



moral perspectives

Rabbi Irwin Groner

Science not answer in brave new world

Biological science has, in our time, increasingly widened the gap between technological advance and moral response.

Molecular biologists have almost completed a workable synthetic human gene. We are on the threshold of being able to create human beings as we choose in a process called cloning. We already have the medical capacity to prolong human life beyond its natural limits.

But these enormous increases in human power over birth, life and death are not being met by a concomitant development of moral judgment.

CONSIDER SOME of the questions we face.

What is the value of human life? Who is to decide when it shall stop? Should a life be terminated when it shall stop? Should a life be terminated when the pain is too great? Are some lives worth more than others?

Should a new life be ended before birth because it is an inconvenience to the mother? Should scientists artificially create life in the laboratory and acquire control?

The questions multiply. Some of them offend traditional sensibilities. Many of them pose problems that have never been dealt with before except, perhaps, in theory.

As new discoveries broaden the range of choices available to us in both the generation and termination of life, we recognize that we are uncomfortable about having these decisions made on a case-by-case basis.

OBSERVERS of medical practice have noted how difficult are the questions that confront the physician attending a patient in the last stages of

terminal illness.

Some critics of the medical profession assert that doctors are simply not trained to judge on questions of ethical or humane values. They have suggested that laws should be enacted to remove life — or death — decisions from the purview of the physician, and appoint to that responsibility either an ombudsman or a committee of moral philosophers.

But does this suggestion offer a meaningful alternative? Can any of us name three living moral philosophers so widely respected for their intelligence and integrity that they would be generally acceptable as even one committee on moral decisions. Where would we find enough wise men and women to fill a thousand such committees?

We are now forced to recognize that we cannot continue to function as a society on the assumption that there are no ultimate truths, no standards of good and bad, of right and wrong, to guide the lives of people and to be taught faithfully to each new generation.

RELIGION is challenged today, to reinterpret its moral tradition, and to articulate a code of values for our time. In this supreme effort, we require the wisdom and sensitivity needed to formulate an ethical code for the modern world. These guidelines could provide responsible answers for the new questions about birth, life and death.

We must begin the demanding and urgent task of defining a system of values which will enable us to distinguish right from wrong, the better from the worst, the worthy from the unworthy. Science alone cannot answer the questions it raises.

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A. Jolayne Farrell

You can insist on respect from health care workers

Why do health care workers insist on calling their older patients by their first names. I am in my forties and I don't mind if I am called by my first name when I am having professional care, but when they call my mother, who is 75 "Gert" (Short for Gertrude), I take offense. She deserves more respect at her age and calling her by a nickname is not my idea of a professional approach.

Dear W: The familiarity of calling an older person by their first name is discouraged in the education of all health care workers. I have received several letters to this column on this issue and I want to quote one of our foremost authors, Mildred O'Hagerty on the subject. In her book "Nursing Care of the Older Adult" she states that the use of the person's title (Mr., Mrs., Miss) and last name should definitely be used when speaking to older people; although some may prefer and/or respond better to the use of their first names. It should not be assumed that this is the case until it has been determined in the process of assessment. Calling an older person "Sweetie," "granny" or "grandpa" does not promote rapport between the health care workers and the older person. These terms demonstrate a lack of respect for older people and contribute to feelings of decreased self-worth.

At your mother's next visit, please correct anyone who calls your mother by any other name than Mrs. . . . Thank you for your letter.

Dear Jo: I am on a daily medication for my blood pressure. I have been using a new relaxation technique and feel so well that I am considering going without my pills. Do you recommend relaxation technique in the treatment to high blood pressure?

Dear M.Y.: High blood pressure or hypertension is a very serious condition. I do not recommend at all that you replace your medication with a relaxation technique.

Generally, persons with high blood pressure who have been prescribed medication are on the medication for life.

I agree that certain relaxation techniques can naturally decrease stress and lower blood pressure, but before you do anything, please consult your doctor. He knows your condition best.

Dear Jo: In one of your columns you wrote of a medical book for older persons on health, nutrition, etc., which was writ-

ten by a doctor. I cut out the name of the book and published it but unfortunately, I lost it. Would you please reprint the information? I'm 65 plus and read and find your column interesting.

Dear Les: I'm glad you read my column. Thank you for your letter. The name of the book is "Old Enough to Feel Better: A Medical Guide for Seniors." It is written by Dr. Michael Gordon, and published in paperback by Fleet Books in Toronto and also by the Chilton Book Co. in Radnor, Pa.

Dear Jo: I take a "water pill," Hygroton, every day. Is this drug habit forming and should I avoid certain other drugs because I am on this one?

K.E. Hygroton is a diuretic and is not habit forming. Because of the action of this drug, you should avoid drinking alcohol and taking sedatives (drugs that relax you), antihistamines (drugs for colds, etc.) and antidepressants. If you see a doctor who prescribes these medications be sure to tell him that you are taking a daily diuretic. Also, it is very important that you increase your dietary potassium when you are on a diuretic. Some good sources are bananas, watermelon and orange juice.

Dear Jo: When I read your column on how to prevent osteoporosis — brittle bones, I found the advice quite acceptable except I have a problem getting enough calcium in my diet as I do not like milk. Please suggest some alternatives to this.

A.M., Age 67 Other dairy products such as cheese and yogurt are good sources of calcium as are nuts, particularly almonds, and sardines.

If you plan to take a calcium supplement, particularly those that are sold in health food stores, be sure to read the label as bone meal and other such calcium supplements are dangerously high in lead and other elements which should not be consumed at all.

Dear Jo: Where can a person buy decent clothing that is easy to put on and fasten?

Dear Mrs. G: Sears has a 68 page Home Health Care Specializing that specializes in this type of clothing. Just call your local store and ask them to send you one. Also, there are some independent shops that advertise this specialty so I would advise you to keep an eye on the newspaper for their ads.

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