

THE GOOD DOCTOR

It may sound incredible, but it is true that George Washington, the first President of the United States of America died on 14th December 1799, not because he suffered from any serious illness, but just because he took the 'medicine' for fever prescribed by his doctor. As the President complained of a slight fever and cough, his doctor prescribed him blood-letting, the ancient method of curing illnesses by draining the body of impure blood. As the President lost a considerable quantity of blood as a result of this 'treatment', he became very weak and died rather of this 'cure' than of his illness. This is a historical fact none can dispute.

Can we say that the doctor who prescribed to George Washington 'blood-letting' was a good doctor? Never. His intentions were good, but unfortunately, like most of the other doctors of that period, he also lacked the necessary scientific knowledge about illnesses and their cure. He too, sad to say, belonged to that class of doctors who from time immemorial have 'treated', millions of men and women and driven them out this world. We have to learn a moral lesson from this historical fact: It is most dangerous to be treated by incompetent doctors who are considered good doctors; it is necessary for us to be sure about the competence of a doctor before we approach him for treatment; this truth regarding our physical illnesses applies, perhaps much more seriously, to the treatment for our spiritual illnesses. Now the question arises: What is the greatest spiritual illness from which mankind suffers universally? Who is the good doctor capable of giving us the proper medicine for its cure? It

is in the Bible, the Word of God that we find answers to these questions.

We read in the Bible, “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” [Rom: 3:23], “the wages of sin is death (eternal punishment in hell)” [Rom: 6:23], “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures” [1.Cori: 15:3-4] and “the blood of Jesus... cleanses us from all sin” [1. John 1:7]. These are some of the verses that tell us about the great spiritual malady of mankind. The only effective medicine for its cure is the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary and His resurrection on the third day. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became man, suffered death on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead on the third day and ascended to heaven. He is the only Good Doctor competent enough to prescribe the treatment for our sins; having suffered death and overcome it, He is able to save all who believe in Him from spiritual and physical death; those who believe in Him and accept Him as their Lord and Saviour get all their sins forgiven and they become the children of God. They have eternal life and the assurance that they will immediately reach the presence of God if they die before Christ comes again. It is most unwise not to take this true and only effective medicine for the cure of our spiritual illness -- sin.

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