

The Worry Clinic

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Judge Harry had such a secret phobia about cancer that he was willing to seek quick death by some other route. But don't jump to such hasty conclusions. Many supposedly terminal cancer victims are still alive, years after being told they had only a few months to live! And don't be stampeded unduly by "You MIGHT get cancer!"

CASE M-574: Judge Harry, aged 54, was recently hospitalized.

"Dr. Crane," his personal physician informed me, "Judge Harry had a perforating peptic ulcer.

"But we also found that he was in the final stages of terminal cancer.

"We didn't tell him of that fact, for he seemed abnormally scared about a malignancy.

"However, an intern was in his hospital room a day or so later and being unaware of the Judge's cancer phobia, this intern casually informed him he better put his house in order.

"For the intern then told him he had possibly no more than 6 months to live.

"A couple of weeks later, the Judge was released from

the hospital.

"But he hadn't been home three days when he filled his automobile's gas tank.

"Then he drove it into the garage, where he had carefully plugged up all cracks in the doors.

"He sat at the steering wheel and started the motor. He was found a few hours later, dead from carbon monoxide."

CANCER UHOBIA

Many patients have this abnormal phobia of cancer death so they check out earlier via some form of suicide. And other patients are so

suggestible, that if they even imagine they have a malignancy, they may lose their appetite, because victims of insomnia, and die prematurely, just from fright, alone.

In ancient times, a terrible plague struck Damascus, killing thousands.

So a wealthy merchant loaded his jewels and other valuable possessions on a string of donkeys and fled from the city.

Soon he encountered a distinguished looking gentleman, who trudged along beside the merchant.

As they engaged in conversation, the merchant finally asked the stranger for his name.

"I am called the Black Death," replied the latter.

"Oh, go away from me at once," shouted the merchant, "for you have already slain 50,000 in Damascus!"

"Nay," protested the stranger, "I slew but 1,000. Fear killed the other 49,000."

And this story merits the attention of all sick folks!

For fear can kill your appetite, zoom your blood pressure, destroy your restful slumber, cause peptic ulcer

and spastic colitis and produce many other neurological symptoms.

So be a Doubting Thomas and a fighter.

Get more than one medical opinion, if you have been diagnosed as approaching death.

Then refuse to "chicken out" and surrender. Instead, fight till the end.

For a fighting spirit has often defeated Death.

Thousands of needless gall bladder operations have thus

been performed because the surgeon shook his head dolefully and warned that "You might develop cancer if you don't have your gall bladder removed, for it is full of stones."

Millions of people carry a gall bladder full of stones to their death in a ripe old age.

And you MIGHT get run over by a car en route to the supermarket, so don't be unduly scared of a "might" type of cancer!

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