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Current Internet Special

Are you a healthcare professional, clergy, chaplain, social worker, or other individual who counsels people in a medical crisis? Are you at a loss on how to respond to questions or comments such as, "I wish the stroke had taken me." "Why is this happening to me?" "Am I dying?" "I'm just a burden to others."

This month's special features a book that can help you answer those questions and provide you with listening techniques that will prove to be invaluable.

What Do I Say? Talking with Patients about Spirituality by Elizabeth Johnston Taylor, Ph.D., R.N., is an interactive workbook that suggests ways of communicating with patients about spirituality. Information is delivered in a concise and accessible way that promotes immediate application and integration into regimen whole person care. An alternate edition of this book is available with a supplemental DVD that helps reinforce the lessons and exercises.

The author integrates existent knowledge from many disciplines, including psychology, psychiatry, pastoral counseling, nursing, chaplaincy, and spiritual direction. Lessons, tips, and exercises teach how to listen effectively. "Suppressing, distancing, or desensitizing oneself from others' feelings involves walling off their painful feelings, consequently losing the ability to hear and truly understand them," explains Taylor. She describes how to detect and understand the spiritual needs that may be embedded in patients' conversations, and how to maintain neutrality while listening.

With the purchase of *What Do I Say?* you will receive a complimentary copy of *Spiritual Caregiving*. In *Spiritual Caregiving: Healthcare as a Ministry* Verna Benner Carson, Ph.D., R.N., CS-P and Harold G. Koenig, M.D. examine the state of the healthcare system with the goal of providing healthcare

professionals and caregivers the inspiration and practical tools to re-claim their sense of purpose and become a vital part of changing the system. They then pose a vision of a healthcare system that supports and nurtures the spirituality of patients and their families and helps caregivers nurture their own spiritual health. Elements of this ideal system already exist and may be built upon and extended.

The concept of healthcare as a ministry is illuminated through the personal narratives of physicians, nurses, chaplains, healthcare educators, community resource workers, therapists, administrators, psychologists, and social workers, who describe the sense of “call” that led them into a life of service. They explain the ways in which their daily work is influenced by a wide range of religious traditions, including Protestant Christianity, Catholic Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and others. They discuss the impact the healthcare system has had on their spirituality, the struggles they have with assessing and responding to the spiritual needs of their patients, and the ways in which they continually strive to make the system what it should be—a healing and ministering environment.

Purchase *What Do I Say*, with or without the accompanying DVD and receive a complimentary copy of *Spiritual Caregiving*. Offer valid through September 30, 2007. You must click on the special purchase icon to receive this special offer!

To order: <http://www.templetonpress.org/specialoffers.asp>

Second Edition of Landmark Handbook Released

Spirituality in Patient Care: Why, How, When, and What by Harold G. Koenig, M.D. is the second edition of the landmark handbook for health professionals interested in identifying and addressing the spiritual needs of patients. This edition has been significantly revised and updated to encompass the increased research on the relationships among religion, spirituality, and health, and further discussions on the application of these findings to clinical practice.

Koenig addresses issues such as why healthcare professionals need to be aware of and prepared to assess spiritual needs as part of routine patient care; how to go about taking a spiritual history, with specific training guidelines on how to screen patients sensitively and competently for spiritual needs; when to begin spiritual intervention and when to refer patients to trained spiritual care professionals who can competently address spiritual needs; and, what results can be expected from assessing patients' spiritual needs. Koenig points out that some religious beliefs can interfere with medical care, leading to health problems or worsening the disease outcome. He suggests how to handle these situations in thoughtful and effective manners.

A new section has been added that specifically addresses physicians in primary care and medical and surgical specialties, mental-health professionals, nurses, chaplains, pastoral counselors, social workers, and occupational and physical therapists.

Additionally, a ten-session model course curriculum on spirituality and healthcare for medical students and residents is provided, with suggestions on how to adapt it for the training of nurses, social workers, and rehabilitation specialists.

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Purchase a copy of *Spirituality in Patient Care* for \$21.95 and receive a free copy of *Kindness and Joy*. Offer valid through September 30, 2007.

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An Accessible Guide the Theory of Everything Now Available

Have you ever participated in a conversation that led to a discussion filled with amazing personal discovery? That is exactly what happens in *The New Flatlanders: A Seeker's Guide to the Theory of Everything* by Eric Middleton.

In this unique book, a teacher and his students embark on an exploratory conversation about the nature of the universe and the place of human beings in it. In what becomes a "voyage of discovery" daunting questions emerge, such as the size of the universe; the possibility of a hole in three-dimensional space; the size of the hole if it does indeed exist; and who dreamt up the idea that atoms exist.

The group—and the reader—is challenged as discussions continue on topics from stone circles to quarks, superstrings, quantum theory, the anthropic principle, evolution, consciousness, miracles, chaos, and the spiritual universe. As trust develops between the group members, the dialogue becomes more personal and delves into the power of prayer, the reality of evil, and the hope of healing buried pain.

In the quest for answers to "big questions," *The New Flatlanders* shows how the flatland philosophy illuminates the connections between science and religion.

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Book Reviews

One World

The Interaction of Science and Theology

John Polkinghorne

"A serious minded quest for truth, highly recommended."

—*Midwest Book Review*,
June 2007

Science and Religion

A Critical Survey

Holmes Rolston III

"Rolston has accomplished a balanced survey of a very wide range of sciences and the room for religious belief after science in each area. Rolston's book is not an easy read. It assumes a broad knowledge of philosophy, theology, and the sciences. Philosophical terms and names are mentioned without definition or identification, so it is best suited for readers who already have some familiarity with the field of science and religion."

—*Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*
June, 2007

In the Wake of Disaster

Religious Responses to Terrorism and Catastrophe

Harold G. Koenig, M. D.

"This book is a critical resource for clergy, parishes and dioceses. It is essential reading for those churches that do not yet have a disaster or terrorism response plan. For churches that already have plans made and those that need to develop plans, both will find that Koenig methodically presents the steps that will allow clergy and then-parishes to be ready to effectively respond to victims of a disaster or act of terrorism."

—*The Living Church*
June 2007

"This book is at once educational and practical. It educates those new to the area of disaster response coordination, and it provides guidelines and advice grounded in real-world experience. As past executive director of the West Virginia Council of Churches, I learned firsthand and on the job about the beautiful potential of faith communities to help with communities' immediate response, long-term recovery, and ongoing resiliency to disasters. Koenig's book gives substance and witness to all three."

—*Congregations*
June 2007

Passionaries

Turning Compassion into Action

Barbara R. Metzler

"[C]aptures an unsung movement unique to American culture—the desire to create a legacy, to give back."

—*Stateline Business Review*,
April, 2007

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Best Sellers

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1. in the Wake of Disaster
http://www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=84
2. Spirituality in Patient Care, 2nd Edition
http://www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=105
3. Passionaries
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4. New Flatlanders, The
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http://www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=21
8. Something There
http://www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=98
9. Unexpected Grace
http://www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=100
10. Dimensions of Forgiveness
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3. Templeton Plan
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E-books

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2. Spirituality in Patient Care
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