

Spiritual Healing:

Britain's Best Export

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Dr. Richard Lawson of Somerset, England had been treating a male patient with advanced prostate cancer for some weeks. The patient's prognosis was poor; he had only a short time to live. Running out of medical options, Dr. Lawson referred his patient to Britain's National Federation of Spiritual Healers [NFSH]. The cancer went into remission soon after the patient started Spiritual Healing treatments. Dr. Lawson maintains, "The shrinkage of the tumor was associated with the patient receiving Spiritual Healing."

Perhaps even more remarkable is that this is not an isolated case. Such dramatic improvement is not uncommon in patients who receive Spiritual Healing.

Notwithstanding The Beatles, Agent 007 and English Breakfast Tea, Britain's best export is undoubtedly the energy therapy modality known as Spiritual Healing. In The United Kingdom it's not unusual to find Spiritual Healers working alongside medical doctors in hospitals, hospices and cancer care centers. Since September 1991, Britain's Department of Health has made healing part of the National Health Service, under the provision that the patient's doctor remain in charge of the patient. University College Hospital in London, one of the country's oldest and most highly regarded teaching hospitals, recently added two spiritual healers as full time staff, and the head of research at Penny Brohn Cancer Care in Bristol calls Spiritual Healing "the cornerstone of our work."

Harry Edwards, one of the greatest natural healers in modern England, founded the NFSH in 1954. At the peak of his career, he received thousands of letters weekly requesting distant healing. He had particular success with spinal problems and arthritis; within a few minutes of Edwards touching a person very lightly, spines would

straighten and limbs would become straight and strong. People who came in on crutches or wheel chairs could leave them behind and walk out because theirs was permanent healing, not just an illusion or a quick fix. There are also documented cases of individuals who came to Edwards being cured of cancer.

The medical community at the time refused to acknowledge Edwards' success so he founded the NFSH, and began the work of developing a stringent training program and a code of ethics along with a certification process to underscore credibility. Over time, the National Health Service came to acknowledge Spiritual Healing as a valid therapy. Today, the NFSH is the largest healing organization in England, with over 6,500 members throughout Europe. [www.nfsh.org.uk]

In truth, a Spiritual Healing practitioner does not heal a client. Just as new skin grows over a cut and broken bones mend, our bodies have the ability to heal themselves. However, due to the stress of modern life and the ingestion of toxins, our bodies often need assistance from an outside source. That is where Spiritual Healing comes in. The practitioner acts as a conduit for life force energy to flow to a client and facilitate their return to physical, emotional, mental and spiritual balance. A healing may not include a cure, but for a patient to achieve a state of peace of mind and reduction in pain is a great gift.

A guiding principle of the NFSH is that each one of us has the ability to develop our healing gifts and their courses are designed to help foster those abilities. One of the things that sets the NFSH apart from other energy therapy organizations is its stringent membership requirements. Students go through a two-year training period before being eligible to apply for full healer mem-