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This inspiring account by John Morey of his recurrent victorious battles with death from diseases such as Nephritis, the dreaded cancer known as Melanoma, and a massive heart attack, confirm that the Crusade is Christian by character as well as in name.

In our October newsletter, John reports how he was emotionally shattered when, as a young man, he learned he was suffering from incurable Nephritis, and his hours on earth were numbered. He now continues his report of his numerous trips into the vestibule of death and his triumphant escapes.

"Entering the Adelaide Teachers College, a routine medical examination indicated I had Nephritis. For several weeks, this was not communicated to me by my doctors at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Much frustration and confusion was generated in my mind. When I discovered my diagnosis (written in the corner of a form I happened to read) I hastened into the city to research details in a store that sells medical textbooks. It was a gloomy picture. . . I walked out of the shop into the harsh sunlight of reality feeling that the bottom had dropped out of the bucket of my life.

"I shut down any desire to study seriously, because I figured I would be dead by the end of the year when the exams would be held. I spent my time shooting baskets in the gym and talking with friends in the college courtyard. My efforts were rewarded by being presented with a College Honor Pocket in basketball!

"I became hesitant in pursuing any romantic relationships which, I believed at the time, would simply guarantee an early widowhood to my wife. When I asked my physician if I should consider becoming engaged to be married. He swivelled slowly in his chair, polished his glasses and replied, 'That's a moral question, not a medical one.'

"Bev and I married on the basis that the quality of our life together is much more significant than the quantity.

Renal Failure

"I slid into renal failure less than a year after our son Peter was born. Living in Sydney at the time, enabled me to enter the Prince Henry Hospital and be put on haemodialysis programs to await a transplant.

"The rapid development of a peripheral neuropathy added to my weakened state so that I was unable to stand upright or carry a spoon to my mouth. This situation prompted my doctors to pursue a kidney transplant opportunity. I was transplanted in July 1967 with a kidney from a dead woman who was being readied for the graft in the operating theater adjacent to mine. I was the eighth person to be transplanted. Now by body's kidney tally was three!

Economic Need

"During this time of economic sparsity, with my inability to work as the family provider, Bev walked the neighborhood selling Avon products with little return. It was encouraging to receive a regular check in the mail from the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade to keep food on the table. The Lord moves in strange ways.

Removal of My Dead Kidneys

"The kidney brought life and vitality into our family again. It was like being 'born again.' After a while the surgeons dived into my body and removed both of my original kidneys. . . This brought the tally to 1 with an ever-developing road map of scar tissues on my abdomen!

"I then returned to South Australia to care for my widowed mother and resumed my profession as a Math-Science teacher. Our daughter Melinda was born in this period – a delightful package - born out of extended time.

Repeated Kidney Failure

"After four and a half years my kidney transplant failed and was removed. This left me without any kidneys in my

body. . . and, as I often joke, it is against the rules of the Australian Medical Association to walk around with zero kidneys – you have to lie down and die! So I found a kidney with four rubber wheels. . . the size of a small piano. It stood alongside my bed for three and a half years. My faithful and courageous wife, a teacher, not a nurse, scrubbed, gowned, and gloved three nights every week and performed the delicate procedure of inserting the two 7-inch cannulas into my arm. They allowed my blood to flow through the kidney machine where it was ‘washed’ and then returned to my body.

"To this day, there are blood stains on the ceiling of our bedroom, where a hospital sister left some of my arterial blood that squirted from the puncture site when she was attempting to teach my wife the technique! Bev has left no such trademarks!

A Second Kidney Transplant

"During a visit to The Queen Elizabeth Hospital one Saturday morning, a registrar with a flapping white coat galloped up and announced that there was a kidney available for me. I phoned Bev to advise of this surgical opportunity. She was in the backyard hanging out the washing with rollers in her hair. Her vanity prevented her from dropping things and traveling to the hospital. So we said our farewells until late that evening, or in Heaven later on. . . Within the hour I was anaesthetised and running on my second transplanted kidney.

"This kidney came from a 16-year-old lad who was involved in a car smash in the country. In both transplants, the identity of the donors of the kidneys have never been disclosed to me. . . but with some ingenuity it can easily be determined from newspaper death notices and the media! I was never in a position to ‘buy’ a healthy kidney; each time, I had to receive it as a free gift of life.

"Today, my body is working well in the kidney department, after the Lord has blessed me with an extension of over 30 years on my life. For this I often thank Him.

"The quality of life with a transplant on board is far superior to the commitment and restriction of haemodialysis. My only bonus from the days without a kidney in my body is the fact that I went over two years without ‘going to the toilet.’ Often, my teaching colleagues who were supervising students with me, if a cricket match became drawn out, would excuse themselves to visit the toilet. Whereas I could remain on duty all day without a break! My students have often suggested that I should lodge this remarkable urological achievement with the Guinness Book of Records!

Melanoma

"Coupled with my transplants, my body has a high sensitivity to UV light because of the immuno-suppressive drugs I take daily. Being involved on sailing camps with young people and with my outdoor lifestyle of swimming, lifesaving, water skiing, . . . I developed a malignant melanoma on my head. This had to be removed and replaced with a large circular skin graft that gives me the appearance of a Jewish rabbi wearing a kippah. When I attend a synagogue, I drop my kippah neatly into the cavity that looks as though it was tailor-made for the occasion.

Massive Heart Attack

"Also, my continuing drug regime set me up for a heart attack. This helped liven up the agenda at a Nation Meeting of the leaders of Christian Community Schools (CCS) in Sydney where I was visiting as the Co-Ordinator of CCS in South Australia. It was only a short drive, with penetrating sound effects and flashing red lights, from what was later described as the best Cardiology Unit in the southern hemisphere. Coincidence? It was almost like an angelic appearance to see my longtime friend, Dr. John Schwarz, walk into the cubicle with his grin and mobile phone after driving to check on me, having been phoned by my concerned wife interstate.

"A caring friend insisted that Dr. John fly with me back to Adelaide. She paid the airfare much to our embarrassment – and appreciation.

Cardiac Surgery

"Three months later, with our Christmas decorations still pinned to the walls, I received a triple by-pass on my heart. I was impressed by the dramatic difference this gave to my lifestyle after having chewed on Trinitroglycerine tablets for my frequent and easily activated angina attacks. Aware of the explosive character of Trinitroglycerine, I sometimes wondered if I chewed too hard, it might blast my head off my shoulders!

"With the development of some serious arrhythmia caused by the scar on my heart, my cardiologist considered it prudent to insert a defibrillator into my chest to accompany my pacemaker. The invoice read \$42,000 for this little toy, and I am awaiting being zapped back into the game of life when my heart stops or goes into fibrillation. There is never a dull moment.

Good Luck

"As I reflect on my position today and the medical wake I have left on the water, there are many memories. Early one morning after my second transplant, my physician, one of the top nephrologists in the world, asked, 'How are you feeling?' I replied, 'Good, thanks.' He then walked a pace to the wooden rail, running the length of the corridor, and touched it with a flourish. . . This made me realize that with all the interactions between the many blood cells and the bombarding molecules of my medication, there was a dimension outside of his control, and the best he could do was to wish me 'luck.'

"The problem is, I do not believe in 'luck.' I believe the Lord is in total control of every facet of my life. After sharing my experiences at a Rotary dinner, the chairman in his thanks, turned and added, 'There, but for the grace of God, go I.' I replied, 'There, by the grace of God, go I.'

Christian Activity

"I was brought up in a home where God's word was honored. My father was a lay preacher, and my mother taught young children in Sunday School. I suspect I have inherited some of her teaching skills. As a teenager, on May 24, 1954, while on a Scripture Union camp, I asked the Lord Jesus to enter my life as my Savior. We were engaged in a series of Bible studies on the Second coming of Jesus. I realized I was not ready to meet Him if this event happened soon. I was baptized in the Brighton Church two years later.

"From my childhood, I always wanted to be a doctor. (Does the Lord have a sense of humor?) Perhaps He has given me the view from the other end of the scalpel! However, my frugal mother wisely pushed her two sons into Teacher's College for a tertiary education, because the fees were covered by the government and a small income was paid.

"Subsequently, I felt a call to the ministry, but was later rejected on medical grounds. (My creaking kidneys imposed a threat on the Widow's Endowment of the South Australian Baptist Union.)

"Much satisfaction has been gained serving the Lord as a young Sunday School teacher, as the Director of Youth for Christ rallies held monthly in Adelaide, as leader of Crusader Camps with young people, and on the leadership team and elder of my home church, Brighton Baptist; as well as speaking at camps, conventions, CBMC and Rotary, and serving on the Board of the Burleigh Theological College, as executive of the Australian Kidney Foundation, on the executive of the South Australian Baptist Union, on the National Council of Christian Community Schools, and on the Council for Christians and Jews (SA).

"Two years after I was married, I left teaching to work as the Director of the Ballarat and then Sutherland Shire Youth Crusade. My role was to coordinate the local churches sponsoring this series of meetings led by Brian Willersdorf. They were geared to meet the basic need of young people in the area.

Travels

"Bev and I were invited to attend the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C., USA in 1987, by Senator Mark Hatfield. We visited South Africa in 1989 to encourage my friend, Dr. John Schwarz and his family, working among the Zulus in Natal. I have had the extreme privilege of visiting Israel on three separate occasions in 1989, 1993, and 1996, making many friends and shooting thousands of photos.

"Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok and England have been visited along the way.

Teaching

"I am a math and science teacher of secondary school students. For most of my years, I have been teaching senior Chemistry. I started my teaching 'overseas' at the Parndana Area School where I was in charge of science. During my four years on Kangaroo Island, I drove the school bus a distance equivalent to four times around the circumference of the earth! I have taught in most types of schools in Australia in both the government and private sectors.

"I was the initial coordinator of Christian Community Schools in S.A. and have been doing this for twelve years.

"Today, I teach part time and specialize in photography with senior secondary students.

Hobbies

Photography, travel, meeting, tinkering in the shed fixing broken things, corresponding with many overseas friends - particularly Israelis.

John Morey Concludes

"Well, Fred, I hope you don't drown in all this guff! Memories come flooding back. There is so much to say.

"When I reflect on all the little facets of life, I become overwhelmed at the goodness of God in them all.

"Your high regard for 'family' has been an inspiration to Bev and me. We are very thankful for your encouragement and love over the years. I hope this material will help your newsletter.

"May the Lord richly bless you."

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The Recruiting of Students

Since the downfall of the Communist regimes of Eastern Europe and the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Communist Party of the U.S.A., under the leadership of the octogenarian Gus Hall, continues to make substantial progress.

A major Communist objective is to seduce and recruit young people. Colleges and Universities constitute the primary sources of recruitment.

In an article in the September 6 edition of the Communist newspaper, *People's Weekly World*, Gus Hall presents the Marxist doctrine that Capitalism is an evil system, based upon the theft of the value of the products produced by the workers, and that it cannot be reformed and must be destroyed.

Consider these statements under the caption "No Peace in the Class War."

"There can be no peace in the class war between labor and capital, between workers and bosses, because the sole aim of the corporations is to keep maximizing profits. Maximum profits and labor peace are absolute irreconcilable opposites.

"Corporate profits come only from one source, from the exploitation of workers. The more exploitation, the more profits. Thus, the lower the wages, the more profits. . .

"Where Profits Come From"

"In the production process, labor power is the key. This is where corporate profits come from. Bosses add nothing; management adds nothing. The stockholders, investors, owners add nothing. . .

"This was one of Marx's greatest discoveries. . . The working class produces more than it gets back in the form of wages. And it is the difference between the added value this class produces and what is paid back (surplus value) which is the source of all profits.

Justice

"From the viewpoint of what is 'right and just,' the workers should get their wages, plus all the profits because they are the only ones who produce the products and all the wealth of the country. . .

"Capitalism's Contradictions

"That is the basic contradiction of capitalism. . .

"It is a contradiction that can only be resolved by the working class when it decides that living under capitalism has become intolerable. It can only be resolved by a revolutionary transformation of power and wealth from the capitalist class to the working class; a transition from a capitalist to a socialist system. . .

Socialism is Inevitable

"The outcome of the class struggle is inevitable because the end of capitalism is inevitable. It is also inevitable that socialism, a system that does away with antagonistic classes forever – will replace capitalism."

A Lie Which is Half a Truth

The poet, Tennyson, wrote that, "A lie which is half a truth is ever the most wicked of lies."

Gus Hall is applying the half-truths which Karl Marx taught.

The first volume of Marx's great treatise, *Das Capital*, is devoted to attempting to prove that labor is the sole source of the value of the goods, called commodities, which are produced for exchange. This conviction provided the foundation for his assurance that capitalism inevitably produces depression and war.

The statement that labor contributes to the value of the goods produced is true; the statement that it is the sole source of the value is false. Other elements contribute to value. Consider this simple example:

Two farmers labor to plant 100 acres of wheat. They invest the same amount of labor in plowing the ground and planting the seed. On one man's property, rain falls abundantly. On the other's property little rain falls.

The field which receives the abundant rain produces an abundant harvest. The field which received little rain produces a meager harvest.

Did not the rain add to the value of the harvest?

It is wise to remember that arguments which are factual and logical may produce conclusions which are false. Karl Marx was a master logician who selected half-truths and reached and proclaimed false and deadly conclusions.

Students are usually young. They have little life experience to provide a perspective to judge the validity of the conclusions of Marx. They are apt to find them persuasive.

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This editorial draws attention to the possibility of a future alliance between Russia and China. It should shatter complacency. It was published in the September 20 edition of the Australian magazine, *News Weekly*.

"U.S. steps onto Russian Turf

"The first major Western assessment of the significance of Gorbachev's historic dissolution of the Soviet Union and of the worldwide apparatus of Communist political and ideological penetration was Francis Fukuyama's *The End of History*. It was in essence a celebration of the victory of the philosophy and institutional order of liberal capitalism over the discredited ideology of Marxism-Leninism. But while the elimination of Communism was one of the most significant events in the history of our times, it was not "the end of history."

"The next chapter in the relationship between the US, Russia and the former States of the Soviet Union is even now in process of being written.

"In the aftermath, the United States has consolidated its position as the world's only remaining superpower. Russia can present no credible military challenge in the foreseeable future. It has no army, navy, or employable nuclear forces.

"For the US, however, the next potential enemy is already on the horizon – China. The US thinks enough of that possibility – despite China's protestations – to forge a new military alliance with Japan. The problem is, however, whether Russia and China can be kept apart, or whether events will lead them to re-shape the old Sino-Soviet alliance.

"Link With West

"One might have thought that the policy of the US – if the US actually had a policy beyond furthering the interest of American business – should be to unite the long-term aspirations of the Russian nation with the interests of the West.

"If such an eventuality was seriously considered, the opportunity was thrown away in the years immediately following the collapse of the Soviet Union by sending dozens of US economic and financial 'experts' to set the economic agenda of post-Communist Russia.

"'Privatization' was given a uniquely Russian interpretation. State assets, formerly the property of the Soviet Government, were taken over holus-bolus by a group of former Soviet bureaucrats who used the theory of privatization to steal them and to transfer their ownership to themselves.

"In the process, the mass of ordinary Russians have been reduced to what in many parts of the former Soviet Empire is close to starvation. The mortality rates in post-communist Russia are appalling. Despite the fact that, over the past six years, there have been neither purges nor forced labor camps in the Russian Federation, the life expectancy of the Russian male has been reduced to 57-58 years!

"On July 8, at the meeting of the NATO parties in Madrid, NATO was expanded to include Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. A Russia which has lost its army, navy and nuclear weapons, which posed no bar to the reunification of Germany, now sees the possibility of US bases hard athwart Russia's own borders.

"A new aspect of the problem of US-Soviet relationships has emerged in the Black Sea region. Less than a fortnight ago, US naval units together with vessels flying Romanian, Bulgarian, Georgian and Turkish flags, claiming to be taking part in ceremonies associated with the celebration of Ukraine's independence, exercised off the Ukrainian naval base at Donuslav, north of Sevastopol.

"Invited to participate, the Commander of the Russian Black Sea Fleet refused, linking the exercise with the naval manoeuvres entitled 'Sea-Breeze 97,' conducted earlier this year, which involved a scenario in which NATO forces would land in the Crimea to assist the Ukrainian Government in suppressing a rebellion of 'separatist' (i.e. Russian) elements in the Crimea.

"An explanation of these somewhat insensitive displays of US naval power in the Black Sea was implicitly supplied when on September 3, President Aliyev of the oil-rich former Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan called for closer political and economic ties between his country and the US. Aliyev a former Soviet Politburo member who, in his time, was head of the Soviet KGB is hardly likely to have called for what would be a defacto alliance with the US unless overwhelming inducements were offered.

"The inducements obviously relate to the future exploitation of the oil resources of the Caucasus – and other previously Soviet territories – by US oil companies.

"The former Soviet Republics of Azergaijan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan between them control what, after the Middle East, are the largest oil fields in the world. The Caspian oil reserves, estimated to contain 200 billion barrels, will be a significant energy source for much of the 21st century. To exploit these vast new resources, US oil companies are determined to push a new pipeline through Georgia and Turkey, thus by-passing Russia. The present activities of the US Navy in the Black Sea cannot be dissociated from the ambitions of the US oil companies.

"Russian Fears

"The American and Russian perspectives in these developments are naturally widely different. The Russian nationalist sees that his country's military forces have been destroyed; that Germany has been reunited as part of the West; that NATO has been expanded until it presses on Russia's own borders. US oil interests operate in the Caucasus. The US Navy has appeared in the Black Sea to give them support. To reach approximately the same strategic positions in the campaigns of 1941-2 cost Hitler hundreds of thousands of casualties. A patriotic Russian can hardly be expected to view these developments with equanimity – any more than the US was prepared to do when it witnessed the Soviet Union using Castro and Cuba to establish Soviet bases in Central America.

"In the short term, 'no sweat.' In the longer term it might be wiser to avoid the risk of thrusting Russia into the arms of China. Last Sunday, five million Russians took to the streets to celebrate the 850th anniversary of the founding of Moscow. Hatred of Communism is one thing; Russian patriotism another."