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**God Loves
You!**

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The International Order of St Luke the Physician

**I will praise God's
name in song and
glorify him with
thanksgiving...**

Psalm 69:30



**The heavens declare the glory of God; and the
firmament shows his handiwork. Psalm 19:1**



For God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.

(2 Tim 1:7 WEB)

By Barry Adams

2 Timothy starts off with the Apostle Paul bringing words of encouragement to his spiritual son, Timothy. In his opening address to this young leader, Paul reminds Timothy to fan into flame the gift of God that he received when this great apostle laid his hands on him.

The New International Version Bible translates 2 Timothy 1:6-7 this way... *6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.* (NIV)

What Paul is basically saying to Timothy is don't be fearful to exercise the gifts that God gave you because fear and love cannot co-exist. 1 John 4:18 tells us that perfect love will actually drive all fear away! My prayer today is that we would all take these words that Paul gave to Timothy to heart. God has not given us a spirit that makes us a slave to fear. He has given us His own Spirit that empowers us to live in the love that He has for us.

If you are wrestling with fearful thoughts about yourself...your future or any other thing... declare this truth over your life:

God has not given me a spirit of fear! He has given me His own Spirit that is filled with power and love and self-control!

May the love of God drive all fear out of your heart as you fan into flame all of the gifts that He has given to you!

Romans 8:15 *For you didn't receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"* (WEB)

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Colin C M Campbell, PhD

THE TWO CHRIST'S ISSUE AND PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

Progressive Christianity is a reform movement, seeking to reverse the decline in membership of the mainline churches. It is based on the work of certain Biblical scholars, who make a distinction between the Christ of history and the Christ of faith. They contend that the Gospel writers were less concerned about writing an accurate history of Jesus' life than formulating a compelling faith narrative. The Gospel writers buttressed their claims with Old Testament quotations and attributed miracles to Jesus, credible at the time but absurd to a modern audience. These critics argue that the Church's only hope for survival is to expunge Christianity of its mythological baggage. While it may be readily agreed that the Gospel writers had an axe to grind (and here the scholars can help us), it would surely be a misguided exegesis to conclude that the charismatic element of Christianity should be completely excised in order to make our ancient faith palatable to modern culture.

The search to find the historical Jesus, free of ecclesiastical propaganda, may be traced as far back as Schleiermacher in the nineteenth century. Rudolf Bultmann remains a powerful influence and the mantle has been passed on to such scholars as Marcus Borg, John Domenic Crossan and John Shelby Spong. How much genuine theism these writers leave us with is unclear. They are rather coy about it, as this exchange between William Lane Craig and John Domenic Crossan reveals.

Craig: If the existence of God is a statement of faith, not a statement of fact, that means that God's existence is simply an interpretive construct that a particular human mind - a believer - puts into the universe.

Crossan: If you were to ask me to abstract from faith how God would be if no human beings existed, that is like asking me, "Would I be annoyed if I hadn't been conceived?"

Craig: During the Jurassic Age, when there were no human beings, did God exist?"

Crossan: Meaningless question.

In promoting its agenda, Progressive Christianity has found it necessary to invent new terms and to change the meaning of others. For example, its followers say that they are not "theists." Theists believe in God, as a transcendent being "out there," who "swoops in" and does things from time to time. However, Progressive Christians deny that they are atheists, preferring the term, "non-theists."

The two central issues to be faced are: First, what was the faith content of the New Testament writers? Second, can this faith content withstand the scrutiny of modern scholarship and our scientific worldview?

The first Christians and the early Church knew what they believed. By his life and death, Jesus had provided them with a model for their lives, through which they had found "life in all its fullness." This life was a renewal of their nature but not through their natural action alone. Merely mimicking Jesus did not heal them. Fullness of life was a gift conferred by the supernatural action of God. It indeed operated within nature but it was initiated and directed by a Spirit, which transcended nature. However, nature does have a part to play. It has the power to block God's operation. That is, we have the power to sin. It is apparent to the most cursory and least

scholarly reading of the New Testament, and is a historical fact, that this was a faith statement of the early Church and, at its finest moments, of the Church Universal, throughout its history.

It is true that this interpretation of historical events gave rise to additional beliefs and doctrines, in particular, the Incarnation, Atonement and Trinity. A key motive in developing this narrative was to make sense of the manner in which Jesus died and how this is connected to our healing. The Cross revealed the non-retaliatory nature of God's justice in the service of redemptive love. It was also the supreme event by which the outsider God of the theists redeemed human nature from the inside. In Jesus, human nature was perfected, once for all. It was accomplished by a communion of the natural and the supernatural; God's activity in and through the natural. In this sense, it may be readily agreed that the New Testament writers were not merely writing history. They were writing history with an important interpretation in mind. Whether they borrowed motifs to bolster their case should not be the central issue (although debunking fundamentalism is a good idea). The Good News is that life in all its fullness is available to all who seek to remake their lives in the pattern of Christ's and who can recognize and respond to the power available from the Holy Spirit. This is the New Testament kerygma that is timelessly relevant and true. As a physicist, I am persuaded that there is nothing in this that contradicts modern science. I shall leave the scholars and hairsplitters to decide for themselves. May their reward be to parse Greek and Hebrew sentences for all eternity!

In conclusion, one who tries to live as Jesus lived pleases a God who is both transcendent and immanent. He is transcendent in that he is the same forever and beyond our control. Transcendence does not mean that his activity is one of "swooping in" from the outside, as the "non-theists" believe and that the "theists" assert. God is also immanent, as the indwelling Spirit "in whom we live, move and have our being." He is inside nature trying to get out, as well as outside nature trying to get in. The abundant life that he promises is one of joy and peace - and a share in the Cross of his Messiah. We in OSL must not allow others to fool us out of our faith. We have work to do!

In the next issue, watch for Colin's report on the OSL International Conference in New Zealand.

Colin Campbell was elected Vice President of OSL Canada in August 2011, at the First OSL Canadian National Healing [Conference in Winnipeg, MB](#). He is a long time member of OSL, former President of The International Order of St Luke the Physician Board of Directors, and a current member of OSL Region 8 Council. Dr Campbell is Convenor of the newly established OSL Hamilton Chapter and the founding Convenor of the first OSL Young Adults Chapter in the history of the Order of St Luke. Colin is a secondary school teacher and resides in Hamilton, Ontario

INTERCESSION by Patricia Richards

*Come sweet Spirit--don't delay,
Take this mind and help me pray
In this world so much should change-
So many lives to rearrange.
I pray You'll open blinded eyes,
And show folks why you came and died.
Before too long the trump will blow,
And many loved ones still don't know ,
That Jesus, You're the only way--
So this is why I need to pray,
Some things are hard to understand -
Like , why does praying move God's hand?
But this I know - it's proven true-
So interceding is what I'll do.*

Romans 8;26-27
1 Timothy 2 1-4
1Thessalonians 5;17



Sight and Sound For Thanksgiving

By Lorna Dueck

Some days I sound like a crazy woman. When I get a chance to be alone, really alone, I speak loudly to our God. I always begin with shouts of “Thank You.”

I begin with shouting thank you for the attributes of God. “Thank you, Mighty God. Thank you, Wonderful Counsellor. Thank you, Prince of Peace. Thank you, Everlasting Father.” (Isaiah 9:6)

The sound of thankfulness, coming out of my own mouth has been a game changer for me on my own personal strength, attitudes and actions. I shouldn't be surprised, but I always am. I love Philippians 4:4-9, and focus on the advice there to take whatever ails us mentally or physically, and “with thanksgiving, present our request to God.” That doesn't mean I'm always thankful for the situation or ailment I'm in, rather, I'm thankful I am in relationship with God, and God, as if offering a mental health tool, advises, “wrap thankfulness to Me around every situation life throws at you.”

Nothing in my sight need escape the sound of giving thanks to God.

“Thank you God for being my Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of PeaceEverlasting Father.”



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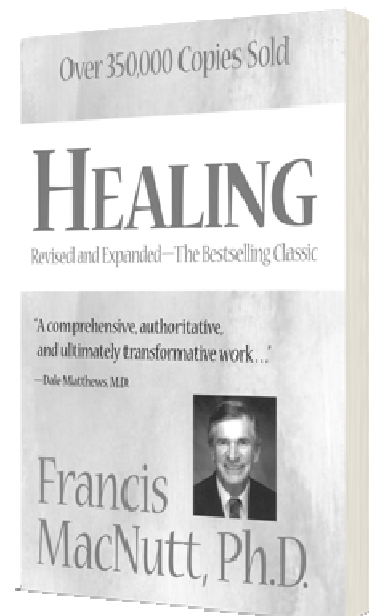
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The Book Shelf

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Twenty-five years after its original release, it has been updated! Learn how the marvelous healing touch of God is available to you. The revolutionary yet balanced teaching of Francis MacNutt will open you to the experience of healing for you and those you love. The millions who have benefited from this book testify to its life-changing message. It is considered the classical work on the subject of Christian healing prayer.



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Oct 20/13 - The Rev. Andy and Brenda Leroux will talk about Holy Spirit... Healing... and You... as they share their journey during Brenda's battle with stage 4 cancer. Their conversation will include stories about the rocky road of faith... their doubts and challenges... and her miraculous healing. For telephone number visit <http://www.oslregion8.org/online.htm>

Nov 17/13 - The Rev. Ed Hird resisted writing his recent article, Yoga: More than Meets the Eyes? He knew it would be more than controversial...and could place him on the receiving end of much criticism. He finally surrendered to God's urging... and now the long-held secret about Yoga being much more than just an exercise class is being revealed. For telephone number visit <http://www.oslregion8.org/online.htm>

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Oct 15-18 - 5th OSL International Conference - New Zealand! For more information and registration visit <http://www.oslCanada.org/international.htm>

Heads-up...starting Nov - Are you ready to receive a call from a visitor? The OSL Canada website Calendar at <http://www.oslCanada.org/calendar.htm> now features a link every month to help visitors find a chapter in their area.

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For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.
Amen.**