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Book Review of *Morals, Law and Life*, by Cahal B. Daly

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Morals, Law and Life

by Cahal B. Daly, M.A.D.D.

This is a ton of dynamite packed into a ninety-five cent pocket edition and exploded by an angered Irishman. It is made up of 215 pages of succinct and devastating rebuttal with 340 reference foot-notes. It was inspired by the "New Morality" and "God-is-dead" theology.

The immediate cause of Father Daly's ire is one Doctor Glanville Williams. This distinguished Professor of Law allegedly parades as an authority on theology, biology, genetics, sociology and medicine in his book The Sanctity of Life and the Criminal Law. Father Daly finds nothing new and no morality in the Professor's book but rather a parroting of cliches traceable to Fletcher of Harvard and back to Bertrand Russell.

Morals, Law and Life presents the humanist theory on Sex, Love, Marriage, Contraception, Abortion, Sterilization, Artificial Insemination and Euthanasia. With the three writers own words, Cahal Daly refutes each thesis in a reductio ad absurdum fashion — and works in the Christian attitude.

This is presented in a simple, speedy style that holds the reader's interest as tautly as a good who-dun-it mystery.

Reading time is approximately four hours.

The book has an index of subjects and an index of persons. It is an excellent and rapid reference addition to every library.

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Letters To The Editor...

Brief communications are welcome and will be printed as space permits, subject to the usual editing.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dr. John Kelly, a CMMB volunteer, presently serving at St. Luke's Hospital in Nigeria has informed us that he has sent an article to LQ. He mentions that he suggests in the article, among other suggestions, that the Catholic Medical Mission Board consider having a physician on our Board of Directors and, also, that there be more cooperation between CMMB and the Catholic Physicians' Guilds. (The article appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Even though CMMB does not have a physician on its Board of Directors, we do have a Medical Advisory Council, made up of many physicians with whom we are in constant contact concerning our program here. Naturally, we keep in closer touch with those members of the Council who are in the New York area. Some of these physicians you may know very well: Dr. Louis Rousselot, Dr. August Groeschel, Dr. Bernard Pisani, Dr. Hugh Grady, and others. Besides these, we depend very heavily upon those physicians who have served overseas for long tours of service for guidance in our placement work.

During the past two years, CMMB and the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds have been in close cooperation with various programs and, as you know, we are assisting separate Guilds which are presently setting up medical missionary programs, so we do feel that we do have a very close relationship with the Guilds.

George R. Kish
Placement Director, CMMB

TO THE EDITOR:

I must send my congratulations on your February issue, which has just come here. It is undoubtedly the best thing I have yet seen from a Catholic source. Reading the usual Catholic professional journal is, I must confess, a duty more than a pleasure because the articles tend to be tedious, repetitive and poorly written but those in this issue were inspiring. The accounts of the medical missionaries were most touching. The papers indicated that although the Catholics are "a little slow in getting started" they possess a great momentum. No other medical journal could convey such a vital picture of members who are compassionate, spiritual and strong.

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TO THE EDITOR:

I think it would be well if The Linacre Quarterly made some statements in regard to the work of McLean Morris and Gertrude Van Wagenen, of Yale, who are reported by Time and by the Reader's Digest to have used diethyl stilbestrol in volunteers to prevent implantation of the fertilized ovum ("the morn-