

Possibilities Are a Gift

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Possibilities can also become miracles. When we hope for things we are not sure could be possible but continue to pray that in fact it could happen. For instance a cure for the disease called Alzheimer's. It happens in three stages. First comes forgetfulness compensated by writing lists. Second forgetting recent events and remembering events from long ago. Anxiety increases and personality changes become apparent. Third disorientation and confusion sets in and the afflicted become demanding or docile and helpless.

Since it is preferable to care for a loved one at home, one of the things the family can take advantage of is day care facilities for a much needed break. Unfortunately there is a shortage of suitable places for elderly persons with dementia.

This in essay form doesn't begin to describe the grave nature of this disease. According to an article I read in *The Week Magazine* published December 26, 2014, there could be a possibility that scientists at Stanford University have succeeded in reversing Alzheimer's-like symptoms with a drug that boosts microglia cells that patrol the brain clearing it of bacteria, viruses, and other harmful deposits. The team is now hoping to create a compound that blocks EP2, a protein that stops the aging microglia from operating efficiently — resulting in the damaged nerve cells associated with Alzheimer's. The experiments were done with mice.

There is still hope for the possibilities for a cure someday!