

Online Catechism Lesson 13: Doctors can cure physical ills but only God and his grace can cure spiritual ills

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1. What follows is a good definition of physical ills, spiritual ills, and spiritual disturbances:
2. Physical ills caused by physical things can be cured by physical things, such as medicine and other medical treatments because the root of the problem is physical.
3. Physical ills can cause spiritual disturbances (mental disturbances) but the root of the problem is physical and not spiritual. Once the physical ill is cured or ceases, the spiritual disturbances ceases.

For example, if a man does not get enough sleep due to pain or some other physical thing, he will become mentally disturbed to one degree or another; once the physical thing that caused him to not sleep is removed or ceases, he will sleep and his mental disturbance will cease. If a man has a high fever caused by a physical ailment, he will be mentally disturbed to one degree or another even to the point of hysteria; when the physical thing that caused his fever is cured or ceases, then his mental disturbance will cease. In these cases, medical doctors can treat the underlying physical thing that is causing the mental disturbance and the mental disturbance will cease. However, mental illness, which is demonic obsession or possession, cannot be cured by any medicine or psychology psychiatry or any other human means but only by God and his grace.

4. Spiritual ills (mental ills) are caused by evil spirits (demonic obsession or possession) and thus the root of the problem is spiritual. Spiritual ills can and often do cause physical ills, but the root of the problem is spiritual. Hence the physical ills caused by spiritual ills can only be cured or cease when the spiritual ill is cured or ceases. Only God and his grace can cure spiritual ills and thus also the physical ills caused by spiritual ills.
5. While the attempted medical or psychological treatment of a spiritual ill may seem to cure the spiritual ill or the physical ill caused by the spiritual ill, it only covers them; and in many cases, more physical and spiritual ills arise elsewhere in the victim.
6. God has ordained that doctors (physicians) and medicine treat physical ills caused by physical things and thus Catholics must submit to good doctors and good medicine when necessary and if possible to treat physical ills caused by physical things. For example,

Jesus, son of Sirach, says, *“Honour the physician for the need thou hast of him, for the most High hath created him. For all healing is from God, and he shall receive gifts of the king. The skill of the physician shall lift up his head; and in the sight of great men, he shall be praised. The most High hath created medicines out of the earth, and a wise man will not abhor them. Was not bitter water made sweet with wood? The virtue of these things is come to the knowledge of men, and the most High hath given knowledge to men that he may be honoured in his wonders. By these he shall cure and shall allay their pains, and of these the apothecary shall make sweet confections, and shall make up ointments of health, and of his works there shall be no end.”* (Eccus. 38:1-7)

7. However, only God and his grace and thus no man can cure spiritual ills because mental illness is caused by diabolic possession or obsession. For example,

“For he [God] hath satisfied the empty soul, and hath filled the hungry soul with good things... And they cried to the Lord in their affliction, and he delivered them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them.” (Ps. 106:8-9. 19-20)

“For thou [God] only knowest the heart of all the children of men.” (3 Ki. 8:39)

In order to humble king of Babylon, Nabuchodonosor, God cursed him with madness by allowing him to be possessed by devils, after which God healed his him by casting out the devils: *“The same hour the word was fulfilled upon Nabuchodonosor, and he was driven away from among men and did eat grass like an ox; and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hairs grew like the feathers of eagles and his nails like birds’ claws. Now at the end of the days, I Nabuchodonosor lifted up my eyes to heaven and my sense was restored to me; and I blessed the most High, and I praised and glorified him that liveth forever, for his power is an everlasting power, and his kingdom is to all generations.”* (Dan. 4:30-31)

Jesus healed many men who were mentally ill by driving out the devils that were causing their mental illness. For example, *“And when he was come forth to the land, there met him a certain man who had a devil now a very long time, and he wore no clothes, neither did he abide in a house but in the sepulchres... For he [Jesus] commanded the unclean spirit to go out of the man. For many times it seized him, and he was bound with chains and kept in fetters; and breaking the bonds, he was driven by the devil into the deserts... And they went out to see what was done; and they came to Jesus and found the man out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at his feet, clothed, and in his right mind.”* (Lk. 8:27, 29, 35)

8. Hence psychology, psychiatry, pills, hypnosis, self-help groups like Alcoholics Anonymous, or anything else that claims to cure spiritual ills (mental illness) is a false god or a false religion and hence is idolatry and of the Devil: *“For they who promised to drive away fears and troubles from a sick soul were sick themselves of a fear worthy to be laughed at.”* (Wis. 17:8)
9. The physical effects of mental illness can be medically treated but the mental illness itself cannot be successfully medically treated, as only God can cure spiritual ills. In most cases the attempted medical or psychological treatment of mental illness make the victim even worse.
10. If medication that attempts to cure or abate mental illness is physically addictive, then the victim cannot stop right away from taking the medication and thus must wean off the medicine.
11. Financial compensation can be accepted for disability caused by mental illness as long as the mentally ill are not required to also accept medical help to so-call cure their mental illness.
12. It is a mortal sin of stealing to fake mental illness in order to get compensation. Many times God curses those who do so by allowing them to fall prey to the very mental illness that they pretended to have. Hence the go from pretending to be mentally ill to being mentally ill, as God allows devils to possess or obsess them.
13. In these end times many mental illnesses (such as PTSD) are invented and then become reality when men embrace them to be compensated by money or some other way or for sympathy. For example,

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is an invented mental illness. Soldiers who fought in recent wars and claim to have PTSD to get compensation eventually get PTSD and thus get possessed by devils. There was no such thing as PTSD until these end times. The soldiers who served under Josue, King David, the Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne, Attila the Hun, and during World War II never had or even heard of PTSD. It is only embraced by cowardly, effeminate, and lazy men. That is not to say that there were never cowardly and effeminate men who broke during combat, but it was rare and was not looked upon as a disease but as a sin that can be overcome, as some who broke repented of it and returned to brave service.

The psychiatric kooks also turn normal emotions (such as justified love, anger, hatred, and sadness) into mental illnesses. And the victims who fall prey to the lie

become possessed by demons and thus really become mentally ill and thus some or all of their emotions become irrational. And what is worse is that the victims are given pills and psychological or psychiatric treatment which either makes the victim mentally ill if he was not or makes him more mentally ill if he was.

14. Remorse for sins is not a mental illness but a natural emotion that God's uses to make men aware that they are guilty of sin which may cause them to repent.

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