

INSANITY.

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Physiology is the knowledge of the body; psychology is the knowledge of the spirit; psuchology is the knowledge of the soul.

Medical science and the Bible, when properly understood, are in perfect accord one with the other: "Faith and works going together." "Without me ye can do nothing," and "with God all things are possible to him that believeth." So that in proportion to faith and works going together is God's blessing bestowed. "Faith without works is dead"; and therefore God expects of us that we shall intelligently be able to diagnose and prescribe the most judicious remedies for the diseased condition we meet, and then ask and expect God's blessing to follow according to His will. Physiology implies that much knowledge of the body, whether it be exemplified or not, and in order to obtain the best results the body must be kept free from habits; such habits as tobacco, morphine, cocaine, chloral, liquor, and many others. No matter what binds and controls the human will must be given up. "Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump." "For ye are the temple of the living God." "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy," *i.e.*, God will let him destroy himself if he chooses that course. The physician's duty is to help him not to do so and assist him to regain his health again, if he has. Medical science must be true to both body and soul to keep the mind right. "No idolator shall enter the kingdom of heaven," makes it obligatory on the part of the physician to sound a note of warning, and if it were not done by him it would often not be done at all, as sometimes there is not much time afforded to call a halt and seek forgiveness.

Psychology includes the knowledge of the mind. When Daniel had the prescience given him as the result of refusing to be defiled by the king's meat and drink, and showed that abstemiousness necessary to develop a clear intellect by living on pulse and water, he exemplified that rational self-denial, while a student at college, and that under the most affluent surroundings provided by the King for all his college students, "in whom was no blemish, but well favored, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science," materialists: but, in addition, he prayed