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... there was a despondent atmosphere of the deep loss of price in being a physician caring for sick patients. There was an aura of gloom and doom.... The esteem of the private physician is rapidly going down the tube.¹

Medicine is losing a war of attrition. The situation is critical.... We must redouble our efforts to analyze the source of our apathy and lack of credibility.²

What a mess! "Gloom and doom" and "apathy and lack of credibility" are mentioned respectively by the editor of *The Cleveland Physician* and the president of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland. The time to analyze is now, as the Cleveland Academy president states. This requires a hard look. Let me take off my gloves.

Abortion is proclaimed to be non-killing and has become a billion dollar medical business. Babies and adults are starved in hospitals. Physicians are often leaders in and supporters of abortion, infanticide, right to die, euthanasia, assisted suicide, population control, living will, sex clinics in schools, and non-family lifestyle movements. The American Medical Association accepts as policy the removal of fluid and nutrition from elementary care (in cold environments, why not turn off the heat too? And vice versa.) Caesarean sections are becoming routine surgical procedures and breast-feeding of infants is negated by medical passivity to the detriment of mothers and babies. Pediatrician and child psychiatrists

accept day care providing second-class parenting, third-class mothering, and are more accurately called "day orphanages." The worst public health menace of the entire human era, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, is warily greeted by overriding sensitivity to those primarily harboring the causative virus, in flagrant dereliction of public health duty. The most common civilization razing addiction remains undiscovered and untreated — assuming the mask of pseudorespectability, civil rights, commonality, and normalcy. Homosexuality — it is an addiction quite similar to chemical dependency.

Population hysteria, an iatrogenic disease, is seductively and surreptitiously promoted.³ Medical misanthropy is the norm by contraception-condom profiteering. Physicians are allied with, if not leaders in, the adulteration of childhood by veterinarian-style sex education and value clarification programs which essentially are prostitution training. Physicians are silent as pornography, another public health hazard, is assaulting traditional home life with a deluge of wanton animality in the press and media, deforming — if not destroying — thought and culture. Physicians proclaim science as a supreme guide, but apply it willy-nilly, never failing to subvert it as the prevailing liberal ideology requires. (For one example, the epidemic of post-abortion syndrome, a variant of post-traumatic stress syndrome, is dismissed while diagnosis and treatment are provided by non-medical mental health workers.)

How does all of this look to traditional family people who work and want the good life which accompanied genuine Judeo-Christian values? To the 78% of all married couples living together who have never been divorced? To the 53% of 18-year-old girls who have not had sexual intercourse? To the 93% of 15-year-old girls who are not sexually active?

A Scandal

All this is a scandal (from *skandelon* — a cause for stumbling) of profitably marketing *thanatissimo* (from *thanat* — death) medicine. Medicine has become "what we can get away with". Physicians are the new hangmen. (Make that "hangpersons".)

"Lack of credibility" accompanies the passive acceptance of the loss of the Hippocratic tradition and the offering of the medical profession in the service of death. We have been pathologically and blindly denying the detrimental impact these trends have had. The deteriorating image of the medical profession coincides with the abortion-death-sex parasitism deluge from 1970 to now.

Roe v. Wade set the stage for what has happened. In this abortion decision, the U.S. Supreme Court not only allowed, but told physicians to do abortions. Furthermore, the Court decreed abortion to be safe and told physicians not only how to assess, but when to do abortions. This usurpation of the medical profession's defining medical standards made

clear our willingness to do the malignant bidding of political rulers.

Once the profession followed judges and lawyers in strictly and fundamentally medical matters, the die was cast and, if you will pardon the pun, we were dead. More than that: We lost our soul. "Despiritualization" is the word.

At one time, medicine was considered one of the three "learned professions" (with law and theology). Now medicine is a technological trade unable to control its destiny or lead in civilizing because its members no longer relate equally to disciplines of thinking (the latter defined as "consideration of the whole").

For thousands of years, the medical profession has effectively used the Hippocratic Oath to avoid becoming the instrument of death for the state, with one glaring exception: the Nazi doctors. Now the instrument of death for the state is the ignominious American Medical Association and the medical profession in general. These are hard words, but true.

In any case, the abortion decisions took the standards of medicine from physicians themselves and made them "dependent upon legal proscriptions"⁴ and upon anyone else who cared to get involved.

As a profession, medicine subverted itself. The Hippocratic Oath has been abandoned. We are no better than the medical profession in Nazi Germany. (Read *The Nazi Doctors: Medical Killing and the Psychology of Genocide* by Lifton.) In fact, we have killed more than Hitler, but probably less than Stalin (just give us time). With the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association, one could run a concentration camp. Social issues now govern us rather than the Hippocratic medical tradition.

Imagine it is 1937 and you are in Germany. How does what you do fit in? Are you running amok with the few or stargazing on the sidelines with most of the doctors who do not know of what I am writing because they are so exhaustingly treating patients?

By default, the profession has adopted the Nazi pogrom of *Lebensunwerten Leben*: "Life unworthy of life." Some physicians, who should have been driven from our ranks, have adopted it actively, but most have adopted *Lebensunwerten Leben* passively. "Quality of life" is the name. Quick, clean, dignified death is the game. Symbolically, this is *Lebensunwerten Leben*—"quality of life" is in the eye of the beholder. The public sees us this way, even if we do not. That we mutter, "This is not me," is the source of our apathy and lack of credibility.

Passive Complicity/Active Duplicity

A few physicians are enraged at the medical profession's complicity in all of this. However, as a profession, medical groups have not protested—just as in Nazi Germany. Passive complicity is the same as active duplicity to the public.

Medicine's role today is served by two forces: first, a majority of

abortion-death-sex parasites and, second, those who do nothing in the face of evil. This acquiescence in evil has resulted in an undeniable and painful diminution of being — something any good philosopher or liberal arts student could have predicted.

No doubt this is at least peripherally (you have to grant me that) linked to the changed perception of the medical profession during these last two decades.

People have expected more from physicians and have not received it. People want their physicians to be special. They want physicians to be for Life. People want to put their lives in the hands of good, careful, life-offering doctors instead of exam-takers and mere technologists.

People will not automatically entrust their lives into the hands of society's exterminators, which is what we are becoming.

Most physicians are simply unaware of the growing disrespect which has become more and more warranted. Not only has credibility been lost, but physicians have lost control of their profession and have become second-class citizens undergoing wage and price controls. We are not free any longer and private enterprise is soon to be a myth for us. We have specialized into servility. Physicians have not merely been socialized through the back door, but have been "sovietized," i.e., not only are we controlled by others, but we are forced to do evil.

Yes, physicians do sense something is wrong as the contracts we are incapable of understanding arrive daily in the mail. Yet, most do not care, understand, or believe that all happening is clearly linked temporally and causally to the abortion-death-sex parasitism movement.

The demise of the medical profession as we know it is our own doing. We have lost our dream and its interpretation to *Thanatos*. The medical profession is filled with autophages — and the people see us as brutes. We are brutes, suffering from a massive ignorance of not being able to tell what is "bad" — and we are too weak and cowardly to speak up.

Surprisingly, and in spite of everything, the Hippocratic Oath is still valid. The Oath ends with a prayer and a curse.

The prayer is to the effect: "May we physicians be respected and honored by all when we keep this Oath." And the curse: "May the reverse be our lot should we not keep it."

The Oath is still working. Medicine is now cursed. It has not been true to itself. It deserves control by non-physicians and, hopefully, good people will save physicians and medicine. Unfortunately, this does not seem to be the trend.

The house of the wicked will be destroyed but the
tent of the upright will flourish.⁵

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