

the average grant is often small. In some countries, Canada for instance, the principal investigator cannot be paid out of grants. What is left? Contract research perhaps. Some of our last grants came from such non-medical agencies as the Ministry of Labour, pharmaceutical companies, and a Health Promotion Agency. In each case a serious academic question was addressed. Namely, does aluminium cause cognitive impairment? Is post-stroke depression treatable? Is there widespread care-giver grief in the community? It should be noted that these are all clinical questions of contemporary interest. Contract research, nevertheless, has its opponents. In his memoirs, Sir Peter Medawar (1988) totally deprecates the notion as enunciated by Lord Rothschild. It was "... not the proceeding that has given us penicillin, insulin, the discovery of the blood groups, the elucidation of myasthenia gravis, the transplantation of tissue or the discovery of the genetic code. Scientific discovery

cannot be premeditated". Are these the thoughts of hallowed academia? Is contract research really crass? We need to bear in mind that Michelangelo, Mozart, and Wren all did contract work. What price the Sistine Chapel? Are money and the frontal lobe not the twin pillars of civilisation?

So research in psychiatry has changed. It is no longer the vehicle to getting a decent job or the pursuit of monkish scholars. It is done less by doctors and may become mission orientated. But, surely, there will always be poetry. As Browning said, "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp. Or what's a heaven for?"

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Professor Lewis (1965)

Sir Aubrey Lewis Street

The Technology Development Corporation (Adelaide) is delighted to announce the street names selected for the thoroughfares at Science Park Adelaide (SPA), Australia's first Science Park. Of the three main streets at SPA, one will be named after Sir Aubrey Lewis, "a leading South Australian psychiatrist".

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Personal view

Gender dysphoria – an inside view

(Name and address supplied)

Burns *et al* (1990) considered that "core transsexualism" has, as a defining characteristic, a homosexual orientation. This means, of course, homosexual in respect of the original biological sex. This will be examined critically, suggesting areas which merit further research.

I can deal with this topic from both an objective and subjective view. I am a (recently retired) consultant psychiatrist who also happens to be gender dysphoric, and nearing completion of gender reassignment.

Gender dysphoria is ill defined, but encompasses all phenomena in which there is a distinct unease in the