

Two Parables (1) Vis-A-Vis The Psych Unit And Its Context

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These were taken from emails I sent yesterday. Slightly edited.

Subject: Parable 1: Various seeds

[Recipient:]

From Matthew 13, in the New Testament:

13 On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

So the goal is to make a psych unit "good ground"!

All the features of mind-form-being, or mind-body-spirit; and the domains of life, and so forth; and discussion of perception, and the experiential, and the social-relational, and thought-relational; and this very world-space; and philosophy, religion, psychology, speculation on how we think and why, and act, narrative, the dialogic, the everyday; etc.! So many things that point to life as it is really lived, expression, and this very world-space.

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Kevin

P.S. The domains of life are: the mental, the existential, the social, the societal, the experiential, and the physical. This is my idea, along with the resilience factors: joy, centeredness, dilemma or no dilemma,

questions, perspectives, challenges, and helpfult and usefult; say for each of the domains of life. There's more, and psych unit psychiatry should also recognize the grades of dilemma (my term): crisis dilemma, significant dilemma, part dilemma, no dilemma, and no-dilemma, say for each of the domains of life. They should be realistic about this. (Right now they treat every situation as a crisis, a diagnosis of absolute deficiency pointing to (the theory goes) a permanent neurobiogenetic malfunction, and meds as the only recourse – and sans all else. They omit the experiential, and the logic of the individual. The above would all go toward a representational picture of the individual, situation, and context, including the unfolding thought-relational and social-relational and world-space; and would help provide tactile material to work with – sometime to resolve difficult situations, other times to justify, and points in between.) But I thought this parable was a tremendous image.

Subject: Parable 2: The mustard seed

[Recipient:]

Another one:

From Matthew 13:

31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

I have this image that occurred to me that is a photo-realistic work of art, done in something on the computer and with the photograph, that is of a mustard tree growing in a psych unit – where Truth and Real-world experience and insight are found, and brought to the table. “The birds of the air come and nest in its branches” – and the mustard tree produces Food.

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P.S. See what you think. It’s consistent with a visualization I have in mind, that I developed some time ago, for psych units, these 2 parables.

Endnote

The translation of the Bible Scriptures above are taken from the NKJV, from www.biblegateway.com.