

NURSING WITH A DIFFERENCE

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"Let Each Day Be Your Masterpiece" Galatians 6:9

NUGGETS OF GOLD

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System and Fruit

Each system must be judged by its output, its fruit.

"The Outcome is the Criterion."

What are we trying to produce in and through Nursing?

This Nugget of Gold found in India provides a thought provoking basis from which Nurses may evaluate our 'self' and our 'profession' as an integral part of the Health System.

The ends of the different systems of thought and faith may be summed up as follows:

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| 1. GREECE said | "Be moderate-----know thyself" |
| 2. ROME SAID | "Be strong ----- order thyself" |
| 3. CONFUCIANISM says | "Be superior-----correct thyself" |
| 4. SHINTOISM says | "Be loyal -----suppress thyself" |
| 5. BUDDHISM says | "Be disillusioned-----annihilate thyself" |
| 6. HINDUISM says | "Be separated-----merge thyself" |
| 7. MOHAMMEDANISM says | "Be submissive-----assert thyself" |
| 8. JUDAISM says | "Be holy-----conform thyself" |
| 9. MODERN MATERIALISM says | "Be industrious-----enjoy thyself" |
| 10. MODERN DILETTANTEISM says | "Be broad-----cultivate thyself" |
| 11. CHRISTIANITY says | "Be Christ like-----give thyself" |

The greatest news that has ever been broken to the human race is the news that God is like Christ – the God whom many have dimly realized and about whose character they are uncertain, is like Christ.

"I have thrown over everything in my belief as to the future life," said one of the most brilliant Hindus, "except the continuity of human existence and the consistency of the character of God."

The consistency of the character of God had been fixed for him by Jesus concerning whom he said:

"Jesus is the highest expression of God we have ever seen."

The consistency of the character of God is fleeting and intangible until Jesus fixes it for ever in the soul.

The highest adjective descriptive of character in any language is the adjective "Christ like".

No higher compliment can be paid to human nature than to be called "Christ like".

When India, a non-Christian nation, wanted to pay her highest compliment to her highest son, she searched for the highest term she knew and called Mahatma Gandhi a "Christ like" man.

In the realm of character Jesus has the field.

In the struggle and clash of ideals for human life his is the fittest to survive.

Men need a goal for character and Jesus is that goal.

But men need more than a goal; they need a free, full life, for life is crippled and dwarfed.

Jesus said:

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" John 10:10

To understand more, read "Christ of the Indian Road" by E Stanley Jones, printed at Lucknow publishing House, 37 Cantonment Road, Lucknow.