

Healing without Curing

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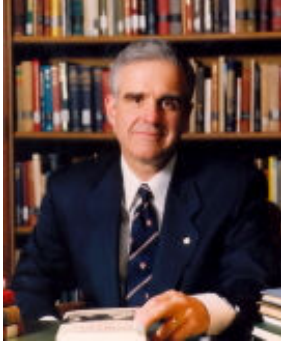


“The view now, within palliative medicine, is that it is OK to be a symptomatologist – and proud of it!”.

Five years, five threads.

Prog Palliat Care 1997; 5: 235-237

Healing - Prof Balfour Mount



Healing is a relational process involving movement towards an experience of integrity and wholeness, which may be facilitated by a caregiver's interventions but is dependent on an innate potential within the patient. It is not dependent on the presence of, or the capacity for, physical well being. Indeed, it is possible to die healed.

Palliative Medicine 2003; 17: 657-658

Two-way healing: patient and health care professional

Balfour Mount

“Such integration would promote healing in both student and patient, for, it would seem that healing begets healing begets healing”

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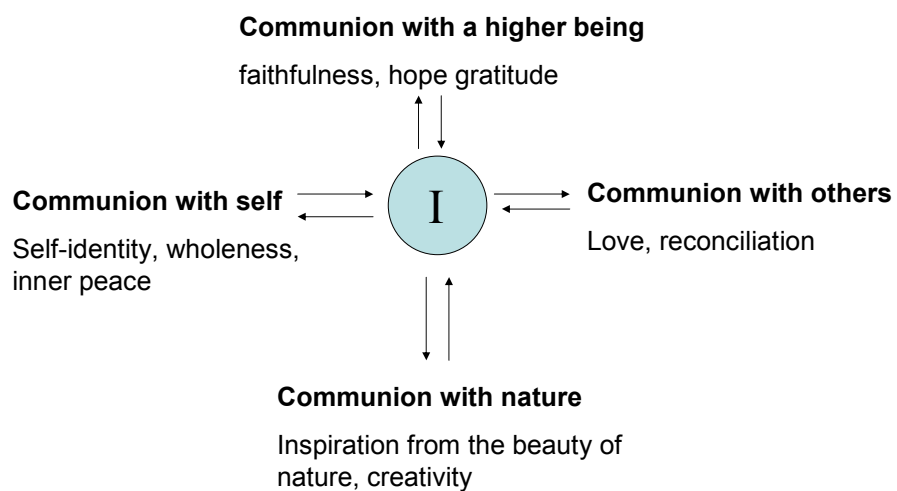
Rev Dr Michael Wright
UK chaplain, researcher, educator



“Hospices arose in a Christian context
But non-religious patients demonstrate similar needs to their religious counterparts: for **love**, for **meaning**, for **forgiveness** and for **transformation**”

Spirituality: a developing concept within Palliative Care
Progress in Palliative Care 2001; 9: 143-148

A model of spirituality in terminally ill patients (Chantal Chao)



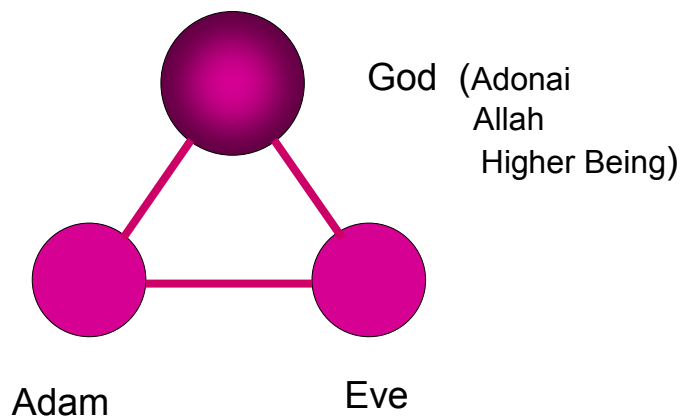
Activity

Which of the 4 dimensions do you find most difficult?

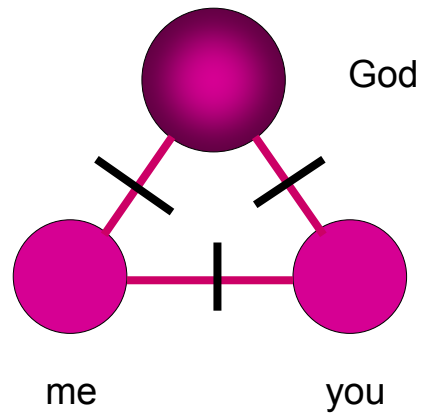
What might you do to overcome the difficulties?

Discuss in pairs for 5 minutes

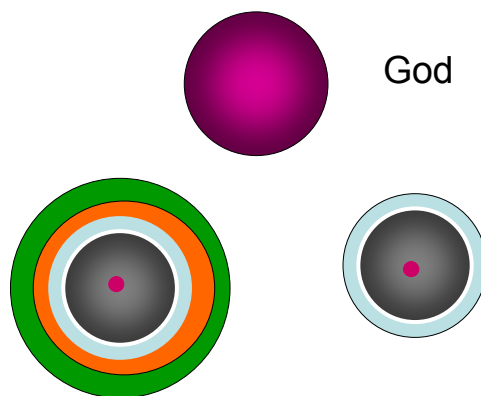
Our relationship with God at the time of the Creation



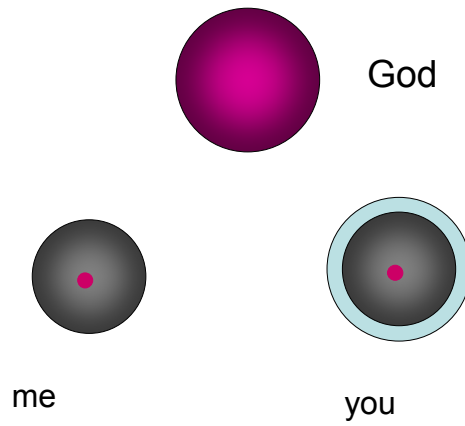
The relationship broken



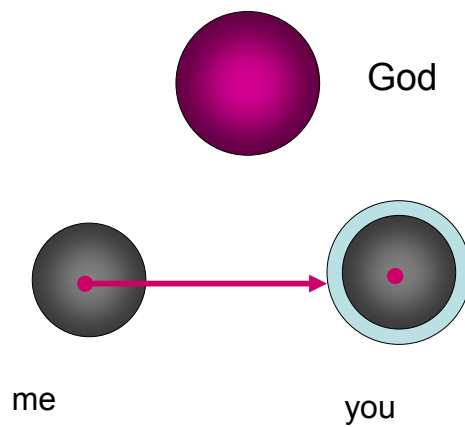
Protective shells



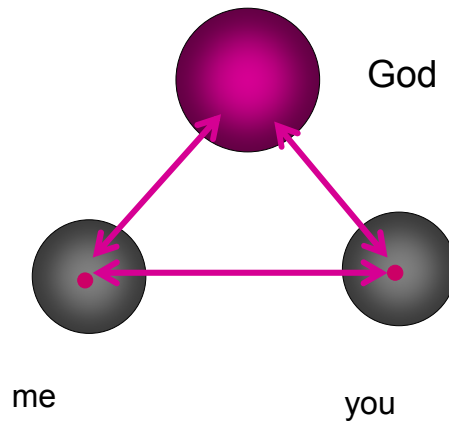
Restoration of relationships:
first, remove your shell



Restoration of relationships



Restoration of relationships



Strength from a wound?



Danish philosopher
and theologian

1813-1855

Soren Kierkegaard:
“With the help of the
thorn in my foot, I
spring higher than
anyone with sound
feet”

Wounded healers?

What weaknesses/wounds do you have that are a source of strength?

Suffering bringing healing without curing

Salvador Dali:
Christ of St John of the Cross
Glasgow Art Gallery,
Scotland

