

HEALING OF THE MIND

It seems as though the healing of the minds has not received the degree of concern and attention that the healing of the body has. There is an entire army of medical providers who are committed to healing the body. The size of the cadre of forces dedicated to healing the mind is certainly noteworthy, but remains considerably smaller than the medical corps dedicated to physical healing.



While considerable progress has been made in the fields of psychiatry, psychology and counseling, the intricacies of the mind nevertheless remain elusive. We *do* know the function of the mind is tied to the brain, which is part of our physical anatomy, but the nature of that function is only minimally understood.

Unfortunately, there are among us, people whose minds are quite ill. Horrific atrocities are the products of these distorted minds. Wars have been fought, massacres and suicide bombings have occurred, and the high incidence of individual suicides are all incomprehensible acts emanating from sick, troubled minds. The debilitating effects of mental illness have created havoc in interpersonal relationships that otherwise might be happy and healthy.

Thankfully, modern medicine, along with skilled therapy have helped to suppress a significant number of these mental disturbances, as well as reduce the severity of their impact. However, the situation remains serious.

So, where does God come onto the scene? How and where does God's involvement show up? For whatever reason the divine presence seems to be less apparent in these situations than in physical healing.

It is easy to overlook *God's involvement* in the medical dimension of this phenomenon because medical practice is such a highly esteemed

institution in our culture; it seems to stand alone and apart from God's involvement. In spite of its distinguished position, it does not stand alone, but is very much a tool which God employs for human benefit. God's handprint is all over medical knowledge and procedures. Medical personnel have been endowed with bright and open minds which are God's gifts to them, and us. They have been divinely led into the arena where healing of sick minds does occur.

Psychologists and counselors along with their medical compatriots do not appear on the scene by happenstance. Although it is not often acknowledged, they have definitely been called and led into these healing professions by virtue of their God given talents and concerns—all of which are awakened by God's Holy Spirit.

God's use of human resources in any activity does not make it any less a divine activity. In the healing of the mind, as in countless other life situations, God's involvement is discernible to the open and searching mind. It is more evident in some cases than in others, but the faithful spirit learns to perceive this divine involvement and respond in profound gratitude. Thanks be to God!