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AIDS: What We All Need To Know
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It had been 18 days since I had last spoken publicly on the AIDS epidemic.

The AIDS Interfaith Council in Houston, Texas was an ad hoc group formed since the beginning of the epidemic, but fit very well with my plans to talk to as many religious bodies as I could about the facts that they should know and it seemed of all the lectures I had given recently the one entitled; "AIDS: What We All Need To Know" was the most appropriate for this group. I had given this same talk to the National Association of Elementary School Principals in San Francisco on April 18th 1988, at the Ford Hall Forum in Boston, MA on March 31st, 1988, and to the National Association of Secondary School Principals in Anaheim, California on March 6th, 1988. It seemed the ideal speech, of those I had recently given, to present to this audience.

In my own presentation copy of the manuscript, the paper of the first two pages is different than that which follows and what I think accounts for the difference here is that I started right in on the subject at hand and did not go through the frequent preliminaries of making connections with the audience and the people who had brought them together. This probably is because of the fact that I did not know any of people responsible for inviting me to address the Interfaith Council.

The reader is referred to the other lectures mentioned and the introductory pages to those lectures. Indexes will be found where appropriate on the previous occasions on which it was delivered.