The Ministry of Healing
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Ancient Healing & Exorcism

“He had a ring tied to a baaras root. It was the same kind of root Solomon used to exorcise demons. Eleazar put the ring of the possessed man’s nose, and then pulled the demon out through the man’s nostrils. Instantly, the man collapsed. Eleazar started reciting incantations he had composed, which mentioned Solomon and ordered the demon never to come back. To assure witnesses that the demon had come out, Eleazar ordered it to knock over a cup of water he set up in the room.” Josephus, Ant. 8:2, 5 (Miller, The Jesus of the Bible, 146)
You’re hot!

“Any fire started by a human can be put out by a human. But a sick person is engulfed by a fire sent from heaven. what human can possibly put that out?”

Talmud, Nedarim 41a
Was blind but now I see!

“The fat of all kinds of fish-freshwater and saltwater-melted in the sun and mixed with honey is an excellent treatment for improving eyesight.” Pliny, *Natural History, Remedies from Aquatic Animals*, book 32

“To cure inflammation of the eyes, wash the eyes each morning with spit from your overnight fast” Pliny, *NH, Remedies from Living Creatures*, book 28, ch. 10

“To protect your eyes from developing eye diseases including inflammation of the eyes, do this and you will never again develop an eye disease. Each time you wash the dust off your feet, touch your eyes three times with the muddy water.” Pliny, *NH, Remedies from Living Creatures*, book 28, ch. 10
Leprosy
Hansen’s Disease
Flowchart of Diagnosis and Classification

Skin lesion with sensory loss

Leprosy

When skin-smears are not available or not dependable

Single skin lesion
  SLPB LEPROSY

2 to 5 skin lesions
  PB LEPROSY

More than 5 skin lesions
  MB LEPROSY

When skin-smears are available and dependable

Smear negative
  PB LEPROSY

Smear positive
  MB LEPROSY
### Matthew 8: 3x3 Miracles

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**Discipleship**
“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.” Deut 19:15; Mt 18:16
Mt 8:28 - 2 demoniacs
Mt 9:27 - 2 blind men
Mt 20:30 - 2 blind men
Mt 21:1-11 - 2 donkeys
"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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Medical Specificity:

- Right ear of Malchus (22:50)
- “klinidion” (Lk 5:24)
- 6 unique miracles/5 medical
- 4:38; 7:15; 8:55; 14:2; 18:15; 22:50
- “traumatize” (only in Lk 20:12; Acts 19:16)
Luke, M.D.

- “βελονή” = “surgical knife” (Lk 18:25)
- recorded by Aristophanes, then Galen
- “bent over” (Lk 13:11)
- Malta islanders: healing and curing
  (ιαομαι, θεραπευω therapeuo)
- Lit.: *The Medical Language of St. Luke* (Hobart)
The Medical Profession

- Mark: doctors made it worse (Mk 5:26)
- Luke: no one could help her (Lk 8:43)
So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵ **When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."** ⁶ . . .

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins "-- He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."
Therapy – Theology

- “He still has the same life-giving power as when on earth He healed the sick, and spoke forgiveness to the sinner.” DA 270
“Physical disease, however malignant and deep-seated, was healed by the power of Christ; but the disease of the soul took a firmer hold upon those who closed their eyes against the light. Leprosy and palsy were not so terrible as bigotry and unbelief.” DA 271
“Who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.”

Ps 103:3
Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you."

"Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." (Mat 9:22 NKJ)

ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε (Mat 9:22 TBT)
If I can heal you, I can save you!
“But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Instead, just say the word and my servant will be healed.’” Mt 8:8

(but 8:3, 15; 9:21, 25, 29)
Jesus’ Word is as good as His touch.
• dEATH
• DlEt
• MEal
“By His stripes we are healed.” Isa 53:5
“Then the demons begged him, ‘If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs.’ And He said, ‘GO!’ So they came out and went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep slope into the lake and drowned in the water.” Mt 8:31-32 NET
“The secret cause of the affliction that had made this man a fearful spectacle to his friends and a burden to himself was in his own life. He had been fascinated by the pleasures of sin, and had thought to make life a grand carnival. He did not dream of becoming a terror to the world and the reproach of his family. He thought his time could be spent in innocent folly. But once in the downward path, his feet rapidly descended.

Intemperance and frivolity perverted the noble attributes of his nature, and Satan took absolute control of him. Remorse came too late.

When he would have sacrificed wealth and pleasure to regain his lost manhood, he had become helpless in the grasp of the evil one. He had placed himself on the enemy's ground, and Satan had taken possession of all his faculties. The tempter had allured him with many charming presentations; but when once the wretched man was in his power, the fiend became relentless in his cruelty, and terrible in his angry visitations.

So it will be with all who yield to evil; the fascinating pleasure of their early career ends in the darkness of despair or the madness of a ruined soul.”

DA 256
“One man had boils all over his chest. They were too painful even to touch. When I laid hands on him and prayed, they disappeared. This is one of many miraculous answers to prayer during my recent trip to Ghana.”

Bill Tucker - The Quiet Hour
Me.
• Genesis: food specifically prescribed
• Adam and Eve: an Apple a day?
• Esau: Birthright or Beans?
• Exodus: Manna
• Leviticus: clean/unclean
• Daniel: 1:8 = food?!
• Jesus: Temptation
• Revelation: Laodicea – Food Offer (3:20)
• Revelation: Marriage Supper (19:9)
“The gospel of health has able advocates, but their work has been made very hard because so many ministers, presidents of conferences, and others in positions of influence, have failed to give the question of health reform its proper attention. They have not recognized it in its relation to the work of the message as the right arm of the body. While very little respect has been shown to this department by many of the people, and by some of the ministers, the Lord has shown His regard for it by giving it abundant prosperity. When properly conducted, the health work is an entering wedge, making a way for other truths to reach the heart. When the third angel’s message is received in its fullness, health reform will be given its place in the councils of the conference, in the work of the church, in the home, at the table, and in all the household arrangements. Then the right arm will serve and protect the body” (CD 73)
The Ministry of Healing

“I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work.”

CH 533 (1901)
“Light has been given me that in medical missionary work we have lost great advantages by failing to realize the need of a change in our plans in regard to the location of sanitariums. It is the Lord’s will that these institutions shall be established outside the city. They should be situated in the country, in the midst of surroundings as attractive as possible. In nature—the Lord’s garden—the sick will always find something to divert their attention from themselves and lift their thoughts to God” (7T 80).
Nature is God’s physician. The pure air, the glad sunshine, the beautiful flowers and trees, the orchards and vineyards, and outdoor exercise amid these surroundings, are health-giving—the elixir of life. Outdoor life is the only medicine that many invalids need. Its influence is powerful to heal sickness caused by fashionable life, a life that weakens and destroys the physical, mental, and spiritual powers.” 7T 77
“Why deprive patients of the health-restoring blessing to be found in outdoor life? I have been instructed that as the sick are encouraged to leave their rooms and spend time in the open air, cultivating flowers, or doing some other light, pleasant work, their minds will be called from self to something more health-giving. Exercise in the open air should be prescribed as a beneficial, life-giving necessity. The longer patients can be kept out of doors the less care will they require. The more cheerful their surroundings, the more hopeful will they be. Surround them with the beautiful things of nature; place them where they can see the flowers growing and hear the birds singing, and their hearts will break into song in harmony with the song of the birds.” 7T 82
“Let the leaders in our work instruct the people that sanitariums should be established in the midst of the most pleasant surroundings, in places not disturbed by the turmoil of the city, places where by wise instruction the thoughts of the patients can be bound up with the thoughts of God. Again and again I have described such places; but it seems that there has been no ear to hear. Recently in a most clear and convincing manner the advantage of establishing our institutions, especially our sanitariums and schools, outside the cities was presented to me.” 7T 81
“Do you have enough faith NOT to be healed?

Lazarus, anybody?!
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