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The truth concerning Filipino healers and psychic surgeons

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Let no man beguile you of your reward, in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshy mind. Colossians chapter 2 verse 18.

A great deal of controversy and comment has been made recently in the Edmonton Journal and over a local TV station by supposed experts concerned about some of our fellow citizens taking their own time and spending their own money to travel to the Philippines for psychic surgery.

Those that are the most vocal and dogmatic about their opinions were never even in the Philippines. Even some of those (two out of forty-six) are crusading to "warn" their fellow citizens that the healers are fakes and quacks.

I travelled to the Philippines as a professional researcher and author - not as a patient. My findings indicate that like all healing professions there was a small percentage of "quacks" trying to cash in on the renown of authentic Filipino healers, perhaps fifteen to twenty percent. However, the other eighty - eighty-five percent who are truly faith healers cannot be dismissed by the irrational statements made by two group members and members of the medical profession.

If they could, then the healing aspects of Christ's mission must also be dismissed and all our Christian ministers must stand accused of propagating the work of a "quack"! How can any minister say that the work of the healers is "of the Devil"? Particularly since Christ told us, "Greater works than I have done ye shall do"! Man has listened to the supposed "experts" too long. They are all simply men trained to specific professions, the status and earning power of which they intend to protect. Are we to listen to our Lord or to other men? The choice is yours.

Those group members willing to blame the healers for their failure in obtaining a healing never questioned their own lack of faith which is always a prerequisite to the reception of Spirit. They also neglected to mention that group members were told that there were two conditions that the healers could not heal. One was cancer of the bone and the other was health conditions created by Karma, (The wrong response to Spirit in previous lives).

In such cases they have told individuals that they cannot cure them but that they can make their passing painless. This fact has been verified by the mother of a young American woman who passed away on her return due to bone cancer. Neither did these mention the fact that the healers gave specific instructions to the patients after they had received their treatment. These instructions were: 1. No coffee.

2. No white sugar. 3. No carbonated drinks. 4. No showers for three days. Only a sponge bath if required. 5. No greasy food or cream. 6. No tobacco. 7. No alcohol. 8. Patients were to meditate.

It was truly amazing to watch the habits of the vast majority of this group take command after such implicit instructions. As far as receiving a healing was concerned, eighty percent of these people committed suicide. Even at this the vast majority of those who went had positive results.

The TV interview from CBXT and all the articles written in the Journal make no mention of the fact that there are four different types of Filipino healers: 1. Spiritual healers. 2. Psychic surgeons. 3. Magnetic healers. 4. Psychic healers. They all collaborate and each type of healer has their own techniques.

No mention was made of the fact that all those who received treatment were told that some would not know until three months had elapsed whether or not they had received a healing. The reasoning for this was that the patient was to receive absent healing treatment for this length of time. This treatment was to take place during meditation between 7 and 7:15 a.m. The healers cannot be blamed for the actions of those who will not help themselves. It must also be remembered that some patients have spent a lifetime acquiring their ailments and to ask and expect for an immediate cure with a couple of days treatment is expecting a little too much.

Unfortunately the group as a whole was not instructed in the various spiritual healing methods before their departure to the Philippines. Hence they were not prepared to accept or cooperate with the healers.

What appeared to some as fake surgery was not surgery at all. The facts are that every entity has a force field of energy around it. This field has been referred to as the etheric field. (Russian, American and British researchers have taken movies of this force field in which the very thoughts of the individual are revealed in color. For additional information see *Psychic Research Behind the Iron Curtain*.)

This etheric field has seven nerve or energy centers called chakras. The main chakra which receives the life energy from the environment is located between the shoulder blades (opposite the heart) on the left side of the spine. What the psychic healer did was to adjust (in the etheric field) the rotational speed of this main chakra so that a healing could take place. Otherwise it would be akin to running a car on the battery without the generator charging the battery. Eventual failure of the vehicle would be the result.

Two additional facts are worth mentioning. Various

renowned European doctors have requested the healers to perform under scientific research conditions in their respective countries. Authentic healers have accepted their invitation without reserve because they know that they can do what Christ claimed we would be able to do. They accept the humble fact that they are merely instruments in the hands of Emmanuel. They have already performed successfully in Germany. They are to tour Europe this summer.

The second fact is that even members of the group did not realize that these healers are fully licensed by the Philliping Government. Recently the Philippine Medical Association asked the healer to extend their services into the psychiatric wards of the General Hospital in Baguio. All this contrary to the irrational and irresponsible statements made to the public in the Journal by local medical practitioners, who have, in all probability, never set foot in the Philippines! Does this sound like it is the healers who are "quacks"?

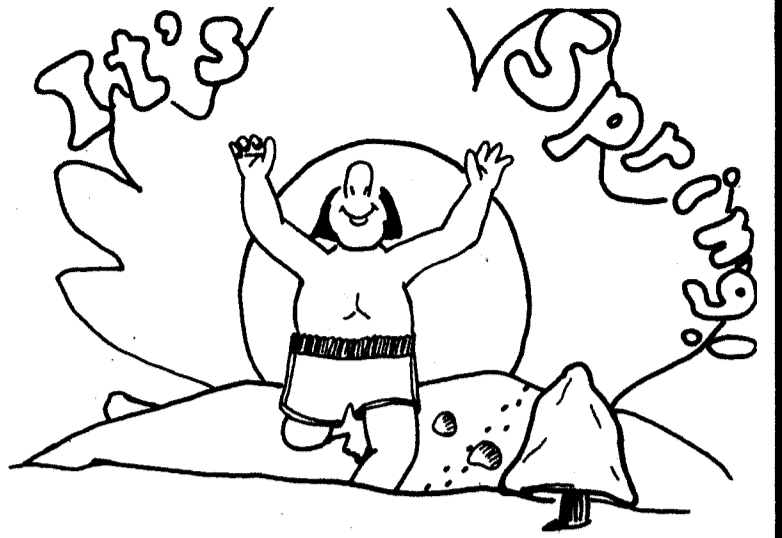
The tour member who stated that the healers were selling "medicine" at \$22.50 an ounce was either misinformed, or misquoted by the Journal as other group members were. It was only suggested that some group members might benefit by a nerve tonic which the healers could get. The cost quoted -- \$22.50 an ounce. It is true that the price was \$22.50 but it was for 15 ounces (and not four as recently quoted in the Journal). Thus the price was \$1.46 an ounce not \$22.50 as quoted.

As for the expectations of donations; who works for nothing? Even our Christian churches pass the plate. It is entirely the prerogative of the individual whether they feel the services given were worth a donation or not. Apparently two members felt it was not worth a donation.

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As far as the tour guide giving out donation envelopes is concerned she was asked for them by tour members. It was also a means of saving embarrassment for those who could not afford to donate or who did not want to donate. They could simply seal the envelope and drop it in the box or they could ignore it. The two male complainants must admit that the healers gave them the same attention as everyone else and if they did not receive healings while others did they should start asking themselves why? The healers are not beneficiaries of any donations. All donations are going to the building of a modern clinic for the people of the world who cannot be helped by medical practitioners.

Some might well ask, "Well what about the animal tissues presented to patients as being



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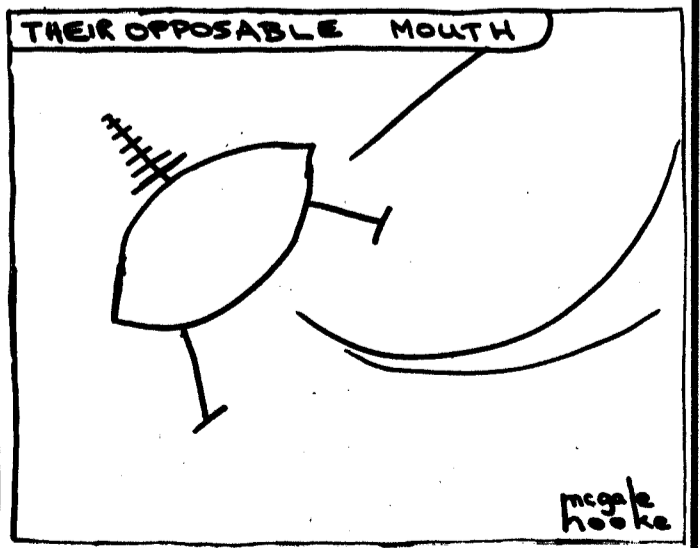
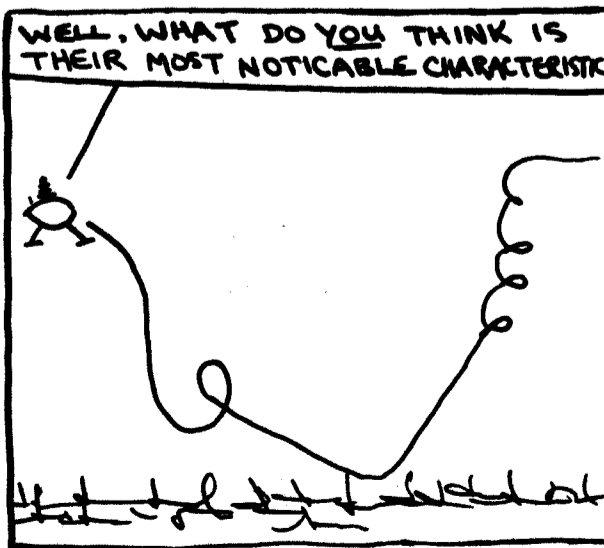
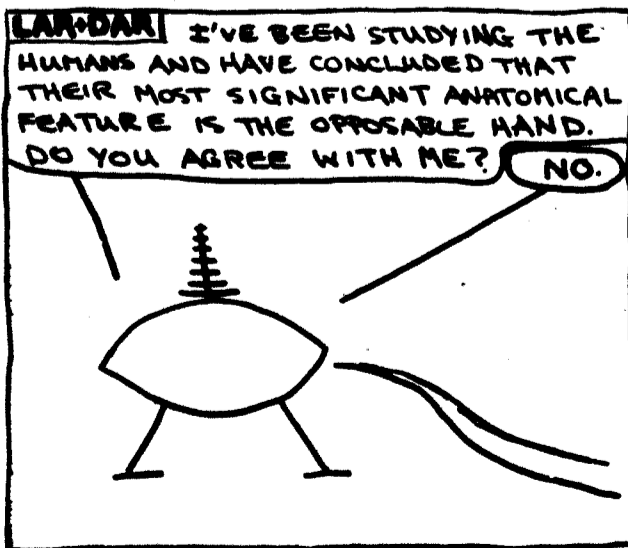
George Mantor and the Student's Union

Report of the President of the Students' Union - March, 1974.

I am convinced, on the basis of my experience, that a well rounded University education is not only relevant but an extremely valuable experience. In order for one to take advantage of the full scope of university experiences it is necessary for one to find some area of involvement outside of one's own major area of endeavour. I believe this to be true for staff members as well as students. The Students' Union has attempted to provide a number of services to facilitate additional involvement but I fear that we may have done so for only about 50% of the students and 5% of the staff. There are a number of obvious reasons why this is true:

- The size of the University;
- The diversity of interests and goals among members of the university community;
- The structure of the Students' Union;
- shortage of funds;
- lack of continuity from year to year.

Unfortunately the solutions to these problems are not nearly as obvious. Years ago the Students' Union became committed to a particular philosophy which dictates what the priorities of the Students' Union will be well into the future. The Students' Union is now a full scale corporation with millions of dollars worth of assets, revenues and debts. Many have said that a Students' Union should not be a corporation and I agree with them. Like it or not, however, it is a corporation with the same commitments, faults and advantages of any other corporation. It must face serious and wide-ranging problems that often dictate policy and expenditure of effort. Much of the time and most of the



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