

replication and extension experiment that expands the design to a quintuple blind.

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COMPASSION AND CONSCIOUSNESS

Dear Editor:

I couldn't help but react to Larry Dossey's article on compassion and the one on consciousness (*EXPLORE* 2007; 3: 1-5, and 6-10). What changed my life's focus was a patient of mine, who while we were seated next to each other at a workshop, turned to me and said, "You're a nice guy and I feel better when I am in the office with you. But I can't take you home with me. So I need to know how to live between office visits."

I have a book about divorce for women dedicated to me, not because of how I cared for the author's breast lesion but because I asked what was going on in her life and relationships. She went on to share that her husband was having an affair, and

I was the only person she had told. I sent her home with books to sustain her, plus my advice and compassion.

I wrote to deans of medical schools in the seventies, saying they had made me a wonderful technician but had not taught me how to care for my patients or myself. None answered my letter. The American College of Surgeons' pledge says, "I will deal with my patients as I would wish to be dealt with" and I can't get them to change that to "care for my patients as I would wish to be cared for." I have given up trying.

Physicians critical of me also write and apologize when they or their loved ones are no longer tourists but become natives who are experiencing a serious illness.

Next subject is consciousness. I didn't go into this in the drawings, but as Jung said, "The future is unconsciously created long in advance and, therefore, can be guessed by clairvoyants." In the drawings, we see past present and future from people telling symbolically when they were going to die—like three trees meaning three more days or years of life. Numbers are the way we store memories, and they are amazingly meaningful in drawings.

Also consciousness is nonlocal. I have drawings by kids sitting in the waiting room that are exact drawings of the operating room they are going to be in, with the colors of drapes and numbers of people, lights etc, all correct. Not to mention an animal intuitive friend in Los Angeles telling me where to find a missing cat in Connecticut by seeing through the cat's eyes.

We have a long way to go to open medical education and stop just providing medical information to future doctors.

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ZEEL

Dear Editor:

I read the article about Zeel in the latest issue of *EXPLORE*. Just to make it more complete, the authors should have included the potencies of the stated ingredients. The potency is part of the remedy, inseparable.

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