survived a detailed criticism with an emphasis on the need for continuous assessment.

This important self-scrutiny by psychiatric teachers was marred only by bursts of intolerance of others' views, particularly around psychotherapy, and 'medical' versus 'psychological' models precisely lacking that 'balance between scientific and intuitive appraisal' sought by Lewis. Although more emphasis could usefully have been given to overseas doctors' special needs, the deficits in peripheral hospital teaching and experience, the role of academic departments in clarifying objectives and developing skills in teaching, this does not detract from the great importance of this document to every teacher of the psychiatric trainee.

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In these essays, which formed the basis of the Nelson Lectures given to the University of Lancaster in 1970, Dr. Stafford-Clark explores certain problems raised by Christian belief—for example, the existence of pain and suffering in a world designed and controlled by a God of Love. He does not use his knowledge and experience as a psychiatrist to explain the existence of religious ideas or their form: the essays are rather personal reflections drawing on events in the author's life and on poetic and dramatic literature, which is sometimes quoted at great length. The essays are well written but lead nowhere. The questions remain: perhaps the general theory giving rise to them needs revision.

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