

A Pin in the Head

According to an October 29, 1994, story from the Reuters news agency, a Chinese woman named Zhang Meihua began to suffer mysterious symptoms when she turned 20. She was losing the ability to nimbly move her legs and arms. Doctors could not find the cause and the symptoms continued.

Two decades passed, and Zhang began to also suffer from chronic headaches. Again, she sought help from the doctors. This time, a CAT scan and an X-ray found the source of the woman's mysterious symptoms. A rusty pin was lodged in her head. The head of the pin was outside the skull, and the shaft penetrated into her brain. Doctors performed surgery and successfully extracted the pin.

The Xinhua news agency reported the doctors expressed amazement that the woman "could live for so long a time with a rusty pin stuck in her brain." After noting the position of the pin in her skull, they speculated that the pin had entered her skull sometime soon after birth and before her skull had hardened. Zhang, now fully recovered, said she "had no memory of being pierced by a pin in the head."

Like the rusty pin in that woman's brain, unwholesome thoughts, bad attitudes and painful memories can lodge in our minds and cause chronic problems. God tells us to renew our minds. In Philippians 4:8, the Apostle Paul writes: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if we could all fill our heads with such thoughts? Indeed, life would be considerably improved if I could just program my own mind in that fashion.

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