

The Laying On Of Hands

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There always seems to be much controversy among the members of the Spiritualist Movement regarding the practice of “laying on of hands” during Healing sessions. In fact some groups and federations that govern the Healing Services demand that this practice be abolished. Quite frankly, we cannot understand the reason for this for, if one is following in the footsteps of Jesus by doing this work, then we can see no objection to this practice for it is recorded that on many occasions Our Lord laid hands upon the sick and dying in order to heal them.

Most Christian organisations that offer healing to their members will anoint them with oil and often use blessed water as well. Then several of the “healing elders” will gather around the patient, place their hands upon the subjects head or shoulders and call upon the “Ministering Angels” to administer God’s spiritual blessing which will restore peace, health and balance to the ailing one.

Even all the ancient healing methods prior to the time of Christ in the main used the “touch for health” system and so did the famous Harry Edwards, the world renowned healer from the British Isles, who was also a Spiritualist. If it was good enough for him, why do these latter day groups of Spiritualists all of a sudden ban such action. Students of spiritual and natural sciences all know through their own studies that many forms of healing work can only be done by the touch therapy method, especially accupressure, reflexology, Shiatsu, percussion therapy, spinal massage, for without the physical contact of the manipulator, no healing can take place. It is a mystery to us how some of these groups arrive at these very strange and peculiar ideas. Perhaps they think that because the “spirit” is doing the healing, they have no need to touch the person. Well, if this is so, they really don’t need the sick one there.. All they require is that person’s name on a piece of paper so that they could pray and send the “spirit of healing” out to the sick one in a form of absent healing. This would be great for the group could alt in a friends tiny front room with a list of names and carry on their “goodly work”.

But, of course this would mean that there would be no publicity, no limelight to bathe in, probably no donations either and probably no evident signs that the Spirit was even doing its job. However, the whole project could run on a shoe string budget.

Perhaps we are being a bit cynical, but what can one think when you are approached to become affiliated to some parent body of healers and then receive a list of all the do's and don'ts of the Healing Ministry. We feel that the Holy Spirit is the boss, not some chairperson or ruling committee, and it is the same spirit that will guide the healers to "do their own thing" without interference from pompous leaders who seem more interested in the projection of their own ego which insists on total subservience of the "workers". Each healer works autonomously with their own spirit guides on a level of their own understanding and should rely on the promptings of their own inner consciousness, which is being inspired from the upper realms, and it is this "source of light" that will give the instructions and tell the healer what method to apply. Let the "spirit" lead you, for here there is light, and where there is ego only darkness reigns.

Some types of healing work employ the transference of "Praanic" energy from one person to another, and this is an instance when one must touch the patient for this interchange to take place. This action is similar to the natural flow of "etheric energy" between people, but with "Praanic breathing", one is conscious of the effort put into the work and is able to maintain ones own body energy levels by a system of mentally replenishing the healers own euric force field. This is needed to prevent "auric energy" drain which can leave one very depleted and debilitated.

It has been said by some that they do not allow their healers to touch the patients as it could constitute assault, or even indecent assault depending on where on was touched, but to this we can only say, "What class of people are you employing to do this work if this is what you fear, and what class of strange patients are you being involved with?" If this is your fear, then this is all the more reason why your group should practice absent healing and then this occasion will never arise. There are those who claim that healing works well when sent out absently to others and these people are not physically touched, and if this is so, why do we have to touch people

when they come to our centre. The answer here, of course, is that not all absent healing works and it is on these occasions that one needs the body contact.

Many people who work as healers have what we call the “green thumb effect” and, for these people, touching the patient is a must. The Bible says that, “If there are any sick among you, then call the Church elders, who will pray over you, anoint you with oil, and lay hands upon you.” But first you must declare that you “renounce all the works of Satan and his minions.” Let us ask how many people in healing work question their patients in this manner first, and if not, why not? They should finally say to them, “Now you have received this blessing from the Lord’s Spirit, go your way and sin no more lest a worse fate befall you.” How many say that?

It is all very well to be high and mighty about facets of healing techniques but many who accent the unimportant things, overlook the real nitty gritty of the work. Perhaps this is why the scriptures say that, “In the last days many shall come and say, ‘Lord, Lord. Many great things have I done in your name,’ and He shall say to them, ‘Be gone, I know you not.’” Why must people do what God does not expect of them and yet ignore the things that are really necessary. We always try to remember the admonition of Jesus who said, “Woe unto those who teach the children of Men to disobey the least of my commandments, for in no way shall I smile upon them.”