

Healing Beyond the Body: Weaving Spirituality into Psycho-oncology

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What we will touch upon

Why ?

How?



Patient

Scared of treatment

Lacking trust

Afraid to die

Bio-medical paradigm



Medical practitioner

Believes in action

Takes ownership of cure

Denies death as an
acceptable outcome



Milieu

Excellent
facilities

Qualified staff

More resources
– immortal life

Existing models



- **Biomedical Model:** *Govt Medical Colleges in India, NHS*
- **Socialist Medical models:** *Liver transplant unit in King's College Hospital*
- **Hybrid models:** *CMC Vellore*
- **Community-based models:** *Missionaries of Charity, Can-Support*
- **Religious healing**

Spiritual Care for
in-patient
palliative care unit
of Tata Medical
Center, Kolkata

Daughters of the Cross

We have three religious sisters
who are qualified nurses

Care is spiritual or secular

Spiritual dimension of psychiatric consultations

Helping the patient to understand and adjust to the situation

Help the patient communicate his wishes

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Supporting family members
Addressing anticipatory grief

Psychiatric Emergencies in Oncology

Patients

Family members



Acute stress reaction



Anxiety



Delirium



Anticipatory grief



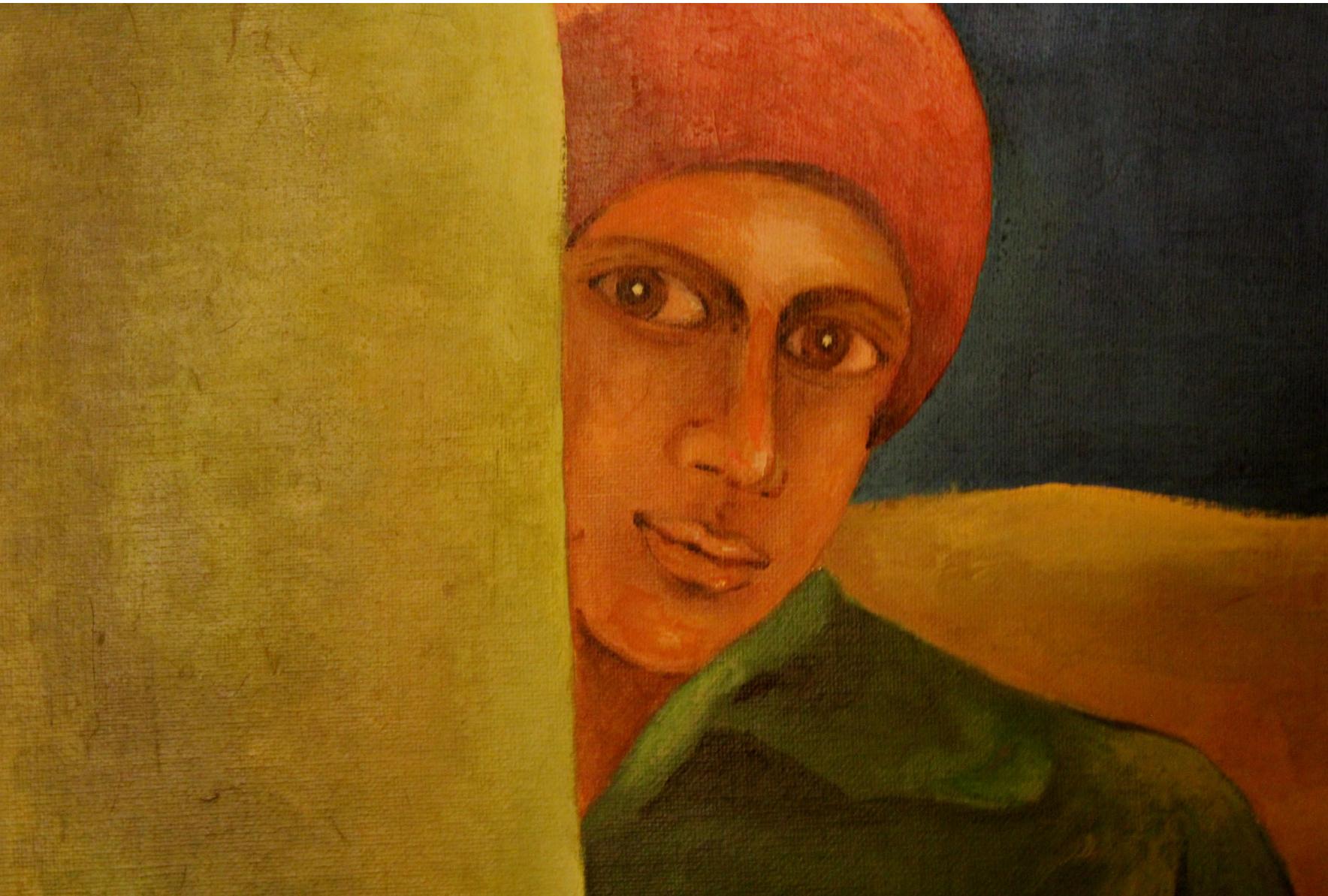
Severe depression

Family members

Burnout

Depression

The wounded healer

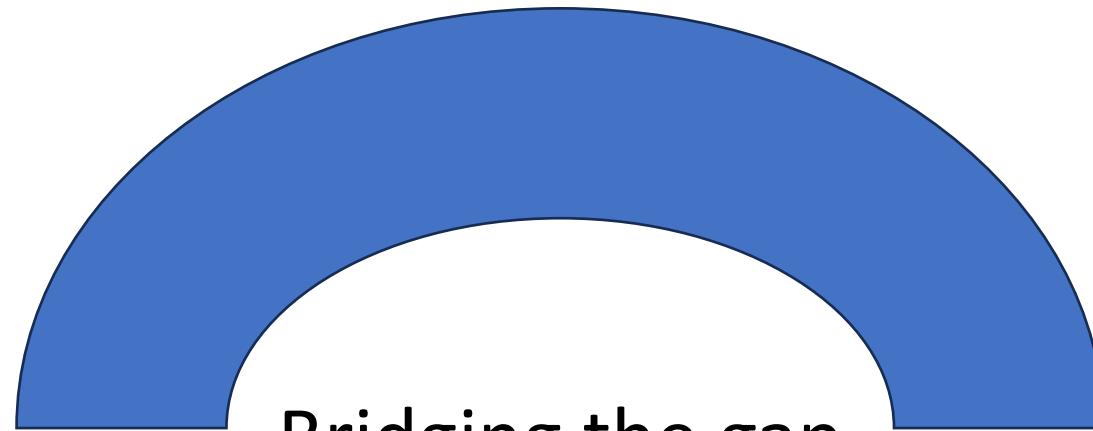


Suffering and pain

**Wounds that may
be physical and
psychological**

Anticipating death

Accepting death



Bridging the gap

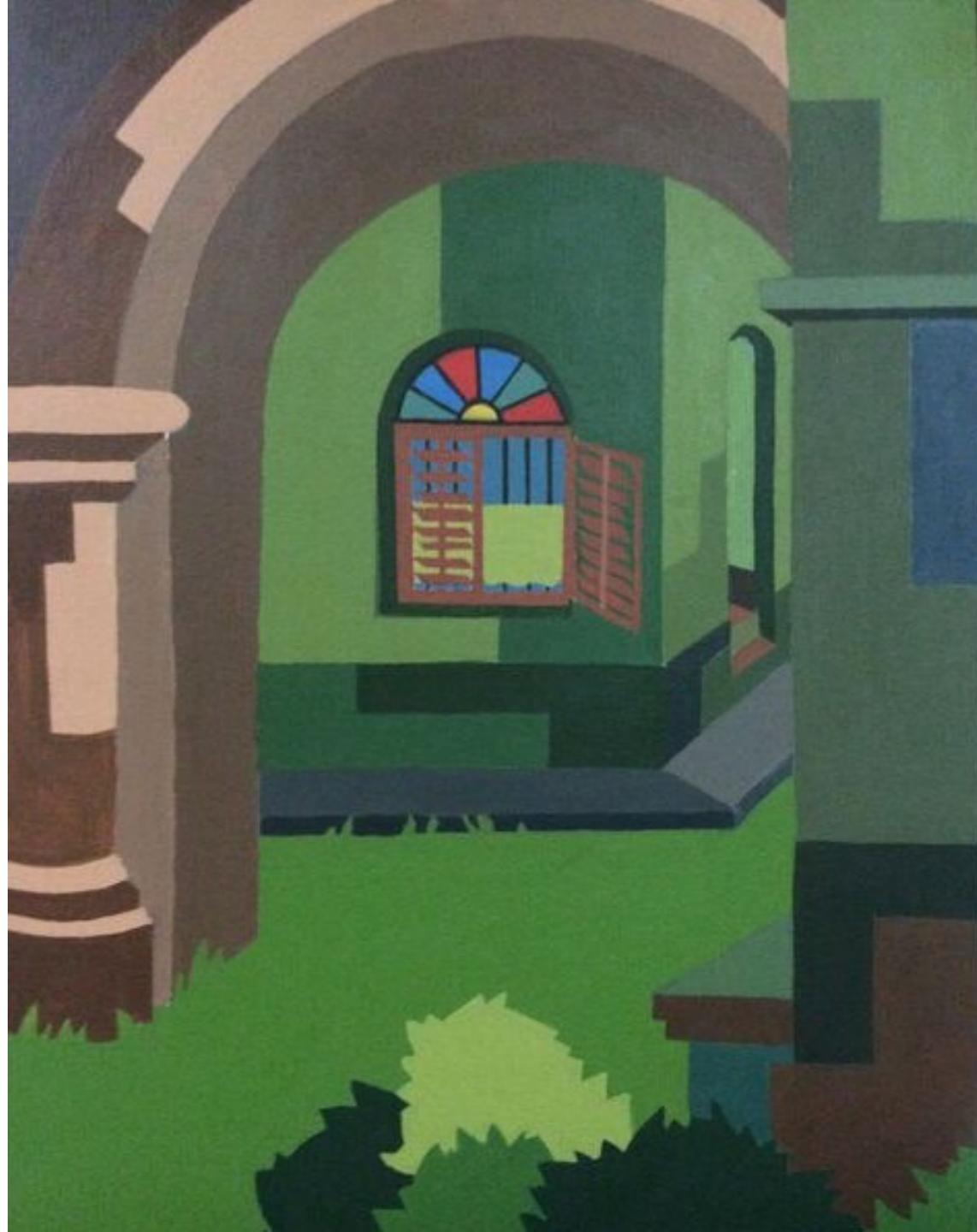
Doctors are praised for
the magic touch.

Priests were to have a
healing power.

Modern intellectual peril

Many people are convinced that 'some thing is terribly wrong' with the present world

'Co-operation with the existing models is some kind of betrayal'





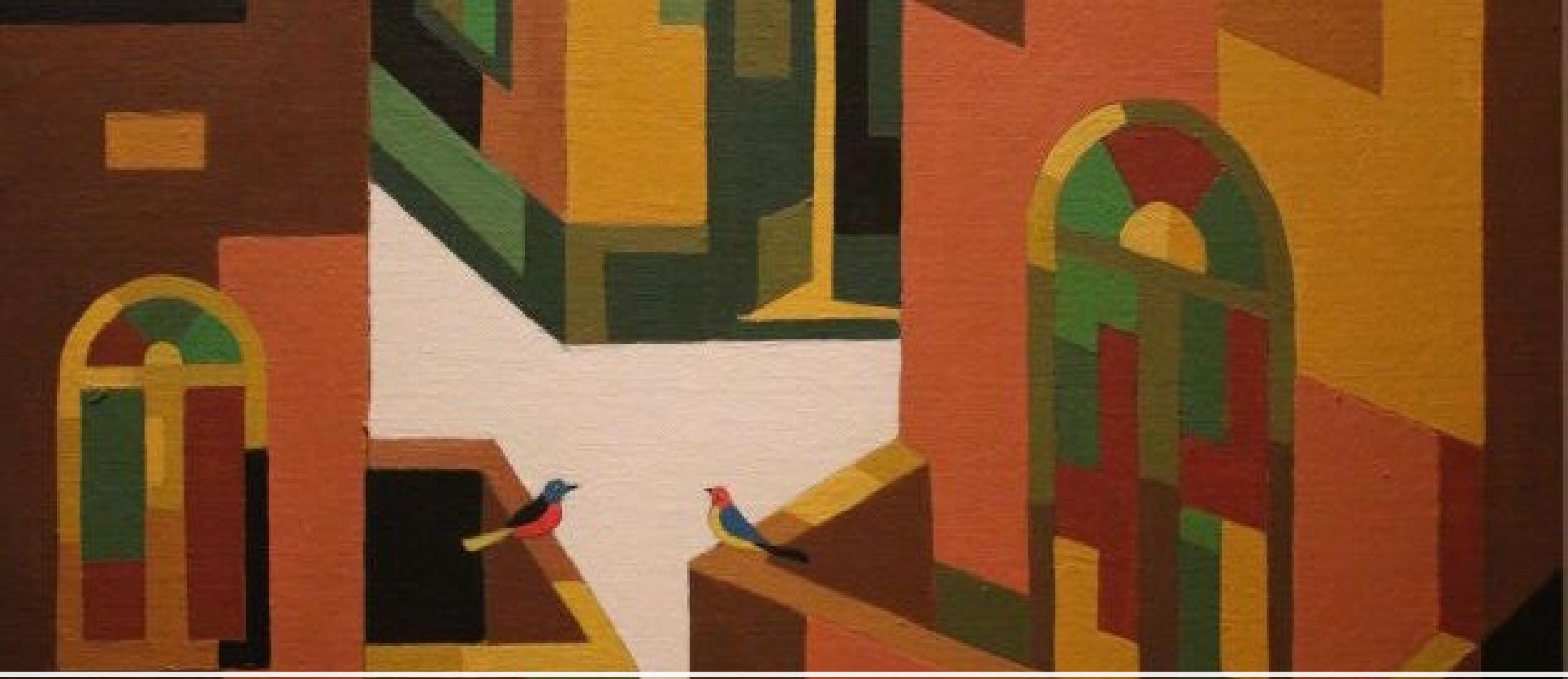
Spiritual care

Can go hand
in hand

Giving time
and space

Praying together
along with family
members

Supporting
staff



Modern spiritual experiences



Education and wisdom



Dance





Love



‘Return of the prodigal son’
Rembrandt

Q&A

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