

The Magic Miracle Elixir

Have you ever known anyone who was feeling a spiritual need and started to study and read the Bible, but someone came along and tried to convince him that the Bible was all nonsense. The puritanical teachings of the Bible are at the root of the problems in our society and their own lives. Biblical morality causes guilt which is our main problem. We have got to get all these "repressive notions" out of our heads?

Once upon a time there was a man who was feeling sort of tired, rundown, and on the blah side. He didn't have much energy and just felt like something was wrong, but didn't know what. He didn't have any definite symptoms, just a "puny" feeling. He called up his best friend and told him how he was feeling and asked for suggestions.

"Well," his friend replied, "I used to feel like that until I started taking vitamins. It took awhile, but eventually I started having more pep and energy and felt a lot better."

"Sounds good to me," said the man. "Can you bring me some?"

"Sure, right away," the friend replied.

His friend brought the vitamins over and explained to him which ones to take and how much. The man was very grateful and started taking them immediately.

After a few weeks, he thought perhaps he noticed a slight improvement, but not a whole lot. "How long is this going to take?", he was thinking to himself, when the doorbell rang.

As he opened the door, he was met by a pleasant, attractive, neatly dressed man. "Good morning, sir. Have you been feeling rundown lately, out of sorts and just don't have the vim, vigor, and vitality you would like to have?"

The man was taken by surprise. "Well, yes. How did you know?"

"It's my job to know," he replied. "And you are in luck. I have just the thing for you--my Magic Miracle Elixir. It is guaranteed to pep you up and perk you up instantly (money back, of course, if not fully satisfied)."

"How much is it?", the man asked.

"Today we have a special price--only \$5.00."

"I'll take one," the man replied. "And thank you so much."

And so the man tried the Magic Miracle Elixir. The bottle said to take one ounce at a time which the man did and almost immediately he began feeling better. "Wow, this stuff really works," he said to himself. "Much better than those vitamins." And so he began taking the Elixir while continuing to take the vitamins.

However, even though generally he felt better, he started having a little nausea off and on. Not a lot and at first he thought he was imagining things. But after a few weeks, he was sure something was wrong with him. He was almost out of his Elixir and needed more, so when the salesman stopped by to bring him more, he asked him about his upset stomach.

The salesman replied, "You haven't been taking vitamins, have you?"

"Well, yes," the man answered.

"Well, then that explains it," the salesman replied. "The ingredients in my Elixir and vitamins do not mix; in fact, they can cause quite a dangerous reaction. You had better stop taking those vitamins immediately."

The man quit taking them and called his friend to tell him not to bring him any more. His friend wondered, "Why, aren't they helping you?"

"Not nearly as much as this Elixir I'm taking does." He then proceeded to tell his friend about the wonderful benefits of the Magic Miracle Elixir.

His friend was not very enthusiastic. "I think I've heard of this stuff before. It makes people sick. I even heard of one person dying. You'd better be careful and find out what's in it."

But the man replied, "This can't be the same thing you heard of. This really works. I feel great, better than I ever have before."

Weeks went by. The man continued to take the Elixir. But in spite of stopping the vitamins, his stomach problems grew worse. He started having abdominal cramping and pain--sometimes quite severe. He mentioned this to the salesman when he came around again and his reply was, "That's quite a common problem when you first start the Elixir and have been on vitamins previously. It's due to the residue of the vitamins in your system. You've got to take more Elixir--double your dose in order to compensate for and flush those vitamins out of your body. The pain and discomfort will go away and you will

feel great again as soon as your system gets rid of those vitamins."

The man was satisfied with this explanation and continued to take the Elixer. Then one day, he noticed that his hair was falling out. As he looked in the mirror, he saw his eyes looked a little yellow, too. He called the salesman. "Come over quick!"

After he explained what was happening, the salesman replied, "Oh, don't worry about all that. Those are good signs. Your body is purifying itself, getting rid of the old hair saturated with vitamins and will soon grow in new, healthier hair. As for your yellow eyes, that means your liver is excreting the vitamin A, turning your eyes yellow temporarily. All this will go away as soon as all the vitamins are excreted."

"Well, OK," the man replied, quite relieved.

"But you'd better increase your dose of the Elixer again, just to be on the safe side," the salesman suggested.

And so the man did just that, but several weeks later, he met his friend on the street.

"What has happened to you? You look terrible. Are you still taking that Elixer? I told you it wasn't good for you," his friend said.

"Of course, I'm still taking it. I've never felt better in my life except for those few minor problems which are in the process of going away and will be gone completely as soon as I get the vitamins out of my system," the man stated.

"But do you know what is in the Elixer? How do you know it doesn't have poison in it?", the friend asked.

"Oh, no it couldn't. It tastes too good for poison and it makes me feel so good. I'm sure you are mistaken," said the man.

A few weeks later, however, the man realized he was not getting the good feeling and pep and energy from the Elixer that he once had. He was feeling more and more tired. In fact, some days he didn't even want to get out of bed. His hair had not grown in and he had been unable to eat much because of the stomach pain and he had lost a lot of weight. He was really down and getting a little worried. He called the salesman again.

"I'll be right over," the salesman replied upon hearing the situation.

"Yes, my friend, you are in the last stages of getting rid of those pesky,

troublesome vitamins, the cause of all your problems. Soon you will be free of them and then you will feel better than you ever have. What you need is to finish flushing them out of your system by increasing your intake of Elixer. In fact, I think a case would just about do it. I'll have one delivered right away."

"Fine," replied the man.

The next day, a large carton was delivered to his door. He was almost too weak to get it into the house. And then it took him quite awhile to get it open. But the salesman, in his eagerness to make such a large sale and to get the product to his customer, had neglected to remove the invoice and had forgotten that on this was a list of the ingredients. Usually he sold the bottles individually and on them were only listed "secret ingredients."

And so as the man opened the box; there, right on top, was the invoice. He picked it up and began to read the list. "Oh, now I can see what is in here and prove my friend wrong," he thought. The first ingredient was water. "Well, I expected that, after all, it is a liquid." The next was sugar. "Of course, that makes it sweet." Then--alcohol. "I suspected that." Flavoring--that's what makes it taste good." A few other ingredients were listed and then, at the very bottom in very fine print, he had to strain to read--ARSENIC. "Arsenic!", he said out loud. And then, the light began to dawn. "That's poison!" As the realization started to hit him, he began to shake and sank to the floor. "I've been poisoning myself all these weeks. It's a miracle I'm not dead. If I had drunk this whole case like the salesman said, I sure would be free of the symptoms. I'd be dead."

He was still shaking when he called his friend and said, "Come over quick and bring lots of vitamins."

His friend, of course, came right over, and looking at the invoice said, "I thought so, but you wouldn't believe me."

"Well, I do now and I'm going to drink lots of pure water and take lots of vitamins and get this poison out of my system. And even if I don't feel better immediately, I know I will eventually. I'll just keep taking them regardless of how I feel because I know they're good for me."

And so he did. It took awhile for his body to recover, but eventually his hair grew back and he was able to eat again. Later, as he kept on, he did start to have more energy and pep and he was able to enjoy life as he never had before.

John 8:32 Truth will set you free.

John 14:6 I am the way, truth, life.

Roman 6:16-18 Slaves of sin.

life abundantly.

John 6:35 bread of life