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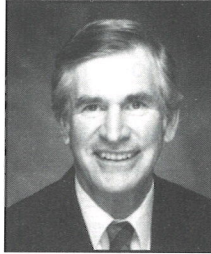
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Why Do We Suffer?

By Francis S. MacNutt

My article in the last Newsletter on why we suffer the desolation of spiritual "dark nights" drew more letters than any article we've ever printed. Clearly, it touched a responsive chord in many of your lives. It seems good then to carry that topic one step further and talk about the meaning of suffering in our lives.



We open that difficult subject by saying right off that the origin of evil (including suffering) has always been seen as a great mystery in Christian life - a mystery impossible for us to understand - second only to the Trinity, three persons and one God. How can you reconcile your suffering with an all-powerful, all-loving God who creates everything that exists? Does God send you the suffering and sickness you endure?

The Old Testament stresses the point that there is only one God who created the world and causes everything, and most of the ancient Biblical authors assume that evil is caused by God! This leaves us with problems, but if you believe that God causes everything, what else can you say? For example, when King Saul grows jealous of young David's popularity, "An evil spirit from God seized on Saul. He fell into a frenzy while he was indoors. David played the harp as on other occasions: Saul had a spear in his hand. Saul brandished the spear; he said, 'I will pin David to the wall!'" (I Sam. 18: 10-11).

According to this view of the uni-

verse God causes everything and so you end up with the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" And how can an all-holy God cause evil? - things such as murder? You can only explain that in terms of God punishing evil people, like Saul, for their sins.

This leads you to a further conclusion: if you lead an upright life, God will always bless you, even in this life. If you sin, though, God will punish you with suffering. Many of the Psalms reflect this attitude.

*The wicked, enemies of Yahweh, will be destroyed,
they will vanish like the green of the pasture,
they will vanish like smoke.*

*Now, I am old, but ever since my youth I never saw an upright person abandoned,
or the descendants of the upright forced to beg their bread.*

(Ps. 37: 20-25)

The entire book of *Job*, on the other hand, calls this attitude into question. Job is an innocent man who suffers, and his "friends" give him all the traditional answers: "Job, you must be guilty. Confess your crimes and God will restore your health and property." Job keeps on claiming he has done nothing wrong to deserve his miserable fate. At the end of the book God finally speaks and says, to paraphrase, "None of you know what you are talking about, but Job is closer to the truth than the rest of you, and I'm going to restore everything to Job; more than that I am going to double it!" It's important to note that *Job* is one of the last books of the Old

Testament to be written (probably in the 5th century BC). The culmination of the Old Testament teaching on suffering, then, is that its ultimate cause is a **mystery**. The final lesson is that "faith must remain even when understanding fails" (Introduction to Job, p.755, *New Jerusalem Bible*: Doubleday, 1985). It's significant, too, that Job's friends think that they are defending God's honor by repeating the traditional argument that you must have sinned to deserve sickness.

These legalist "friends" have many parallels in our own Christian world — some leaders still teach that the only reason you are sick is because you have sinned. They counsel, "If only you had faith, you would have been healed," or "You must harbor unforgiveness or your arthritis would have disappeared." Such teachings remind us of the exhortations of Job's friends (this is not to say that **some** arthritis could not be connected to unforgiveness, but many other factors could also be involved, such as diet, stress, heredity, etc.).

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Suffer

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But then, when Jesus comes on the scene the teaching on suffering is further refined beyond what we read in *Job*. In his teaching you see him picking up on the **mystery** aspect when he asks whether the 18 people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them were any worse than anyone else living in Jerusalem. "They were not," he says (Lk. 13:4). He goes further than that though, when he picks up on the Genesis theme of the Fall affecting all of us with a global evil — ultimately **Satan is the one directly causing our sickness** — not God.

Jesus **rebukes** sickness when he meets it; he sees it as an **enemy**, not as a blessing sent by God. He heals everyone who asks for help and does not tell invalids to suffer patiently because God sent them their illness as a "blessing" to test their endurance.

Speaking humanly, Jesus' attitude is far healthier than the view that God tests the saints by sending them illness — the belief that sent C. S. Lewis up the wall when his wife, Joy, died of cancer (see his book *A Grief Observed*). Any ordinary person would have trouble believing that God loves us, if he makes us sick in order to test our loyalty. Any parent who acted that way we would see as a sadistic ogre. Isn't this exactly what Jesus is getting at when he says,



"If your child asks for bread, do you trick him with sawdust?"

If he asks for a fish, do you scare him with a live snake?

As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing - you're at least decent to your own children.

So don't you think the God who conceived you in love will be even better?"

(Mt. 7:9-11 as paraphrased in The Message).

There is so much more we could say, but for now here are a few simple reflections:

- God loves us, truly loves us, more than any human father or mother can — no matter how wonderful our parents may have been.

When you suffer, know that most of it comes because of the broken, fallen, and evil state of the world into which we are born. Ultimately the cause of sickness is Satan, who hates us — not God, who loves us.

Most sickness is **indirectly** caused by Satan who has drawn the world into its broken, wounded state. Some sickness, however, is directly caused by demonic influence, such as the "spirits of infirmity" mentioned in the Bible.

- Jesus died for us and gave us the Holy Spirit whose love and power will undo the effects of sin, which include sickness. Jesus, through his Holy Spirit, forgives our sins, begins to heal our broken hearts, our broken bodies and our broken relationships.

- Much healing occurs in this life (Paul

calls it a "down payment" on eternal life) but the rest will happen only after Jesus brings us victory over our ultimate enemy, Death.

- Nevertheless, Jesus tells us we will suffer in this life. The forces of evil will cause us to suffer. We will, for example, suffer rejection and persecution.

- But nowhere does he say we must have sickness. Sickness is not the same thing as suffering. It's just one among many conditions that cause suffering. The Gospel shows us that Jesus wants to heal our **sickness** — certainly for the most part.

- There are root causes of sickness that we may have to face before we are healed. It's not that Jesus doesn't want to heal us, but we must do our part (see the chapter in my book *Healing* on the various reasons people are not healed.)

- Yet, ultimately, we are dealing with **mystery**. Jamie Buckingham, shortly before his death, said, "I understand much less than I used to, but I believe more."

In the midst of sickness, we want to continue to **praise** God but not because of our sickness, we praise God in spite of our sickness; we praise God in the midst of our sickness.

Even were I to walk in a ravine as dark as death

I should fear no danger, for you are at my side.

Your staff and your crook are there to soothe me.

(Ps 23:4)

Francis MacNutt

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4/26/96 - 4/28/96	Healing Mission	St. John the Divine Church Houston, TX	The MacNutt Norma Dearing	Carol Blaine (713) 621-6275
5/17/96 - 5/18/96	Grief Seminar	Lakewood United Methodist Church Jacksonville, FL	The MacNutt Norma Dearing	Ann Bauwens (904) 765-3332
6/23/96 - 6/27/96	Fishnet Conference	Holiday Inn Rutland, VT	The MacNutt Brennan Manning Barbara Shlemon-Ryan	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
7/19/96 - 7/20/96	Women's Retreat	Red Lodge, MT	Judith MacNutt	Marge McFarland (406) 656-1620
8/1/96 - 8/4/96	Aldersgate '96 United Methodist Renewal Services Fellowship	Nashville, TN	Francis MacNutt	Gary L. Moore, Ex. Dir. (615) 851-9192 Fax (615) 851-9372
8/9/96 - 8/11/96	Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal	St. Stephen Diocesan Center Honolulu, HI	The MacNutt	Florance Andrade (808) 455-3224
9/9/96 - 9/13/96	School of Healing Prayer	Christian Healing Ministries Jacksonville, FL	The MacNutt CHM Staff	Ann Bauwens (904) 765-3332
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Tuesday-Noon-1 Eating Disorders Prayer & Support Group Dearing Hall, CHM

Tuesday- 6-8 pm Individual Prayer Ministry with prayer teams Dearing Hal 2nd Tuesday of every month - Generational Eucharist (6 pm)

Father Dick McGinnis Brings Marriage Ministry to CHM

by David Busse, Executive Director

Christian Healing Ministries is pleased to welcome Father Dick McGinnis to the ministry. A recently retired Episcopal priest, Father McGinnis developed Marriage Ministry from the many years of experience he gained in providing pastoral counseling to troubled couples. Marriage Ministry with Father McGinnis as director became a program offered at CHM on January first and fills a great need in this crucial area for strengthening Christian couples and families.

Father McGinnis Describes Marriage Ministry

Marriage Ministry is a couple-to-couple ministry of supporting, sharing with, and praying for, couples in trouble. It is done by couples whose own marriages have been in serious trouble but have been

saved, ministering to couples whose marriages are currently in trouble. We found that couples who have been through the agony of broken relationships but have found restoration are extremely well qualified to help those whose relationships have been shattered. This is a case of God using those who have been healed to be the ones through whom He heals. In five years, of 40 couples who accepted help, only two divorced (there are several couples who are still working things out). We are convinced that God has shown us a way for marriages to be restored.

We look forward to establishing such a group at CHM. The helping couples will come from the Jacksonville and surrounding area. There will be some train-

ing. The helping couples have already done the hardest part, their own recovery. They need only to learn how to tell the way God brought about their recovery. We are excited about this group being established because it will mean two things: first, there will be marriages saved, and secondly, it will mean increased exposure and credibility for the Marriage Ministry which will encourage other congregations to establish this ministry. With a 50% divorce rate in this country it would be great if the Church made a significant difference in that statistic. We believe it can.

We are thrilled to be asked to be a part of the work of Christian Healing Ministry. Thank you from the depths of our hearts for making it possible. —Dick McGinnis

Praise Reports

1000 Prayer Groups Formed

by Joy Lamb

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you "out there somewhere" who have started prayer groups, and are praying



not only for their own needs and the prayer requests from CHM, but for the needs of the Nation using *Sword Of The Spirit*. A year and a half ago, in the Spring of 1994, we made an offer to give away four books to anyone interested in starting a prayer group. The response to that offer was overwhelming. Within a few weeks over 1,000 people had responded and raised up a small army of intercessors praying the Scriptures.

What is so amazing is **that every state in the country is represented,**

plus every denomination. Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Pentecostals, Assembly of God, Church of God, Messianic Jewish Temple, Charismatic, Healing Centers, Prison Ministries, Women's Aglow, men's and women's prayer groups from all walks are all praying in unity for our nation.

I have put many of the praise reports from these groups in *The Healing Line*. Your praise letters have really been appreciated, and your comments more than a welcome note to our hearts and ears. The offer of the free books is no longer available because of the need to print a third edition of *Sword of the Spirit*. Nonetheless the requests for the book are still coming in and the prayer groups are still being birthed. Miracles are abounding everywhere!

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Fifty New Prayer Ministers Join CHM Volunteers

This has meant that people will no longer have to wait weeks to schedule a prayer appointment.

by Norma Dearing, Director of Prayer Ministry

CHM trained and commissioned fifty new volunteer prayer ministers who will be available in teams of two to pray for the many people who come to the Center for prayer. This carefully selected group completed a twelve-week course in prayer ministry that CHM offered in the Fall.

The volunteers began ministering in January, along side CHM's more experienced volunteer prayer ministers. The CHM-trained volunteers offer prayer ministry by appointment, and also offer telephone prayer support for those who call CHM. These services will be offered Monday - Friday at Christian Healing Ministries, 438 West 67th Street, just off I-95 North in Jacksonville, Florida.



Making Prayer Appointments

Please call between 9:00 AM - Noon, or 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM to schedule appointments. Prayer by phone will also be available during these hours.

Tuesday Night Healing Ministry

The regularly scheduled Tuesday evening healing service will continue from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. This is an opportunity for anyone to drop by the Center for prayer ministry by our trained prayer teams. Francis MacNutt attends once a month as his schedule allows; his dates vary, so call if you are interested in one of these nights.

From The Mail

My dear friends, several times you have prayed for the healing of my nephew who was at the very depths due to mental illness. In the past year he has become totally stabilized, thanks to a good doctor and the right medication. Most of all he met and has married a beautiful Christian woman with whom his is expecting a child. Thank you for all your prayers. Praise to our Lord for His transforming power.

Our son has been released from an awful spiritual oppression, and has been restored to his family. We are so grateful for your prayers.

My son has gone through a drug rehab program, and is just doing beautifully. Thank you for your prayers for him.

My husband and I thank you for your sorry prayer warriors. My husband had an infection of the blood and it was growing. He had a mitral valve of his heart last fall. He had a cardiologist and we had been told that since he is so young they didn't want to replace the mitral valve until they had good news. We were told that Bobby has progressed far better than ever thought possible. There was a time the doctors did not think he would live so thankful. God does answer prayer. A comfort knowing you were praying.

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— Joyce M. Abney, Editor



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My wife has been healed of a brain tumor. I thank you for prayer, and I thank God for answering those prayers.

Thank you all so much for your prayers, our daughter after making four suicide attempts is pretty much back to normal. We are so thankful.

All the prayer requests I gave to you have been answered. What miracles. My sister had heart problems, and needed back surgery. She went through everything with flying colors, and the doctors are truly amazed. Thanks so much for praying for all of us.

I am sorry to be slow in reporting. We have had a number of answers to prayer. Our little friend received a liver transplant and even though they had some crisis times, is coming along. I was encouraged that her father in the last crisis asked for prayer. Previously this he was unable to do. Also, a fine Christian with severe diabetes, elderly, had a blood vessel break in her one good eye. Lately she has begun to see again and hopes to improve even more. Thank you so much for your prayers. Your high commitment has challenged me, encouraged me to seek to be all God wants me to be.

We requested prayers for a child with a brain tumor. Not much hope, plus his mother was ignoring him. I am please to tell you that after requesting prayers from your group, there was a complete turn around. He is improving by leaps and bounds, even he and the mother have come back together, and she is becoming very attentive. What miracles!

Thank you for your prayers for the healing for the months of July and August. It is amazing how God works through CHM to promote healing. My eyes have improved and each day they look more normal than the day before.

Generational Eucharist Offered Monthly

by Joy Abney, Editor

In addition to the regularly Tuesday night healing prayer service, we also have begun to celebrate a Generational Eucharist the **second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM** with the Reverend Patricia Smith officiating. We began this very important healing Eucharist on February 13 and the Chapel was filled for this wonderful freeing celebration. Pat is an Episcopal priest and has spent twenty years in the healing ministry and recently completed a book on generational healing, her area of particular expertise.

If you or someone you know are interested in this Eucharist offered for the healing of generational bondages and for reconciliation between generations, please call us. Our office will provide you with the generational forms necessary to complete before attending this Eucharist.

For further information order our tape series *Reworking the Influence of Past Generations* with Judith and Francis MacNutt and Doug and Frances Schoeninger, A048-\$50.00. Books that would prove helpful are *Tending Family Roots: Papers on Generational Healing*, by Doug and Frances Schoeninger, B411-\$7.00, and *Healing the Family Tree*, by Dr. Kenneth McCall, B031-\$9.95.

All of these materials are available from CHM's Book Store (904) 765-3332.

School of Healing Prayer Offered March 11 - 14 Class Full

CHM offered the course previously taught in the Fall one morning a week for a twelve-week period, in a more compact format of four full consecutive days running March 11 - 14 at the Healing Center.

The March class was full with over 60 for this comprehensive course on healing prayer. **CHM will offer the class again the week of September 9, 1996.**

Topics covered are the history of healing in the church, prayer for physical healing, inner healing, generational healing, recovery from sexual abuse, recovery from occult involvement, spiritual discernment and deliverance from evil spirits.

Francis and Judith MacNutt and Norma Dearing will share their rich experiences teaching the group how to relate the Lord's love to the person coming for prayer, and how

to listen to the Lord with one ear and the person with the other. Hard-won experience about keeping yourself healthy in ministry and avoiding burnout will be shared. Norma says, "We want to turn these ministers into long-distance runners for the Kingdom, not sprinters."

This course was developed to train mature Christians to volunteer at CHM. It would also be very valuable for those clergy or laymen currently involved in prayer ministry at their Church or through some other pastoral organization.

CHM has taught the course for churches and other Christian groups around the country, and if you are interested in the Jacksonville program or getting CHM to teach The School of Healing Prayer in your area, please call Ann Bauwens at CHM for an application or more information, 765-3332.

News & Views

by Joy Abney, Editor

• **CHM will present a Grief Seminar, "Learning to Mourn Your Losses" on May 17-18.**

The seminar will run Friday from 7:00-9:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, with a break for dinner and then in the evening from 7:00-9:00 PM at Lakewood United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

Francis and Judith MacNutt and Norma Dearing will be the featured speakers. They will cover the five stages of grief experienced in mourning the loss of a loved one. The necessity of grieving the personal losses of life such as divorce, loss of a job, loss of health through debilitating illness or aging, will also be discussed.

Marilyn and Doug Wheeler have generously underwritten this Grief Seminar in memory of Jonathan Douglas Wheeler, their beloved four-year-old son; therefore, there is no fee for participants. We do ask that you pre-register so that we can provide the right number of handouts. Call Ann Bauwens, Conference Coordinator to Register (904) 765-3332 FAX (904) 765-4224

• Jacksonville's WJXT the local CBS affiliate did a two-part feature on the power of prayer to heal. While researching the feature, the reporter said that everyone that he talked to told him to call Francis MacNutt and CHM. The news team came to the center on a Thursday while we were having our monthly ongoing education session for Prayer Ministers. They interviewed two medical doctors with ties to CHM, Dr. Sook Marino and Dr. Ben Olliff, and Cindy Farmer, a prayer minister who credits

her healing from a rare neurological illness to prayer received at CHM. The two-part series aired on the late night news on February 12 and 13.

This was great publicity for CHM's ministry of prayer and teaching, and also glorified the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ.

• Rob Coxy is still generously working with very little remuneration as a full-time prayer minister. He is doing his two-year counseling internship in order to be qualified for his professional license. Any funds donated to provide Rob some stipend during this time would be greatly appreciated. If you serve on any foundation boards that would consider this type of request, please let us know: contact David Busse our Executive Director.

• CHM hosted Father Joseph Girzone, author of the popular *Joshua* series of Christian novels, who generously volunteered to speak on "The Heart of Jesus," sharing his unique perspective of Jesus and the message of God's reconciling love that reaches out to all people and cuts through all cultural barriers. The event was Sunday night, February 25, at 7:00 PM and free to the public (a love offering was received on behalf of CHM's ministry). Francis and Judith joined Father Girzone for a panel discussion after the talk and a reception and book signing followed.

• Francis and Judith and the staff and volunteers of CHM are mourning the death of Leonard LeSourd, a longtime friend and a member of our National Advisory Board. We ask you to join us providing prayer support for his wife Sandra and Breakthrough Ministries as they grieve their loss of this great servant of our Lord.

CHM's New Marriage Ministry Needs Volunteers

If your marriage has been troubled in the past but is now in recovery you are uniquely qualified to help others whose marriages are in difficulty. After a short period of training you will see how God was at work in the restoration of your relationship and how He can use the experience you gained to help bring healing to another couple's marriage.

If you live in the Jacksonville area, please consider becoming a volunteer for this vital new addition to our healing ministry. Call CHM at (904) 765-3332 and leave your name, address, and telephone number, either Norma Dearing or Father Dick McGinnis will be in touch with you.

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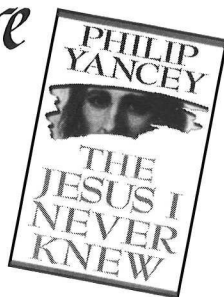
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by Philip Yancey

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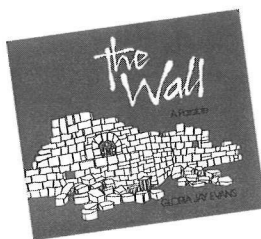


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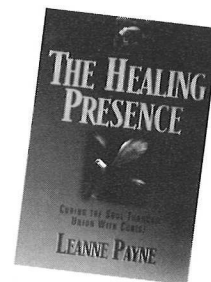


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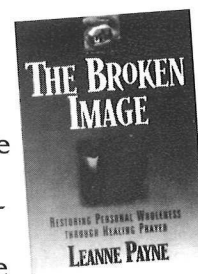


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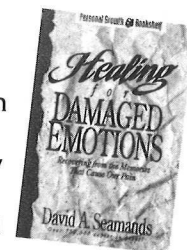
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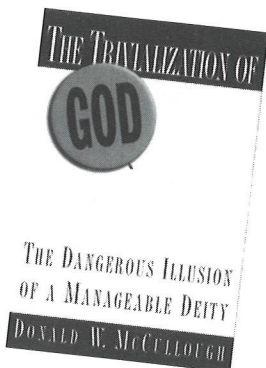
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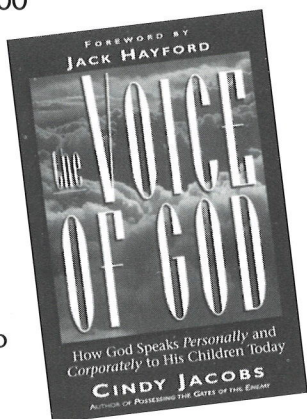


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About Confidentiality and Prayer Requests

Our intercessors are asked never to discuss any name on the list with another person. When we receive a prayer request at CHM, a person's identity is never disclosed, we only use first names. We do not print the actual problem that the person may be having. We simply put that name under Physical, Inner Healing, or Deliverance, etc., whatever category covers the need. We hope it is understood that all intercessors honor this confidence at CHM.

So many people hesitate to ask for prayer for fear that their problem will be aired across the nation. Some hesitate to "ask" God for things. Know God's wants all of your requests, great and small. Getting a supernatural answer to prayer is God's way of letting a person know he is truly active on planet earth. HE IS REAL and He loves us more than we could possibly imagine!

Please Pray for CHM

- Please join our intercessors in praying for the upcoming Grief Seminar in May. Many people who are in a lot of emotional pain will be there and a foundation of prayer support will make the ministry more fruitful.
- Pray for the staff and volunteer prayer ministers at CHM. The increased number of people that we can minister to on site because of our 50 new prayer ministers, means more people are getting healed. Our effectiveness has increased, and the resistance from the enemy has also heated up.
- Pray that funds will become available to renovate Dearing Hall and the Chapel. We are hosting more events there and the buildings do not present as welcoming an atmosphere as we would like to offer those who come to be blessed.



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