

Carter: ERA has Bible OK

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ELK CITY, Okla. — In his most explicit statement of faith as chief executive, President Carter said Christ provided the Biblical basis for supporting the Equal Rights Amendment.

Religious opposition to ERA often is based on the Apostle Paul's teaching that women should be submissive to their husbands. Oklahoma has not ratified the ERA, and a citizen at a town meeting asked Carter about the issue.

"I think if one reads different parts of the Bible, you can find a good argument either way," Carter said. "I know that Paul felt very strongly that there ought to be a sharp distinction between men and women and women's role ought to be minimal."

"But I have a feeling that Christ meant for all of us to be treated equally, and he demonstrated this in many ways."

Carter drew heavier applause for his reply than did the questioner, who asked the president on what Biblical basis he supported ERA.

The questioner, Jim Fowler, also asked Carter to state "with your own mouth" that he was a believer in Christ and tell how much time he spent in prayer and study.

Carter responded: "I am a believer in Jesus Christ and a born-again Christian. I do worship regularly. I spend a lot of time in prayer. Every evening, my wife and I have religious services together, one of the last things we do each day. We never miss under any circumstances."

"Since I was going to be gone tonight, we had our worship service before I left the White House today at about 3 o'clock. So I do perform my partial duties as a Christian. I still fall far short of what God expects of me."



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What about 'pong'?

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Anti-cancer serum developed from mice

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — An eight-year research effort has turned up experimental evidence adding support to theories that animals have a natural protection against cancer, a New York scientist reported Sunday.

Dr. Saul Green of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center said his work points toward a biochemical surveillance process that may enable normal animals to fight off cancer repeatedly.

Green told an American Cancer Society seminar that he and his colleagues have isolated a protein complex from mouse serum that has an anti-cancer effect. During the past year, they have detected similar compounds in human blood

serum. Current research is aimed at determining if this human blood substance is effective, as preliminary studies suggest, against human cancer cells in the laboratory.

Green noted that three out of four people do not develop cancer. "I'm hoping this material may be the factor that regulates those who do not get it," he said.

If the human factor does have an anti-tumor effect, Green said, the door would be open for three possibilities:

—Cancer treatment. If current experiments support preliminary indications that the human factor may inhibit the growth of certain kinds of cancer cells, large-scale tests in humans would be justified to

see if the material is useful as an anti-cancer agent.

—Cancer prevention. There is evidence the anti-tumor factor in mice is made in the liver. If the human factor also is produced in the liver, ways might be found to stimulate its production so more of the material would be available in the body to ward off any cancer invasion.

—Cancer detection. If the human factor can be isolated and purified, a test might be devised to check blood samples to detect individuals deficient in the factor and therefore at high risk of developing cancer.

Green calls the substance in mice "Tumor Necrosis Factor." Necrosis means the death and degeneration of tissue — in this case, cancer cells.

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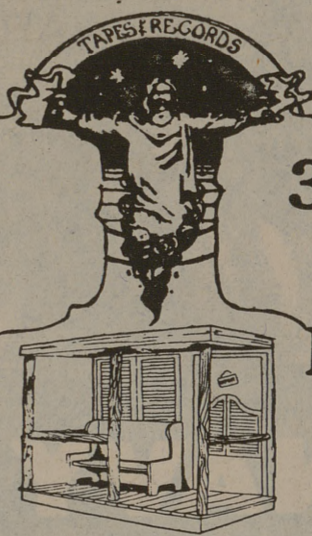


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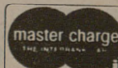


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