

Science – 4000 years behind times !
Sacred writings predate modern medicine

NONE OF THESE DISEASES

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The Bible . . .

prevents devastating disease and senseless suffering.

explodes the myth of the Kinsey report.

erases irreconcilable grief and mind-poisoning guilt.

CHAPTER 3

Science Arrives — Four Thousand Years Late

"DOCTOR, YOU MUST TELL ME WHETHER I HAVE CANCER or not. I insist. What do the reports from the laboratory show? I must know!" Pretty, thirty-six-year-old Beth Howard sat on the edge of her seat. For over two weeks her doctor had been using delaying tactics in order to condition her somewhat for this moment.

When the truth was given, it crushed her. "But, doctor, you can't let me die! You must save me. I couldn't possibly leave Lorna and Jane now. They are only in their teens. They need me now more than ever. Then Phil and Dick—and Bill—"

Sobbing, she buried her face in the pillow. At such a time many a doctor wishes he had taken up ditchdigging for a living. All he can give are pain killers and tranquilizers. Because Beth's cancer was advanced it was only a question of months before she would die.

Beth had cancer of the cervix. In the year she died, thirteen thousand other funerals went down our American streets with victims of this particular cancer. Many of them were

middle-aged women, the peak incidence being between the ages of thirty-one and fifty.¹ Cancer of the cervix is one of the most common cancers in women. It comprises twenty-five per cent of all cancers in women and eighty per cent of all their genital cancers. These statistics are even more pathetic because *the large majority of deaths could have been prevented by following an instruction that God gave to Abraham.*

The history of this recognition is intriguing. In the early 1900's Dr. Hiram N. Wineberg, while studying records of patients in New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, observed that Jewesses were comparatively free from this common cancer.² It was an astonishing finding! Here was a group who had suffered far less from the giant killer than had other women.

Following this lead, Dr. Ira I. Kaplan and his associates studied their records at New York's Bellevue Hospital and were also astonished by the scarcity of cervical cancer among Jewish women.³ In 1949 gynecologists at the Mayo Clinic noted that in 568 consecutive cases of cervical cancer, not a single Jewess was among the victims. Seven per cent of the admissions at Mayo Clinic are Jewish, and one would expect seven per cent of 568, or forty

Jewesses, to have had uterine cancer. Instead, *there was not a single case.*⁴ In 1954, in a vast study of 86,214 women in Boston, it was observed that cancer of the cervix in non-Jewish women was eight and one half times more frequent than in Jewish women.⁵

Why are Jewish women comparatively free of cervical cancer? Medical researchers now agree *that this spectacular freedom results from the practice of circumcision in Jewish men – which God ordered Abraham to institute four thousand years ago.*

A number of recent studies have borne out the fact that freedom from cancer of the womb is not due to factors such as race or food or environment, but wholly to circumcision. Other convincing studies were made in India. Although the people there have similar racial backgrounds, eat the same types of food, and live in the same climate and environment, the population is divided into two religious groups. Those who worship Mohammed, also a descendant of Abraham, practice circumcision. Among that group there is a much lower incidence of cervical cancer than among other women of the same race who eat the same food and live in the same environment.⁶

An editorial in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, notes that both Jewish women and Indian Moslem women have a low incidence of cervical cancer, and observes that these two otherwise dissimilar people, have only one pertinent common denominator in their backgrounds-circumcision of the males. The editorial further records that in the Fiji Islands the cervical cancer rate is definitely lower among those people who practice circumcision. **The editorial concludes with the advice that all newborn males should be circumcised to prevent this cancer.**⁷

Medical science recognizes the fact, but unfortunately the general public is still unaware of the value of circumcision. How can circumcision of the male prevent cancer in women? The human male is cursed with a superabundance of foreskin over the penis. Circumcision (*circum*, "around," and *cision*, "cutting") remedies the fault by removing the excess of foreskin. If the tight, unretractable foreskin is not removed, proper cleansing can not be readily performed. As a result many virulent bacteria, including the cancer-producing Smegma bacillus, can grow profusely. During sexual intercourse these bacteria are deposited on the cervix of the uterus, but if the mucous membrane of the cervix is intact, little harm results. However, if lacerations exist, as they frequently do after childbirth, these bacteria can cause considerable irritation. Since any part of the body which is subjected to irritation is susceptible to cancer, it is perfectly understandable why **cervical cancer is likely to develop in women whose mates are not circumcised.**

These bacteria not only produce cancer in women, but also irritate the male organ and may cause **cancer of the penis.** The extreme rarity of penile cancer in circumcised men is shown by the fact that in 1955 only the fourth case in medical history was reported.⁸ Thus we can say that circumcision is an almost perfect prophylaxis against this deadly cancer. Prevention by circumcision is far more important than treatment, because once a diagnosis of cancer is made, **surgical removal of the penis is mandatory.**

After many laborious years of study, medical science has at last accepted the best method of preventing two deadly cancers in men and women. Medical science has at last arrived – four thousand years late. Science did not

arrive because of any laboratory steam that had been generated; it was carried forward by a long train of statistics – statistics that existed only because down through the years many generations of Jews had been faithful to the command that God gave to their father Abraham.⁹

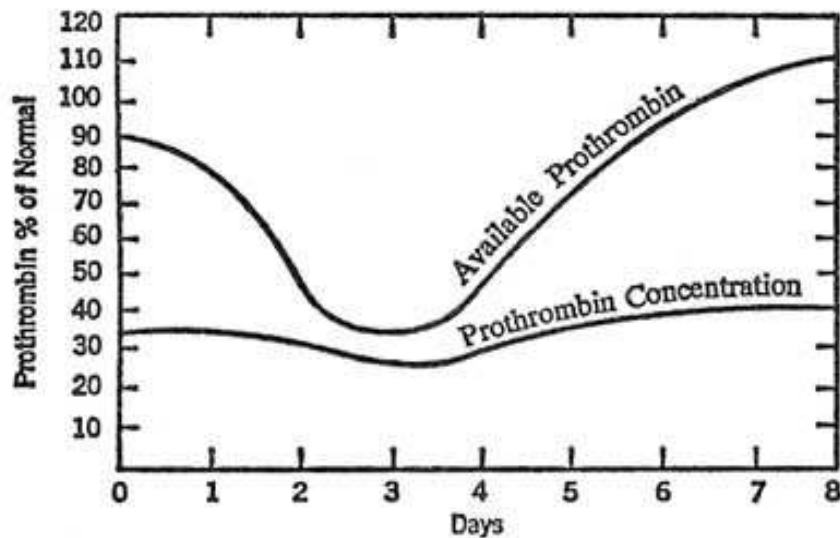
Some people doubt the miracles by which God protected the Israelites during the plagues of Egypt, and dried up the Red Sea for their escape from bondage. Yet these miracles are small indeed compared to the miraculous, God-given directions that have saved the Israelites and others from plagues, epidemics and cancer for many centuries.

There is one final but remarkably unique fact about the matter of circumcision. In

criticised him for failing to mention the safest time to perform the operation.¹⁰

This is a point well taken. L. Emmett Holt and Rustin McIntosh report that a newborn infant has "peculiar susceptibility to bleeding between the second and fifth days of life.... Hemorrhages at this time, though often inconsequential, are sometimes extensive; they may produce serious damage to internal organs, especially to the brain, and cause death from shock and exsanguination."¹¹ It is felt that the tendency to hemorrhage is due to the fact that the important blood-clotting element, vitamin K, is not formed in the normal amount until the *fifth* to the *seventh* day of life. If vitamin K is not manufactured in the baby's intestinal tract until the *fifth* to the *seventh* day, it is clear that the first safe day to perform circumcision would be the *eighth* day, the very day that Jehovah commanded Abraham to circumcise Isaac.

Composite Curves of Normal Infants Showing Concentration of Prothrombin and Available Prothrombin During First Week of Life, from Data of Owen, Hoffman, Ziffren and Smith.



A second element which is also necessary for the normal clotting of blood is prothrombin. A chart based on data discussed in *Holt Pediatrics* reveals that on the third day of a baby's life the

November, 1946, an article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* listed the reasons why circumcision of the newborn male is advisable. Three months later a letter from another specialist appeared in the same journal. He agreed heartily with the writer of the article on the advantages of circumcision, but he

available prothrombin is only thirty per cent of normal. Any surgical operation performed on a baby during that time would predispose to serious hemorrhage. From the chart we also see that the prothrombin skyrockets on the eighth day to a level even better than , normal – 110 per cent. It then levels off to 100 per cent. It appears that an eight-day-old baby has more

available prothrombin than on any other day in its entire life. Thus one observes that from a consideration of vitamin K and prothrombin determinations the perfect day to perform a circumcision is the eighth day.

We should commend the many hundreds of workers who labored at great expense over a number of years to discover that the safest day to perform circumcision is the eighth. Yet, as we congratulate medical science for this recent finding, we can almost hear the leaves of the Bible rustling. They would like to remind us that four thousand years ago, when God *initiated* circumcision with Abraham, He said, "And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised. . . ."¹²

Abraham did not pick the eighth day after many centuries of trial-and-error experiments. Neither he nor any of his company from the ancient city of Ur in the Chaldees had ever been circumcised. It was a day picked by the Creator of vitamin K.

The Old Testament circumcision was a symbol or type that looked forward to Christ and the circumcision He performs on the carnal heart:

In him also you were circumcised, not in a physical sense, but by being divested of the lower nature; this is Christ's way of circumcision.¹³

Then put to death those parts of you which belong to the earth-fornication, indecency, lust, foul cravings.... But now you yourselves must lay aside all anger, passion, malice.... now that you have discarded the old nature with its deeds....¹⁴

As God required physical circumcision of the Jew, so today He requires of us "Christ's

way of circumcision," which means "being divested of the lower nature" with its emotions of "anger, passion, malice" and self-centeredness. Such circumcision and such riddance of unlovely emotions are to man's great advantage, since *these emotions are clearly recognized by modern' psychiatrists as causes or aggravations of the majority of all diseases.* Carnal emotions produce stress – which some authorities are now questioning as being the cause of all disease.¹⁵

While *physical* circumcision prevents two fatal cancers, Christ's *spiritual* circumcision of our evil nature prevents a far greater number of important diseases. Circumcision of the *body* looked forward to circumcision of the *spirit*.¹⁶ ~~Bodily circumcision is not required of Christians today because it looked forward to a greater circumcision that Christ now performs on the mind and heart of man.~~¹⁷ Is it not intriguing and appropriate that both the *type* and the *fulfillment* prevent deadly diseases?

Failure of the Jew to observe the symbol of circumcision made him a spiritual outcast, and it is understandable why God makes Christ's circumcision a requirement of belonging to Him: "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the lower nature with its passions and desires."¹⁸ Only when this divine surgery has been performed can man enjoy the promise of his heavenly Father – "none of these diseases."

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19. Acts 15:1,5 (see below) make it clear that the reference is to the circumcision of uncircumcised adult males. There should be no inference taken to imply that Mosaic laws and legitimate practices were being supplanted. They were of course to be understood from an improved understanding of grace obtained through faith and the commandments of love as expressed in Acts 15:9,11.

Note in Acts 15:28 the requirement to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, and from meats of strangled animals. But, in 1 Cor. 8 "this

liberty of yours" refers to those with a developed faith being able to eat meat sacrificed to idols so long as it does not affect those with a weak conscience.

Except for the initiation of circumcision or the renewal of the broken covenant of circumcision by Abraham and Moses respectively, the only biblically recorded use of adult circumcision was as a tactic used for vengeance. [Gn. 34:25]

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Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "**Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.**" Acts 15:1

But some from the party of the Pharisees who had become believers stood up and said, "**It is necessary to circumcise them** and direct them to observe the Mosaic law." Acts 15:5

Why, then, are you now putting God to the test by placing on the shoulders of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, **we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they.**" Acts 15:10-11

'It is the decision of the holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.' " Acts 15:28-29

But not all have this knowledge. There are some who have been so used to idolatry up until now that, when they eat meat sacrificed to idols, their conscience, which is weak, is defiled.

Now food will not bring us closer to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, nor are we better off if we do. But make sure that this liberty of yours in no way becomes a stumbling block to the weak. 1 Cor. 8:7-9

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<http://www.trosch.org/the/circumci.html>