

TALENT IN MEDICINE

The medical profession is not different from other workforce sharing with them all common interests, hobbies and talents. The majority of these activities are unrelated to medicine. Many are musicians, performers, artists, writers, critics, astronomers, photographers, etc not to mention their excellence in the world of sports. On the other hand there are also instances when the practice of these activities take the form of applied interpretation of what they know in human pathobiology and the concerned function. Thus some may be historians of clinical practice, clinical pharmacologists of locally used herbs, or clinical therapists of locally practiced folk medicine.

This section of the Bahrain Medical Bulletin will be devoted to "Talents in the Medical Profession" to show and exchange with others common interests and applied experience. Contributors are therefore welcomed to submit their presentation. This issue contains two poems titled "Come on, Do it" and "Seeing is Believing".

The Chief Editor

COME ON, DO IT

Wow! What a grand performance!
Wow! What a great race that!
Wonderful, what an elevating speech!
And something pulls your heart to it?

You are awed by it?
It simply looks impossible?
It simply seems out of this world?
But you love it in some way?

And there is something you wish you could do?
You see yourself in that place, don't you?
Day and night you wish you could do it too?
Dreams are now taking your daytime too?

Then what is it that's keeping you back?
Some fear you may not be up to it lad?
Hesitation, reluctance, doubts and the lot?
These are the enemies you must first kick out.

Think of just the thing you want to go for,
With full faith then you go for it; you've to go far!
Come on and start, take the plunge, dear,
Take to the field, don't watch from afar.

Once you get in, you will often fall,
Take falls easy, falls are the way to get tall.
Start doing things seeming tough and intricate,
Doing alone shall reveal the secrets of the trade.

Sitting at the edge who-ever could cross a river?
Get ready and jump in, you will swim to the shore.
Do things step by step but do them you must,
Not doing, only talking won't gain you stature or trust.

Doing is the way you learn things that must be done,
Once you've done it a few times it can't be undone.
Practice with perseverance will take you a long way,
It may take you beyond your dreams in the Milky Way!

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SEEING IS BELIEVING?

Things that I couldn't see I doubted if they did exist,
Phenomena that I only heard I scarce believed they persist.
What I saw with my open eyes in the surrounding space,
Only that I could believe as true in my mind's inner space.

But the world would be so intricate I didn't know,
There's more to it than meets the eye, now I know!
There's so much around me, my eyes in daylight don't see,
Eyes don't see everything that is there indeed!

Take the atmosphere around us in the very first place,
It's an endless mystery of invisible matter in space:-
Sound waves, radio, television and millions of electromagnetic waves,
So many smells, aromas, viruses, bacteria, fibers and laser waves.

A born skeptic, I didn't believe until clearly shown,
The existence of the invisible world through sciences renown.
The eyes don't see what the mind doesn't know,
The mind would know only if it is trained to do so.

I truly wonder what all I don't know?
'Seeing is believing' is true no more!
I can't see but the earth is round and revolves around the sun,
I can't see it but the heart keeps beating to let me have fun.

So, often we must believe in things that do not show,
From evidence provided by others in the know.
Belief and faith are thus the pillars of human existence dear,
And experience often reinforces these beliefs, Sir.

But beware; all that your eyes can see may also be not true,
Like the sky is not actually blue; mirage seems but isn't true.
In dreams you see a hundred things that are all untrue,
This world is a funny mixture of seen-unseen and true-untrue!

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