

HOMILY Return from Israel

1. I almost died a week and a half ago
 - a. Bowel obstruction or stressed bowel
2. Tuesday evening
 - a. Felt ill, decided to stay in hotel and sleep
 - b. Asked for doctor to come in, he sent me to emergency room at Hadassah hospital
 - c. Breathing
 - d. Operating table
 - e. next of kin
3. Personalized care both physical and spiritual
 - a. Theory – ego is center of world
 - b. Disintegration at facing loss of world
 - c. Bed on floor, shift every couple of hours
 - d. Rebirth, washing with flood of water
 - e. Sit on chair for exercise, waiting for wheel chair
 - f. No food or water for first day of recovery
4. Welcome to Main floor
 - a. Return to childhood
 - b. Family welcomes me.
 - c. Nurse in early 20s
 - d. Plays incompetent
 - e. Bunch of medical bags, drops some, one is in wrong place does not drain
 - f. Only liquid food, Leader tells me I can only have couple glasses water
 - g. Elements to provoke childhood anger
5. First night
 - a. As try to sleep – hallucinations of little animals in dirt
 - b. Open eyes not there, close eyes these images are overpowering
 - c. Do not sleep well, pretty scared if ever sleep
 - d. Food is simple, strange but delicious
 - e. Kosher rules
6. Second night
 - a. Where I got really scared
 - b. Close eyes, strange images of people wandering about
 - c. Stick people, dead people
 - d. Thought I was being possessed
 - e. Called Msgr. Donahue to bless holy water
 - f. I would sprinkle at images to keep away from me
7. During next day arguments with staff about getting up and walking

- a. Doctor had said needed to exercise, nurses said you fell, can't get up
 - b. Finally began to walk
 - c. Feel more comfortable with strange routines
 - d. Again, ate very well with simple foods
8. Third night, seems like a transition
 - a. First two nights, focusing on myself instinct of fear
 - b. Hallucinations of third day were on gifts of God
 - c. Being told, I think, not to worry about self, look towards God
 - d. Filled with beautiful images, even philosophical discussions of wonders of trust
 - e. Finally actually fell asleep
9. Couple days of normal care with lots of anti-biotic
 - a. So effective, thought there was accident, felt soaked
 - b. Donahue pointed out, probably anti-biotics working, sweating illness out of me
10. That day suddenly doctors came and said, they were dismissing me
 - a. Then had the joy of trying to pay the bill, buy the prescriptions
 - b. \$16,000 bill obviously maxed out credit cards between me and Donahue
 - c. Then we wanted to go home
 - d. There was a plane with about four seats left but it connected with Delta
 - e. For about 2500 apiece using smart phones, increasing credit limits, we actually pulled it off
11. Left on Tuesday morning about 1:30 AM Tel Aviv time
 - a. Got to Fargo about 5 PM, Fargo time, Donahue said it figured to be a 24 hour day of traveling
 - b. Luckily I was able to sleep a lot on the 9 hour flight from Paris to Minneapolis
 - c. Sheila Sherritt brought me home
 - d. Strange relic of the experience is slight hallucinations
 - e. When I hear irritating sounds such as the whine of the plane, in back ground I hear beautiful music
 - f. So any way here I am, back in Mayville
 - g. Not sure why God allows me to suffer major traumas, but also seems to pull me out of the fires by close timing.
 - h. I can only give thanks that He continues to protect me through the dangers