugs and testimony of doctors being given incorrect info in medical school, leading to addicted patients.

http://www.foxnews.com/health/2011/11/01/prescription-drug-d eaths-skyrocket/

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 00:57:11 GMT
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Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions Author: wishing34 Date: Tue, 01 November 2011 16:26
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PLEASE SEE MY RECENT POST IN THE BIBLICAL THEOLOGY SECTION ON Predestination, Election, And The Sovereignty Of God [message #8544] Then you can use your example to explain to me what you have learned.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 01:12:24 GMT
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James,

Thanks for the post !

Itâ€™s astonishingâ€•, says Frieden. He adds that many addictions begin innocently, when patients are given narcotics for a minor injury that could be treated with less addictive medication. â€œWhen I went to medical school, we were incorrectly assured â€“ donâ€™t worry â€“ if patients have short-term pain, they wonâ€™t get hooked. That was completely wrong, and a generation of doctors, patients and families have learned thatâ€™s a tragic mistake.â€•
Read more: http://www.foxnews.com/health/2011/11/01/prescription-drug-deaths-skyrocket/#ixzz1cVDvR9kI

oc·cult

1.
of or pertaining to magic, astrology, or any system claiming use or knowledge of secret or supernatural powers or agencies.
(any system claiming use or knowledge of secret)
(Whatâ€™s in your medical records ? Itâ€™s a secret !So are the treatments)
2.
beyond the range of ordinary knowledge or understanding; mysterious.
(Can ya get this in medical school)
3.

secret; disclosed or communicated only to the initiated.
(Medical Doctors)
4.
hidden from view.
5.
(in early science)
a.
not apparent on mere inspection but discoverable by experimentation.
b.
of a naturenot understood, as physical qualities.
c.
dealing with such qualities; experimental: occult science.
(are Doctors still experimenting today ?)

Looks a lot like Medical Science to me in this definition!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 01:31:02 GMT
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Careful there Ron, you're describing us! <grin>

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 01:34:11 GMT
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They teach a lot of this in the history of medicine courses in med schools.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by GWB on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 02:07:02 GMT
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Oh really!!! And have you personally taken these occult, temple of doom med courses?

Just askin'.....

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 02:10:08 GMT
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Hi JWBTI

Please reconsider if you want to say the following points :

1) med science is occult because your med records are a secret

2) the treatments are secret
(but they are taught in med schools and are available to everyone in libraries and med journals
ie: they are not secret)

3) med science is occult because their techniques are only known to the initiated
 (but it is available to anyone - people who study the techniques in med schools â€“ ie med doctors
also the techniques are available in books a in the library, journals, etc
they are not kept secret from anyone who wants to study the books)

4) med science is occult because they are still experimenting/learning
(but all fields of study always keep learning/advancing)

JWBTI wrote
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Almost every endeavor of human beings could fit your criteria.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 02:24:50 GMT
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Hi lesjude,

Thanks for the time/work associated with your
post on predest/election in the other section.

Very similar to HEF's biblical theology I thought
and nicely organized on your part.

Remaining now is for you to apply these principles
to our ongoing discussion here.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 03:22:19 GMT
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The info is from HEF's book. If you read the stream you will see I have already applied it.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 03:24:21 GMT
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Medicine is NOT at true science.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 03:27:56 GMT
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No, but a man did in the Tulane medical school. His name is Robert Elender He did a series of messages on med. 'science'. He has since gone back to practicing dentistry. Oh well....

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 16:58:27 GMT
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Hi,

Beware of the following bad doctrine.

It is poised in a position to enter the churches.

It is called the â€œDoctrine of the Witch-farmersâ€•

---- The Witch-farmer Doctrine ----------

The main point:
The career of farming is both occult and a work of the flesh

The results :
Believers should not be farmers, visit farmers, nor partake of the farmer's products/services

Practicing farmers are occult practitioners and as such are â€œwitch-farmers.â€•

Supporting arguments :

1) Uncleanness - akatharsia - Gal 5:19 . This Greek word has two meanings.
One is moral uncleanness such as lustful living.
The other is physical uncleanness such as having soil on your hands (needs some soap and water)

These two meanings are merged to conclude that having dirty hands is the same as lustful living.

2) Farmers are living a lifestyle of daily working with the soil and becoming physically dirty. Therefore they are daily living also in moral uncleanness â€“ a work of the flesh. This is because physical uncleanness and moral uncleanness are merged (see point 1).

3) It is well known that early farmers knew when to plant and harvest by the stars and that early â€œstar scienceâ€• was astrology â€“ an occult practice. Since farming has its roots in the occult astrology practices therefore modern farming is still occult.

Beware : the Witch-farmer Doctrine might be coming to a forum near you.

Jman

PS: In case the point is missed. The silly "Witch-farmer" doctrine is derived with the same treatment of the Greek words and the same poor reasoning that derives the "med science is occult" doctrine.

If you want to hold on to the med science is occult doctrine then add the "witch-farmers" to the mix.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 17:22:51 GMT
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The Caduceus vs the Staff of Asclepius (Asklepian) webpage
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The Caduceus vs the Staff of Asclepius (Asklepian 03)Keith Blayney Sept 2002, revised Oct 2005

Mercury (Hermes) & merchant approach disapproving Asclepius (Physician) and the naked Graces (Meditrine, Hygeia and Panacea)
[Engraved from an original in the then Museum Pio Clemens in Rome
Galerie Mythologique, Recueil de Monuments by Aubin Louis Millin, Paris 1811.]

Asclepius dealt with patients - merchants make deals with clients
Asclepius is linked with a constellation of idealistic medical ideas
Hermes is linked with hermetic occultism
Mercury is identified with mercantile mercenary views

[1] The Caduceus of Mercury (Roman) and the Karykeion of Hermes (Greek)

Many "medical" organisations use a symbol of a short rod entwined by two snakes and topped by a pair of wings, which is actually the caduceus or magic wand of the Greek god Hermes (Roman Mercury), messenger of the gods, inventor of (magical) incantations, conductor of the dead and protector of merchants and thieves. It is derived from the Greek karykeion = "herald's staff", itself based on the word "eruko" meaning restrain, control.

It is interesting to see that most of organisations using this symbol are generally either commercial or military (or American). New Zealand examples include drug and pharmaceutical companies. A study by Friedlander confirms this impression.

The link between the caduceus of Hermes (Mercury) and medicine seems to have arisen by the seventh century A.D., when Hermes had come to be linked with alchemy. Alchemists were referred to as the sons of Hermes, as Hermetists or Hermeticists and as "practitioners of the hermetic arts". There are clear occult associations with the caduceus.

The caduceus was the magic staff of Hermes (Mercury), the god of commerce, eloquence, invention, travel and theft, and so was a symbol of heralds and commerce, not medicine. The words caduity & caducous imply temporality, perishableness and senility, while the medical profession espouses renewal, vitality and health.

[2] The Staff of Asclepius (Æsclepius, Asklepios)
[Personification of Medical or healing Art and its ideals]

Professional and patient centred organisations (such as the NZMA, in fact most medical Associations around the world including the World Health Organization) use the "correct" and traditional symbol of medicine, the staff of Asclepius with a single serpent encircling a staff, classically a rough-hewn knotty tree limb. Asclepius (an ancient greek physician deified as the god

of medicine) is traditionally depicted as a bearded man wearing a robe that leaves his chest uncovered and holding a staff with his sacred single serpent coiled around it, (example right) symbolizing renewal of youth as the serpent casts off its skin. The single serpent staff also appears on a Sumerian vase of c. 2000 B.C. representing the healing god Ningishita, the prototype of the Greek Asklepios. However, there is a more practical origin postulated which makes sense [See Dracunculus medinensis].

Asclepius and his staff

Statue of Askleppios
at Guys Hospital
Who was Asclepius? Asclepius was most probably a skilled physician who practised in Greece around 1200BC (and described in Homer's Iliad). Eventually through myth and legend he came to be worshipped as Asclepius, the (Greek) god of Healing. [See BBC reference]

Medical schools developed, which were usually connected to temples or shrines called Asclepions (Asclepieia) dedicated to Asclepius. The Asclepion became very important in Greek society. Patients believed they could be cured by sleeping in them. They would visit, offering gifts and sacrifices to the god, and be treated by priest healers (called the Asclepiadae). The worship of Asclepius spread to Rome and continued as late as the sixth century.

The Asclepiadae were a large order of priest physicians who controlled the sacred secrets of healing, which were passed from father to son. Harmless Aesculapian snakes were kept in the combination hospital-temples built by the ancient Greeks and, later, by the Romans in honor of the god. The snakes are found not only in their original range of southern Europe, but also in the various places in Germany and Austria where Roman temples had been established. Escaped snakes survived and flourished.

Smooth, glossy, and slender, the snake has a uniformly brown back with a streak of darker color behind the eyes. The snake's belly is yellowish or whitish and has ridged scales that catch easily on rough surfaces, making it especially adapted for climbing trees. Scientific classification: The Aesculapian snake belongs to the family Colubridae. It is classified as Elaphe longissima.

The Myth: Asclepius is the god of Healing. He is the son of Apollo and the nymph, Coronis. While pregnant with Asclepius, Coronis secretly took a second, mortal lover. When Apollo found out, he sent Artemis to kill her. While burning on the funeral pyre, Apollo felt pity and rescued the unborn child from the corpse. Asclepius was taught about medicine and healing by the wise centaur, Cheiron, and became so skilled in it that he succeeded in bringing one of his patients back from the dead. Zeus felt that the immortality of the Gods was threatened and killed the healer with a thunderbolt. At Apollo's request, Asclepius was placed among the stars as Ophiuchus, the serpent-bearer.

Meditrine, Hygeia and Panacea: The children of Asclepius included his daughters Meditrina, Hygeia and Panacea who were symbols of medicine, hygiene and healing (literally, "all healing") respectively. Two of the sons of Asclepius appeared in Homer's Illiad as physicians in the Greek army (Machaon and Podalirius).

Note that the classic Hippocratice Oath is sworn "by Apollo the physician, by Æsculapius, Hygeia, and Panacea, ..."

The probable medical origin of the single serpent around a rod: In ancient times infection by parasitic worms was common. The filarial worm Dracunculus medinensis aka "the fiery serpent", aka "the dragon of Medina" aka "the guinea worm" crawled around the victim's body, just under the skin. Physicians treated this infection by cutting a slit in the patient's skin, just in front of the worm's path. As the worm crawled out the cut, the physician carefully wound the pest around a stick until the entire animal had been removed. It is believed that because this type of infection was so common, physicians advertised their services by displaying a sign with the worm on a stick. [See graphic photos -not for the faint-hearted or Benjamin.]

The staff as a Medical symbol: From the early 16th century onwards, the staff of Asclepius and the caduceus of Hermes were widely used as printersâ€™ marks especially as frontispieces to pharmacopoeias in the 17th and 18th centuries. Over time the rod and serpent (the Asclepian staff) emerged as an independent symbol of medicine.

Despite the unequivocal claim of the staff of Asclepius to represent medicine (and healing), the caduceus, a rod with two entwined serpents topped by a pair of wings appears to be the more popular symbol of medicine in the United States, probably due to simple confusion between the caduceus and the staff of Asclepius, the true symbol of medicine. Many people use the word caduceus to mean both of these emblems.

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The Caduceus of Hermes

The Greek Hermes found his analogue in Egypt as the ancient Wisdom god Thoth, as Taaut of the Phoenicians and in Rome as the god Mercury (all linked with a magic rod with twin snakes).

The mythical origin of his magic twin serpent caduceus is described in the story of Tiresias. Poulenc, in "Les Mamelles de Tiresias" (The Breasts of Tiresias) tells how Tiresias--the seer who was so unhelpful to Oepidus and Family- found two snakes copulating, and to separate them stuck his staff between them. Immediately he was turned into a woman, and remained so for seven years, until he was able to repeat his action, and change back to male. The transformative power in this story, strong enough to completely reverse even physical polarities of male and female, comes from the union of the two serpents, passed on by the wand. Tiresias' staff, complete with serpents, was later passed on to Hermes...

Occult Hermetic Connection: An occult description of the Caduceus of Hermes (Mercury) is that the serpents may represent positive and negative kundalini as it moves through the chakras and around the spine (the staff) to the head where it communicates with MIND by intellection, the domain of Mercury [wings].

Caduceus Power Wand: This wand is sold at occult, new age & witchcraft stores such as Abaxion with descriptions such as "It's central phallic rod represents the potentiality of the masculine, and is initmately surrounded by the writhing, woven shakti energies of two coupling serpents. The rod also represents the spine [sushumna] while the serpents conduct spiritual currents [pranas] along the ida and pingala channels in a double helix pattern from the chakra at the base of the spine up to the pineal gland".

According to occultists, there are three principal nadis (Sanskrit for channel) in the human body. The sushumna (the spinal column through which the life-forces flow), by which means we enter and leave the body, the Ida (refreshment and stimulation of spirit), which is associated with the higher mind or manas and the Pingala, (reddish-brown), associated with kama or the force of desire. (G. de Purucker "Man in Evolution" ch. 15 & 16; and "Fountain-Source of Occultism", pp. 458-63).

Hermetic: There are few names to which more diverse persons and disciplines lay claim than the term "Hermetic". Alchemists have applied the adjective "Hermetic" to their art, while magicians (not the entertaining type) attach the name to their ceremonies of evocation and invocation. Followers of Meister Eckhart, Raymond Lull, Paracelsus, Jacob Boehme, and most recently Valentin Tomberg are joined by academic scholars of esoterica, all of whom attach the word "Hermetic" to their activities.

The most abiding impact of Hermeticism on Western culture came about by way of the heterodox mystical, or occult, tradition. Renaissance occultism, with its alchemy, astrology, ceremonial magic, and occult medicine, became saturated with the teachings of the Hermetic books. This content has remained a permanent part of the occult transmissions of the West, and, along with Gnosticism and Neoplatonism, represents the foundation of all the major Western occult currents. Hermetic elements are demonstrably present in the Rosicrucian and Theosophical movements.

The caduceus in pseudo-science: There are amazing claims that a Cadeuceus Power Wand has zero impedance and infinite resonance! -check it out here .

The caduceus as a Medical symbol: The link between Hermes and his caduceus and medicine seems to have arisen by Hermes links with alchemy. Alchemists were referred to as the sons of Hermes, as Hermetists or Hermeticists and as "practitioners of the hermetic arts". By the end of the sixteenth century, the study of alchemy included not only medicine and pharmaceuticals but chemistry, mining and metallurgy. Despite learned opinion that it is the single snake staff of Asclepius that is the proper symbol of medicine, many medical groups have adopted the twin serpent caduceus of Hermes or Mercury as a medical symbol during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Like the staff of Asclepius, the caduceus became associated with medicine through its use as a printerâ€™s mark, as printers saw themselves as messengers of the printed word and diffusers of knowledge (hence the choice of the symbol of the messenger of the ancient gods). A major reason for the current popularity of the caduceus as a medical symbol was its illinformed [03] official adoption as the insignia for the Medical Department of the United States Army in 1902.

Medcorp

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Pagan symbol

Friedlander

Friedlander surveyed 242 logos or insignias of American organizations relating to health or

medicine in which the caduceus or staff of Asclepius formed an integral part dating from the late 1970s to early 1980s. He found that professional associations were more likely to use the staff of Asclepius (62%) while commercial organizations were more likely to use the caduceus (76%). The exception is for hospitals, where only 37% used a staff of Asclepius versus 63% for the caduceus [but remember that US hospitals are usually commercial ventures]. Friedlander notes that while the prevalent use of the caduceus for the commercial aspects of medicine might be seen as "more-or-less appropriate", he thinks the reason is that professional associations are more likely to have a real understanding of the two symbols, whereas commercial organizations are more likely to be concerned with the visual impact a symbol will have in selling their products. "Friedlander, Walter J. The Golden Wand of Medicine: A History of the Caduceus Symbol in Medicine." New York, Greenwood, 1992

Further information on the two symbol confusion at:
[01] Bruce Grainger "A Survey of Symbols of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine" and
[02] Darren Nichols "Walk Among Gods -The Symbols of Medicine" and more recently,
[03] Wilcox, Robert A and Whitham, Emma M "The Symbol of Modern Medicine: Why One Snake Is More Than Two" Ann Intern Med. 2003;138:673-677. www.annals.org

And to add some biblical confusion, we have:

And the Lord said unto him [Moses], What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it and it became a rod in his hand. Exodus 4:2-4

The Brazen Serpent
[Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld 1851-60)]

And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten [by a sepent], when he looketh upon it, shall live. Numbers 21:8. The etching "The Brazen Serpent" (to the right) by Schnorr von Carolsfeld shows this as only one snake, suggesting he interpreted this as a medical rather than mystical or magical symbol.

Apparently an Israelite cult subsequently formed worshipping Nehush'tan, the serpent Moses made (apparently twin snake images were inscibed on standards of the time) but the cult was eventually suppressed (over 600 years later) by King Hezekiah - "He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan (2 Kings 18:4).

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. John 3:14-15

Now just in case you thought you had it all sorted out about which was the "good" symbol.... nothing is that simple, take a look at this interesting painting of Adam & Eve.....

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Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 18:28:17 GMT
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Hi lesjude,

Could you follow up with some theology
that explains how the caduceus symbol
affects a believer.

This would complete your post above.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 18:37:35 GMT
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Most interesting is this:

Quote:The probable medical origin of the single serpent around a rod: In ancient times infection by parasitic worms was common. The filarial worm Dracunculus medinensis aka "the fiery serpent", aka "the dragon of Medina" aka "the guinea worm" crawled around the victim's body, just under the skin. Physicians treated this infection by cutting a slit in the patient's skin, just in front of the worm's path. As the worm crawled out the cut, the physician carefully wound the pest around a stick until the entire animal had been removed. It is believed that because this type of infection was so common, physicians advertised their services by displaying a sign with the worm on a stick.

If true then the origin of the origins was a scientific (howbeit crude) method for removing those pesky worms from under the skin before they killed the person. It would be hard to devise a better solution in those ancient times! An alternative method would be to curse the creatures and have them supernaturally removed but that would surely have been considered magical. <grin>

Medical science that resorts to mythology for the basis of treatment ceases to be science... we all would agree with that.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 18:51:47 GMT
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You have taken ONE quote that is opinion and negate all the rest? If you would PLEASE do your homework you would see that medicine is NOT A TRUE SCIENCE. Much is 'practice' and even their 'scientific' studies do not use the scientific method.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 18:52:16 GMT
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Quote:It would be hard to devise a better solution in those ancient times!

Actually William it would be hard to come up with a better plan in these modern times, we do the same thing when we cut out a buried splinter or pop a pimple.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 18:53:39 GMT
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What do you want me to respond to? Mythology?

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 19:08:52 GMT
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Hi lejude,

lesjude said :
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Please point me to where to "do homework" so that I will learn that it is not a science
and that they do not use the scientic method.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 19:11:18 GMT
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Can a leopard change his spots? Where and how did they get their knowledge of anatomy and still do? The Bible FORBIDS this desecration of a body made in God's image. It is seeking hidden knowledge from forbidden means which is just what ALL occult practitioners do!

Now PLEASE do not tell me all the 'good' that comes from this. If you do you have fallen into Satan's trap again!

Just because medicine has 'cleaned up its act' to fit the 'modern' mind set does not mean it has changed from its roots.

I think you believe they do 'good'. You are correct, but they do MUCH EVIL as well. Again you have run afoul of Satan's disinformation program. As long as you have this thought pattern you will NOT see medicine for what it is. Do you really think Satan would not have his method of healing progress with 'modern' times?

Here is a principle: What was wrong in the beginning does not become right as time passes no matter how much it disguises its 'spots'.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 19:23:26 GMT
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Confessions of a Medical Heretic (9780809241316): M.D. Robert S ...
www.amazon.com/Confessions-Medical-Heretic-Robert-Mendelsohn /...

His 'solutions' are junk but the rest is quite accurate. I alredy posted this in the stream.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 19:25:15 GMT
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These are the occult roots of medicine.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 19:43:01 GMT
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Les,

I don't know how many times we need to say it but medical science is not *all* pure as the wind-driven-snow.

BUT, this ignores the FACT that some of what they do is beneficial to mankind. Maybe it is not as necessary for those who have experienced divine healing but some of it does benefit the misery of the human experience.

What do you expect humanity to do?

People will do everything in their power to alleviate pain and suffering caused by the fall. The

Bible states as much:

Prv31:4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

Prv31:5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

Prv31:6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

Prv31:7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

Those that suffer will do whatever they can to get relief and just because modern medical science is a poor substitute for the believer doesn't mean that it is something that is forbidden -- especially if it is shown to do at least as much as strong drink can do.

A great solution to the suffering of humanity is for you to get out there and lay hands and heal some of them instead of trying to prove the occult nature of something to a group of believers who already believe in divine healing. Let those poor souls be the judge of whether or not your theology is working.

What we are dealing with here is a situation that has arisen BECAUSE of teaching that has explicitly stated that *ALL* medical science is occult. That is the question that we've been considering and no amount of SHOUTING "IT'S OCCULT" is going to make it so, or answer those legitimate questions.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 21:10:27 GMT
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Hi lesjude,

Thank you for giving a principle.

lesjude said:
Here is a principle: What was wrong in the beginning does not become right as time passes no matter how much it disguises its 'spots'.

Right and wrong are not really what we are discussing here. All agree that God provided healing and going to the arm of the flesh is â€œwrong.â€•'

The question is whether or nor med science is occult. If occult then many would not go even to save a child's life.

As far as your principle - please apply it to

modern chemistry that has roots in alchemy
modern agriculture that has roots in astrology (planting/harvesting according to the Zodiac)
modern astronomy with roots in astrology
modern Geophysics with roots in the ancient volcano gods

I believe your principle cannot be used to establish theology.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 21:13:12 GMT

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Hi lesjude,

You show a pattern of validating your statements by referring to your faith exploits.

This is counterproductive w/r a discussion on doctrine.

At best you might provide a validating experience that could be countered by someone else's differing experience. Both would fall into the category of anecdotal evidence which cannot establish doctrine.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 22:32:38 GMT
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YOU are the one that challenged me with a 'scenario' and a slam at what you do not think I am doing. I gave my experience and the doctrine to explain it. You refuse to look at the issue except on the basis of good and evil and disregard the sovereignty of God which you do not understand or you would NEVER raise the question of people going or not going to the medical system because it is occult. It is, as I have carefully explained, but that makes NO DIFFERENCE. They will do ALL that is in their heart if it is occult or not.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by lesjude on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 22:38:30 GMT

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Are you willing being obtuse? The medical system has its roots in the occult which I have pointed out, with scripture, on how they get their knowledge. The were wrong in the beginning and that has not changed. This was the point of my principle. I am wasting my time!

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 23:21:50 GMT
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Hi lesjude,

lejude wrote:

>>>> I am wasting my time!

Agreed, for all.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by sparkles on Thu, 03 Nov 2011 00:08:55 GMT
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Hello Jman,
I was just wondering if you absolutely, with no doubts, believe there is no part of medical science that is occult. And if you believe any part is, what part would that be? and why? And who would decide what is and what isn't?
Everyone is accountable for themselves before God if they choose the medical science route. I

am not their judge and would tell them to seek the Lord themselves if they want to go to the doctor or take drugs, which by the way, up here in
Grand Rapids, there is quite a shortage of certain drugs. Drugs that treat cancer and the ones that help people with
ADHD and ADD. They say there is three times the shortage than there was a few years ago.
One of the reasons they gave was some of the chemicals or ingredients that are imported are in short supply.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by wishing34 on Thu, 03 Nov 2011 00:31:52 GMT
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Hi Sage,

you wrote:
I was just wondering if you absolutely, with no doubts, believe there is no part of medical science that is occult. And if you believe any part is, what part would that be? and why? And who would decide what is and what isn't?

I believe the definition of occult involvement is seeking anything SUPERNATURAL from
any source other than God.

So some drugs/procedures are occult if they operate by supernatural (would be demonic) means which
probably includes some mainstream medical drugs -- morphine?????
So some parts of med science are, in my opinion, occult.

I also believe the mind bending type drugs that put the user in contact
with the spirit world - are also occult. Ex LSD, cocaine, again morphine????

Who decides? To me the above definition decides. I guess there might be some drugs that we are not sure if they are just chemistry in action or if they are supernatural. Then the believer needs to
pray for discernment or - probably better - just avoid these.

Doubts? I have no doubts in the above definition of what is occult and then I go from there the best I can.

If something is not supernatural then I have no fear w/r occult.

Jman

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 00:58:39 GMT
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We have sang songs about the Blood, we have pleaded the Blood over diseases
And infections. We have spent years defending the Purity of the Blood of Jesus.
His Blood is Pure and Holy with out contamination ! Spiritually and Physically !

Be cautious in how we contaminate our own Blood !

Why.. ?

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood:

Lev 17:11 (KJV)

Just sayâ€¦.No to Drugsâ€¦and Thank you Jesus for Healing us !

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by william on Wed, 04 May 2016 04:44:18 GMT
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I just ran across an interesting article and decided to post it under this wonderful discussion in order to bring it back up to the top of the list!

Nothing that we haven't heard before but it somehow never fails to stun me every time I see the statistics in black and white... truly it is so much better to trust in the Lord!!

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2016/05/03/researchers-medical-errors-now-third-leading-cause-of-d eath-in-united-states/

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Wed, 04 May 2016 12:58:16 GMT
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In the first paragraph below the graph chart they say that the hospitals and medical care centers try to avoid talking about these issues...(of medical mistakes killing people) Wonder why? Duh!

That may be 'part' of the reason for so many lab test and being sent to 'specialist'...just to be 'safe'. Of course there is the $$$$$$ part.

Last Friday my buddy, who has had a stroke and open heart surgery and is on various meds all the time, asked me to take him to the emergency room. He had cut his finger slicing a watermelon a few days before and needed stiches, when he went to have the stiches removed the surgeon said he had an infection and needed antibiotics. He thought since he had had all these medical issues in the past that an infection could be serious {and it could be} but rather than write him a prescription for antibiotics, he sent him to the emergency room. They told him he had an infection and needed antibiotics and wrote him a prescription for them. His copay for the trip to the

emergency rom was $300. In and out in a few minutes.

I acknowledge that people are helped and lives are saved through medical science, but there are MAJOR PROBLEMS with the whole system.

And I'm now within the 'window' of time <65> for signing up for Medicare...another issue that needs addressing.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by Gary on Wed, 11 May 2016 10:28:20 GMT
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I read through this whole thread and thought the whole conversation was interesting. It was written five years ago.

The one thing I thought of is; Does God have hidden meanings, in certain words that change with each translation, that He is trying to show us?

We know for sure sorcery is an abomination to the Lord, because He has told us this all through the scriptures. If medicine is an abomination why is it not plainer in scriptures?

If there is a hidden meaning with this word "Pharmakeus", then are there other hidden meanings with other words?

Just some thoughts on this subject.

I'm not a big fan of medical science, and I don't put my trust in them, as I know, God is my healer and nothing is impossible with the Lord. But I do wonder about this whole line of thinking when it comes to tying medicine with the occult.

I may share some more thoughts later on this, but I did enjoy what was being said in these posts.

Gary

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Wed, 11 May 2016 19:18:11 GMT
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Well, I started back through it until I came to message 8242 (by me) and read my response to Jman (wishing34). I no longer believe than any use of medicine or interaction with doctors and nurses is opening oneself to the occult. I'm sorry for the way I answered Jman and implied that just because he was questioning the teachings of HEF (maybe just the end results) he was somehow an apostate and had turned from faith in Christ(I didm't 'say' that but I did imply it)

Just wanted to clear up my position today and to say to Jman if he ever reads this... sorry brother, and thank you for causing me to reexamine my beliefs.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by Gary on Thu, 12 May 2016 10:01:43 GMT
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Jesus paid the price for salvation which as we all know includes divine healing. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.

By "His" stripes we are healed.

I'll never be able to fathom how someone would let men take them and beat them with whips, spit in their face, smack them around, mock them, make fun of them, while all along you would have the power to stop them and make them regret the evil they were doing to you, causing you pain and while they enjoyed their advantage over you.

Sound familiar, this is exactly what the Lord allowed to happen when He "allowed" men to crucify Him.

He paid the price so we could receive the blessing. Healing was part of that blessing. If He was willing to die to give us the blessing then we should be willing to receive all that He has for us.

Of course everyone is willing, but would we pay a price as He did?

I don't believe things just happen by random chance, God is in control more then what we realize.

Someone in this post mentioned a number of times concerning the tragedies that took place at FA. I could not help to think about the "tragedies" that took place with Job. He lost 10 children not just one, in fact he lost everything he owned.

Looking at Jobs life, we see the devil involved, God allowing certain things to take place, and the end result, restoration.

When reading some of the posts we see, diabetes as being the culprit in the example given. Zeke's child was ready to die if he did not rush out and get him to the doctor, while the elders prayed in another room.

Maybe this is not the best example, but the thing is God is still on His throne, the devil is still trying to attack mankind, especially those who claim to follow the Lord.

Every man has an appointed time to die. Can man change this appointed time? Is God really in control of mans destiny?

There's a lot of things to consider here. God is the one who gave us the promises and He is well able to make them good.

Just food for thought here, I mean if God can take a pile of dirt and create a complex human body, I would think that God is limitless in what He could do.

Gary

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by Gary on Fri, 13 May 2016 10:02:42 GMT
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When looking at these verses that contain this Greek word, "Pharmakeus", we have to remember that its easy to take the Bible and pull out a verse or a word and to create a whole doctrine that does not exist or was never meant to be.

We can look back through scripture and know that God has made it clear that it is an abomination to be involved in witchcraft, and sorcery. This message is found all through the Bible.

Witchcraft and Sorcery are the fleshly road to evil, hell and the final death. This is what these verses are trying to say to us.

Medical science if anything is limited to what they can do because of the curse of the law that was placed on mankind. They may help to alleviate pain and suffering in their fellow man but to cure sickness and disease will never happen. Granted we do see more and more of the literal occult being used in the medical field. Yoga, hypnosis, other forms of hinduism and ayurvedic medicine to name a few.

With that I do believe the Lords way is far better, and I know He is for us and with a long life He will satisfy us and show us His salvation. He will be with us in our old age because He promised us He would be there. Its so much better to have our faith in the Lord then to put our confidence in men.

I don't believe the Bible was ever written so men could split hairs over one word or a verse. But we do have to realize that "God" is even greater then what we could ever imagine and that He is there for us and not against us.

The whole idea that there is a God who created everything is a fact we have to settle for all times. We are serving the Living God. Its almost hard to put into words the vastness of what is the reality of where we find ourselves.

This world is a temporary distraction, and its easy to have our eyes on it and our immediate surroundings, as Christians we have to make the effort to not become sluggish with the distraction but to press in for the pearl of great price.

Any way that's how I see it for now, the warfare is to fight the good fight and always follow hard after the Lord. Just one day at a time, the past is over and a new day awaits us.

Gary

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by james on Fri, 13 May 2016 11:49:20 GMT
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Gary wrote on Fri, 13 May 2016 05:02Any way that's how I see it for now, the warfare is to fight the good fight and always follow hard after the Lord. Just one day at a time, the past is over and a new day awaits us.

Gary

Thanks Gary for the encouragement...you're right, the past is past...learn from it, grow and move forward in Christ.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Sat, 14 May 2016 07:02:56 GMT
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Hi James & Gary,

I too believe in Divine healing & thought you may be encouraged by this video. It has greatly blessed me & shows (I believe) that we are in a new move of God. See what you think. Would be interested in your thoughts & comments.

The video is - `The last reformation,` & it is on Utube. You may have already seen it Gary, as I received it from Andrew Strom.

Blessings, bro. Marilyn.

Subject: Re: Divine healing - every time, no exceptions
Posted by Gary on Fri, 20 May 2016 10:02:15 GMT
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james wrote on Fri, 13 May 2016 07:49Gary wrote on Fri, 13 May 2016 05:02Any way that's how I see it for now, the warfare is to fight the good fight and always follow hard after the Lord. Just one day at a time, the past is over and a new day awaits us.
Gary

Thanks Gary for the encouragement...you're right, the past is past...learn from it, grow and move forward in Christ.

To tell you the truth I find that Divine Healing is a Bible fact.

A.B. Simpson wrote: The healing power of Christ is dependent on our continual abiding in Him and, like all God's gifts, is renewed day by day.

Divine Healing is mentioned all through the Bible. As we abide in Christ we can have healing and health.

Someone mentioned the tragedies that took place with a few deaths, but when we take a serious look at medical science we can find there is a lot of major tragedies as well. Man's ways bring tragedies and people learn to just accept it, let a few tragedies happen in a church setting and it becomes major headlines.

The message of chastening, trials, falls by the wayside and we forget that health comes as our soul prospers.

The Living God is well able to take care of His people but are we willing to accept His chosen method.

Healing remained in the church for centuries and only disappeared gradually in the church's growing worldliness, corruption, formalism and unbelief. A lot of people will serve God but its always on our terms.

The Creator only deserves our total obedience on His terms since He is God.

If we take our minds outside of this realm and see God for who He really is, we would understand that He will do what He promised. He spoke everything into existence by faith. He came out from eternity and created us. The question would be are we willing to lay our lives down on what He says.

I don't know if our human brains can fully grasp God for who He is, we only know Him by what He has revealed in His word. Just the very word; "God", can only speak of His deity. While were just created beings.

This world and its ways is only a temporary reality that will one day end. If we could not find anything that speaks of healing in the Bible then we could say it was a strange doctrine being preached. But to the contrary we find it all through the scriptures and it "is" the children's bread.

Gary