



The Future of Standards Development in the HITECH Era

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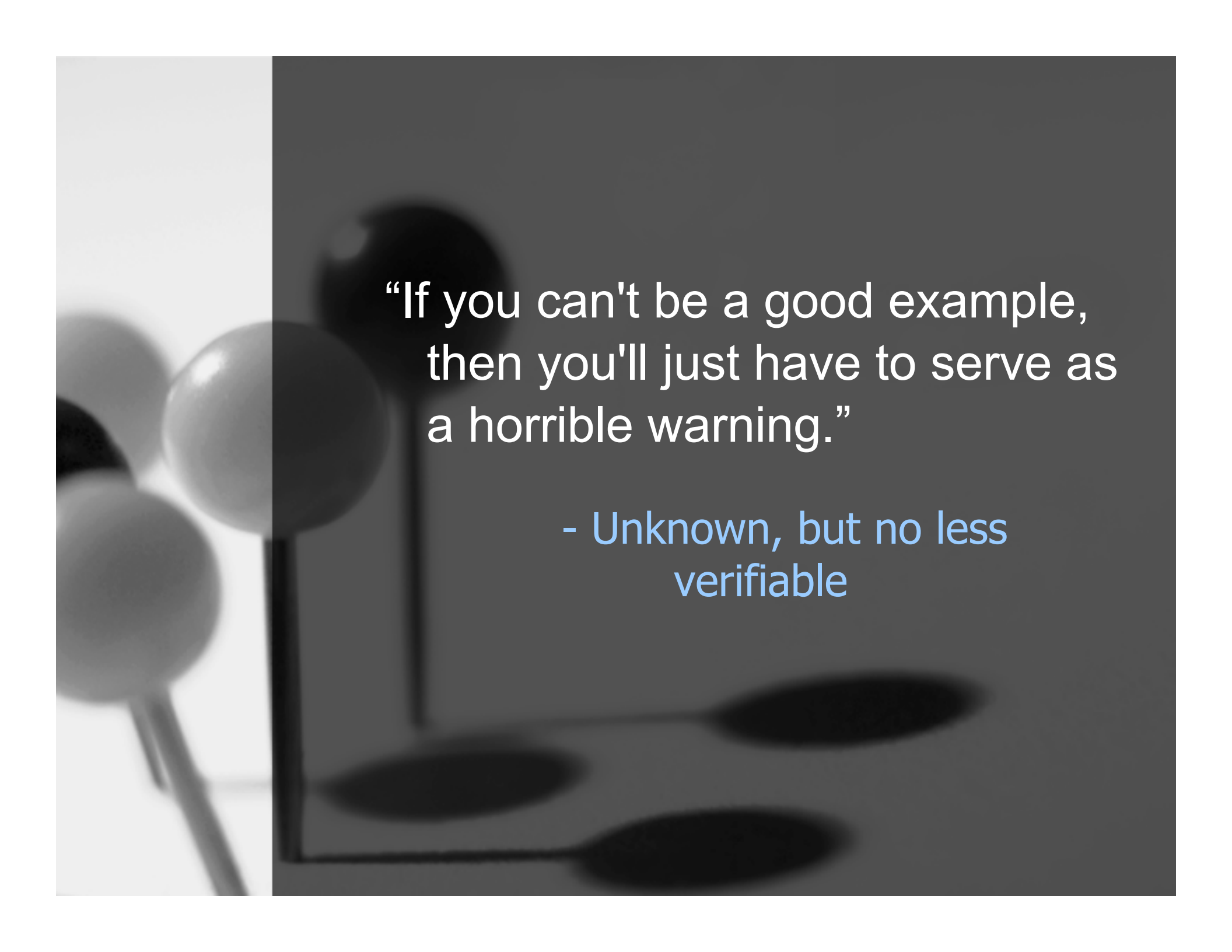
“How much easier it is to be
critical than to be correct.”

- Benjamin Disraeli



HITECH & what I *know* about Standards Development

- Standards and standards development policies will be finalized by December 2009.
- Collaboration among SDOs will be one of the major requirements.
- Standards development will address areas of high priority, including quality measurement and decision support.



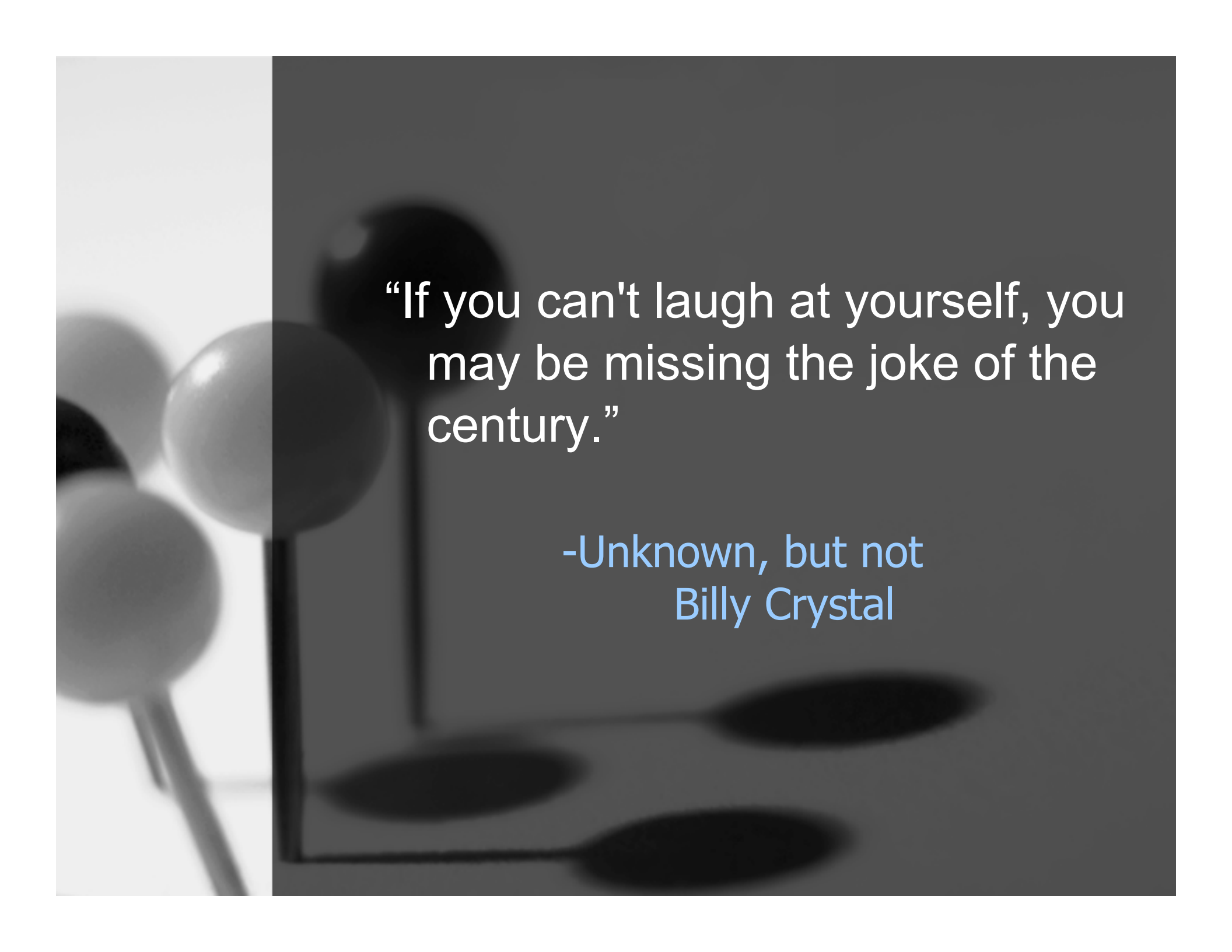
“If you can't be a good example,
then you'll just have to serve as
a horrible warning.”

- Unknown, but no less
verifiable



HITECH & what I *suspect* about Standards Development

- CCHIT will persist in its present form and composition.
- HITSP will exist in some form and with different responsibilities.
- NeHIC will remain influential with a revised charter.
- HL7 will be well represented on the Standards Committee.



“If you can't laugh at yourself, you
may be missing the joke of the
century.”

-Unknown, but not
Billy Crystal



HITECH & what I *hope* about Standards Development

- No one really believes that HIT alone will reform US healthcare.
- Rob Kolodner will remain a driving force in the HIT community.
- The US agencies will rely upon the experiences of other national HIT bodies.
- Emphasis on standards development will not end with HITECH.



Questions?

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