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## Christianity, Neurotheology & Cancer- Oncologic Christian Neuro Theology: New Era, Needs more attention

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Many Christians are battling Cancer and there is a chaotic vortex of emotions that need resolving. They think they are alone. Religion and spirituality are fundamental to the human condition and play a role in our mental health and wellbeing. Initially, religion and science thrived in a complimentary relationship, only to be polarized with the aggressive secularization of science. We know that with the introduction of Neurotheology as a unique field of scholarship and investigations that seek to understand the relationship specifically between the brain and theology, the cancer patients will feel more the Grace of God. More investigations and healthcare professionals need to be involved in this area.

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For Christians, Cancer can motive you to want you offered punched inside the face by way of God. Now, which will sound blunt, and counting on the place your relationship with God stands today, you will or would possibly no longer experience that way immediately. Either way, for many Christians fighting Cancer there is a chaotic vortex of thoughts that wishes resolving. There is ache that is desperately in want of healing. There are some serious questions that want answering. What am I supposed to do now? How do I cope? What is the truth? What does the Bible say? What am I supposed to believe? Ultimately, what is the key to triumphing after getting a Cancer diagnosis? We are aware of these questions due to the fact we have been there. We acquired thru it – and you can too.

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First, we want to recognize that you are no longer alone. The way we had been geared up to navigate this painful chapter in our lives was once due to the fact we received help. We did no longer be aware of we wanted help; however, we acquired the assist we needed. People got here alongside facet us and supported us. People prayed for us. People geared up us with knowledge, wisdom, and guidance. Now, our mission is to equip you with provision thru your ride of suffering.

As Christians, a Cancer prognosis – whether for ourselves or for anybody we love is challenging to accept. There is a temptation to experience as if Christians are one way or the other entitled to exemption from sickness, disease, or hardship. Without understanding the truth, and surrounding yourself with wholesome support, the default response you may additionally trip is fear. Our secret weapon in the warfare towards concern is nothing much less than God's love. The apostle John knew and skilled God's love in such an intimate way that he ought to say, "There is no worry in love. But ideal love drives out fear" (John 4:18). He knew, deep in his soul, that God cherished him-regardless of how he felt at any given second and regardless of his circumstances.

So, let us go into scientifically established evidence. Religion (e.g., non-secular affiliation and issuer attendance) and spirituality (e.g., a connection to a furnish massive than oneself and thoughts of transcendence) are vital factors of everyday existence for many people; a modern-day ballot determined that 59% of human beings worldwide describe themselves as religious, regardless of whether or not they generally attend non secular offerings [1]. Religion/Spirituality (R/S) can be imperative for guys and female with a most cancers diagnosis. The National Health Interview Survey found that 69% of most cancers' victims noted praying for their health, whereas completely 45% of the installed US populace did [1]. R/S can aid most cancers victims find out that capacity in their ailment and provide alleviation in the face of existential fears, and these victims can get maintain of information from a nearby of likeminded individuals. Much has been written about the magnitude of addressing non secular wishes as part of patient-centered most cancers care. Nevertheless, lookup inspecting the penalties of R/S on health penalties for most cancers victims have cited blended results, likely in segment due to the truth of small samples and heterogeneous measures of religion, spirituality, and bodily health. Varying definitions of R/S have moreover possibly contributed to heterogeneous measures and, in turn, blended results. Greater readability is desired to amplify look up and scientific features with respect to the characteristic of R/S all through the most cancers continuum from evaluation and lively remedy to survivorship and the provide up of life. To this end, a sequence of meta-analyses was once executed by means of Jim et al to quantitatively summarize associations between R/S and patient-reported mental, social, and bodily health outcomes. The ultra-modern analyze about focuses on bodily health outcomes, which consist of bodily well-being, sensible well-being, and self-reported bodily symptoms [1].

Although Religion/Spirituality (R/S) is quintessential in its very own acceptable for many most cancers patients, a big physique of look up has examined whether R/S is moreover related with greater

bodily health outcomes. This literature has been characterized by way of ability of heterogeneity in sample composition, measures of R/S, and measures of bodily health. To synthesize previous findings, a meta-analysis of the relation between R/S and patient-reported bodily health in most cancers victims used to be performed. A search of PubMed, PsycINFO, the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, and the Cochrane Library yielded 2073 abstracts, which have been independently evaluated via the usage of pairs of raters. The meta-analysis used to be carried out for 497 have an impact on sizes from one zero one different samples encompassing more than 32,000 character most cancers patients. R/S measures have been classified into affective, behavioral, cognitive, and ‘other’ dimensions. Physical health measures had been labeled into bodily well-being, beneficial well-being, and bodily symptoms. Affective R/S used to be as soon as related with bodily well-being ( $z=0.167$ ), sensible well-being ( $z=0.343$ ), and bodily symptoms and signs ( $z=0.282$ ). Cognitive R/S used to be associated with bodily well-being ( $z=0.079$ ) and realistic well-being ( $z=0.090$ ). ‘Other’ R/S used to be as soon as associated with beneficial well-being ( $z=0.100$ ). In conclusion, the penalties of the contemporary meta-analysis advise that extended R/S is associated with greater patient-reported bodily health. These consequences underscore the value of attending to patients’ non secular and spiritual wishes as part of whole most cancers care. Religion and spirituality are essential to the human circumstance and play a position in our intellectual fitness and wellbeing. Initially, faith and science thrived in a complimentary relationship, solely to be polarized with the aggressive secularization of science.

Neurotheology is an interesting new method that may also assist bridge our understandings of religion, health, and the ordinary human condition. However, we want to apprehend the boundaries of this strategy and, hence, cautiously interpret any findings [2]. Neurotheology is a fascinating self-discipline in its very own right; it is sincerely multidisciplinary in nature. It connects and recombines various scientific concentrations even transcend them. It is a place that crosses typical scientific boundaries via together with the fields of religion, theology, philosophy, and anthropology, in addition to the neuroscience fields inclusive of cognitive sciences and psychology [3]. This strategy helps construct contributions in a multidirectional way, together improving our information and understandings in a touchy manner. Neurotheology can be an essential approach for higher grasp of the already described associations between religiosity and health. In fact, quite a few research and experiments have been carried out on brain areas displaying modifications and affecting countless spots after non secular or religious experiences. Neuroimaging research divulges how intelligence endeavor is affected through prayer and meditation, and extra interestingly, there are variations in brain recreation between secular meditations in contrast to religious-based practices [2]. Other neuropsychology and psychopharmacology research performed corroborate these findings or purport stimulation things to do [4-6].

Neurotheology is a special filed of scholarship and investigations that seek to apprehend the relationship specially between the brain and theology, and extra largely between the idea and faith [7]. As per Newberg, due to the fact the idea and intelligence are intimately linked, the “neuro” aspect of neurotheology must be viewed to consist of psychiatry, psychology, cognitive neuroscience, genetics and endocrinology as nicely as different macro- and micro- views of the neuroscience [7]. Gaitán [8] is of the same opinion with the complexity of

this and states that neurotheology calls for the participation and pooling of specialists from one-of-a-kind disciplines. In this way, you will be capable to take its necessary place. On the contrary, Christian Neuro theology has taken a greater precise course in search of solutions in accordance with The Sacred Scriptures [9]. Christian Neuro theology postulates many questions from the standpoint of the Christian faith. We comprehend that nowadays the human brain works globally with interconnected modules in opposition to what used to be concept for a lengthy time, therefore, striving to are trying to find a single “point” of God is doomed to failure [9]. It is meant to reveal that there are brains extra predisposed to creating religious beliefs or experiences than others, based totally on brain locations through stimulation or by using image. What happens, however, is that all brains, or higher people, can advance religious experiences through placing into operation the perceptive emotional, rational, or touchy skills that we all possess?

The thought that there is an organic foundation for human spirituality is controversial to many people. There is, nevertheless, a developing physique of empirical proof coming from neuroscience, psychology, cognitive science, and associated disciplines interpreted with the aid of some as suggestive of an organic groundwork for trust in God or the transcendent. This paper reviewed some of that evidence, addressed the problem of how such an organic basis to spirituality may have developed, and developed intent as to why, from a Christian perspective, biology of spirituality must be anticipated [10].

Spiritual medicine is a thrilling subject that is getting section in gaining extra floor in Integrative Medicine models, however it is nonetheless falling in the back of absolutely in especially in most cancers’ patients. Oncologic sufferers want religious support, and this must be built-in into our practices. More lookup research is additionally required too to validate this intervention in our sufferers [11].

## Conclusion

I understand that this discipline has an important role in health and medicine, but specifically in oncology. The Christian mentality on Neuroscience is one of critical and enthusiastic openness. I understand there is a big door to psychology and spiritual medicine as part of the integrative approach for cancer patients. We need more neuroscience researchers and theologians to become leaders in this emerging discipline in oncology that I just named “Oncologic Christian Neuro Theology”, rather than sitting in the stands watching the game and commenting on what is going on. Our patients deserve that.

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