

weapons. It would show nuclear weapons in a new light, as clumsy brutish things outwitted by a cheaper and more agile adversary. The death of Goliath could be the death of an era, the end of the unquestioned technical supremacy of nuclear weapons.

Dyson cautioned against the hazards of "Defense Unlimited," of placing too much faith in the wonders of Science. Yet the Scriptures also warn us against undue faith in politics: "Put not your trust in princes" (Psalm 146:3).

Without defenses, the United States, confronted with nuclear blackmail, might someday be forced to choose surrender, or the suicidal vengeance of MAD. Against the might of the Philistines, the Israelites seemed to be in a similar dilemma.

Until David put his trust in the Lord, and gathered five smooth stones.

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Nuclear War: The Ethics of Nontreatment

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Socially responsible physicians say that if a disease is untreatable, then the only option is prevention. Take cancer, for example. If a person gets cancer, a rapidly fatal course cannot be ruled out. Yet treatment programs are permitted to drain resources that could be devoted to prevention.

We have radiation therapy centers, rather than media centers to warn people about getting cancer. We spend millions of dollars on cancer surgery, when behavior modification classes are so much cheaper. We use toxic and expensive drugs for chemotherapy, instead of reducing "suspected carcinogens" in the drinking water to undetectable levels. What is it that stops us from reordering our social priorities?