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Health Level Seven International: Unlocking the Power of Health Information

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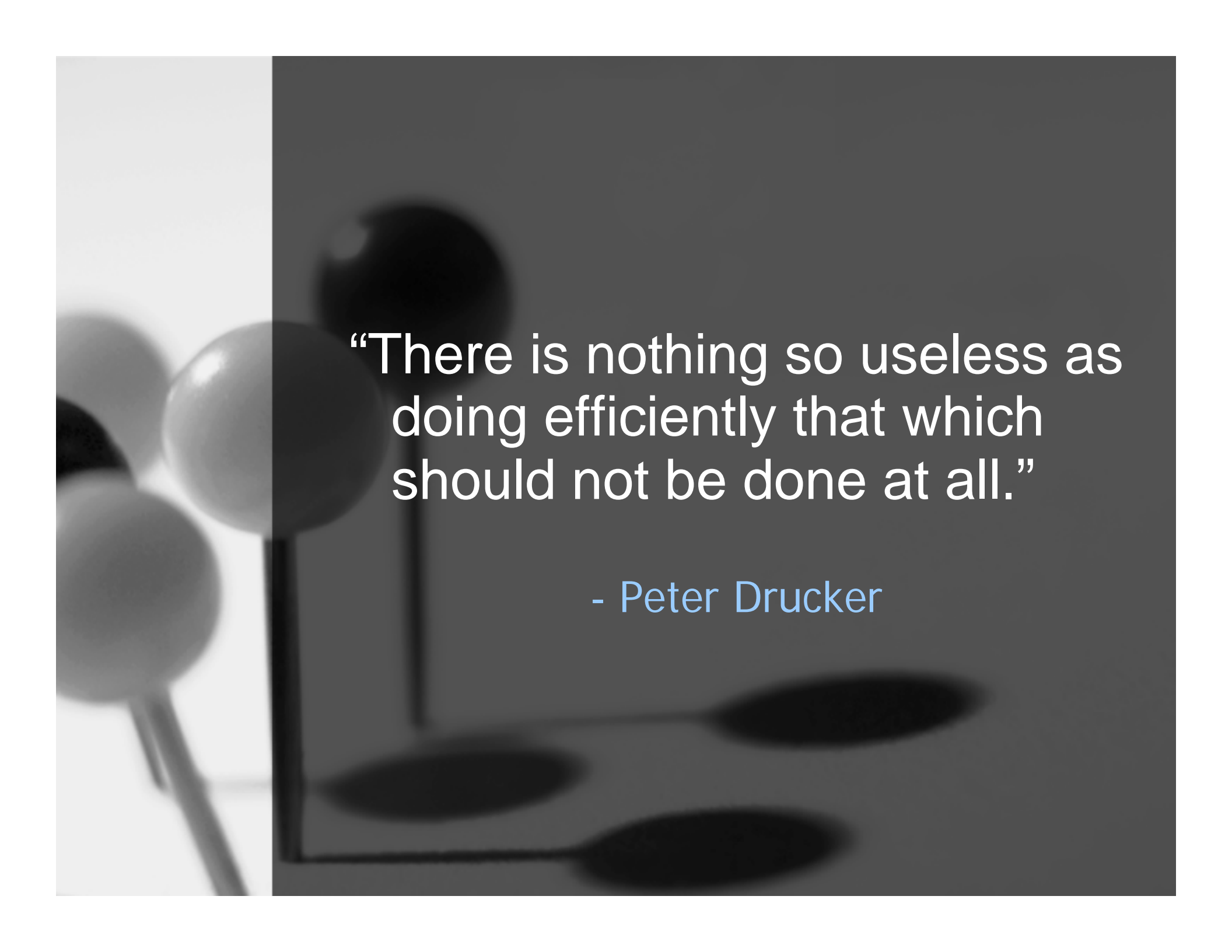


"Nothing will ever be attempted, if all possible objections must *first* be overcome."

- Samuel Johnson

What is Health Level Seven?

- The easy part: a non-profit healthcare standards development organization for over two decades
- The critical parts: consensus driven, ANSI-approved, & Roadmap led
- The valuable part: a collaborator with government agencies, solution providers, end-users and other standards organizations
- And the stuff that makes us unique: truly global & volunteer driven




“There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.”

- Peter Drucker

What standards do we make?

- Messaging standards for exchanging a broad range of healthcare data
- Reference Information Model (RIM): now an ISO standard
- Document standards & the Clinical Document Architecture
- Electronic Health Record System functional model
- Personal Health Record functional model

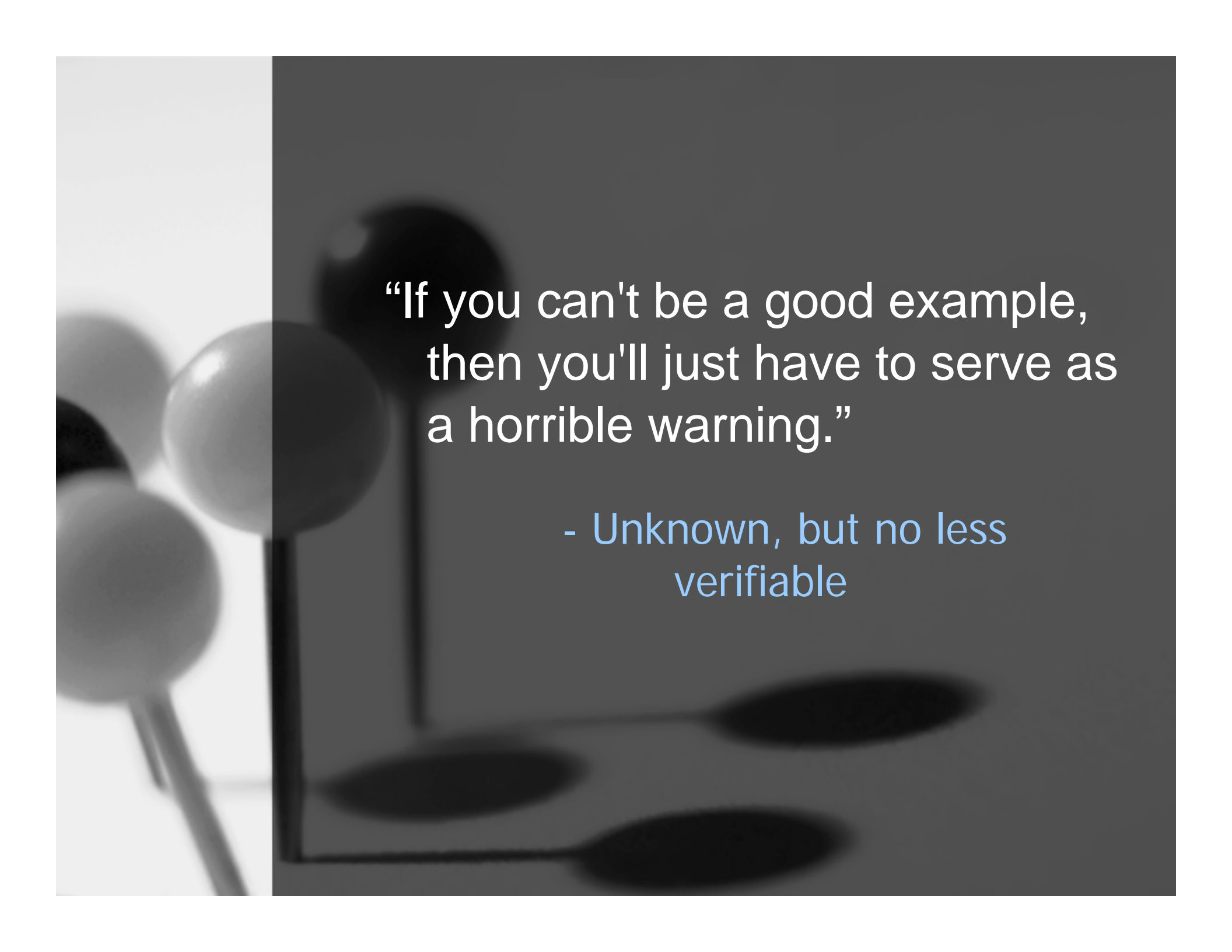


“If you’re doing something the same way for ten years, the chances are you are doing it wrong.”

- Charles Kettering

With whom does HL7 collaborate?

- Government agencies...in the US, like the Office of the National Coordinator, the Department of Defense, as well as the CDC, VA, NIH and FDA
- ...and worldwide
- Solution developers and software vendors
- Other standards developers for lab, devices imaging, clinical and basic research, and the vocabulary developers
- End-users, academic centers & clinical groups

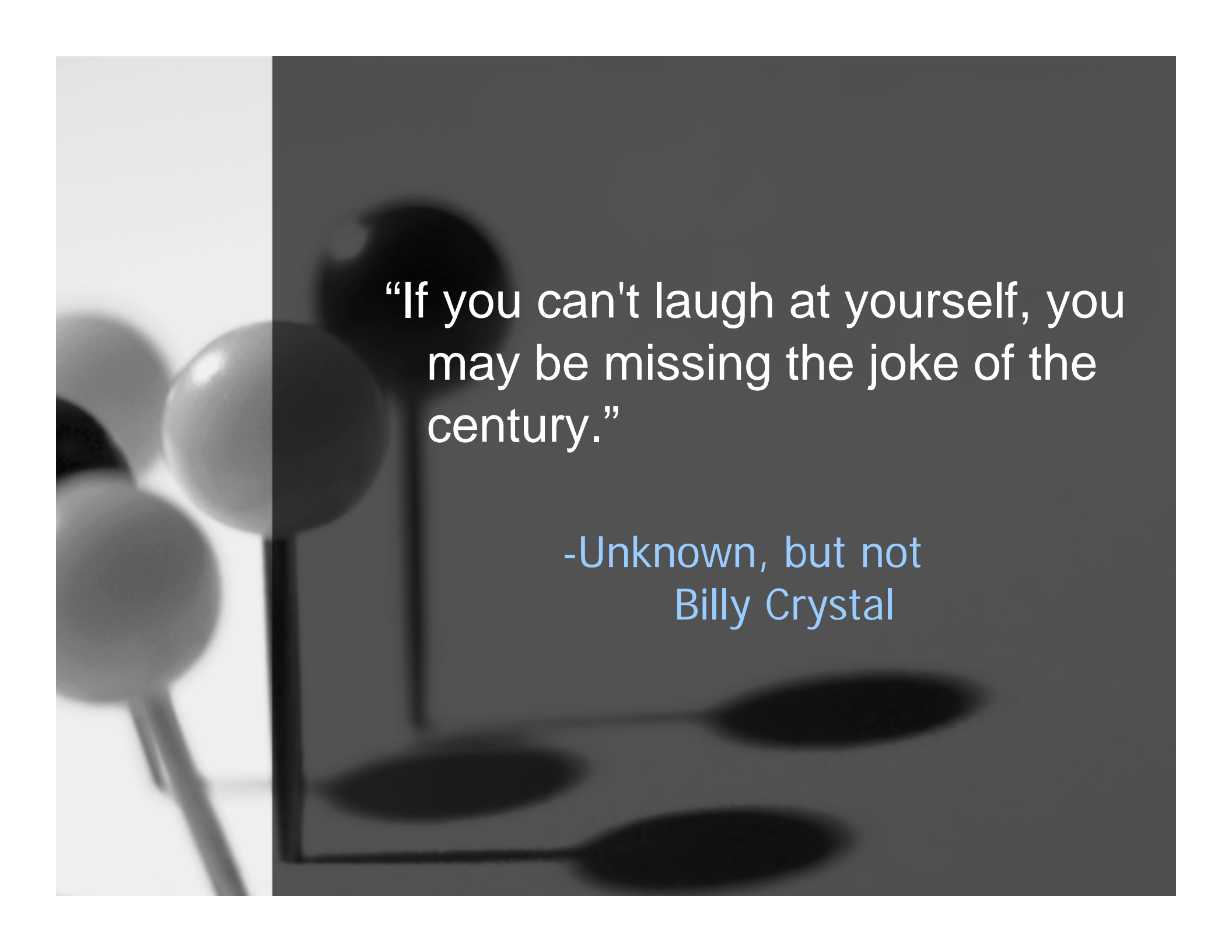


“If you can't be a good example,
then you'll just have to serve as
a horrible warning.”

- Unknown, but no less
verifiable

How does HL7 expand its base of experts?

- Tutorials and workshops at HL7 working group meetings
- Educational Summits held at key academic centers & regional training facilities
- Distance & eLearning programs, provided worldwide and in multiple languages
- University programs to train the next generation of IT leadership
- Capacity building initiatives in cooperation with international organizations
- Outreach programs to clinicians & caregivers



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

-Unknown, but not
Billy Crystal

What's next for HL7?

- Expanded involvement in supporting “meaningful use” and the Interim Final Rule
- Innovative solutions for enhancing existing standards & building the tools to make them better
- Broader collaboration with standards development organizations...
 - in the US (SCO) and
 - in the global community (JIC / ISO)
- International growth, bringing experience, expertise, and shared resources
- Support for the Developing World



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

- Benjamin Disraeli

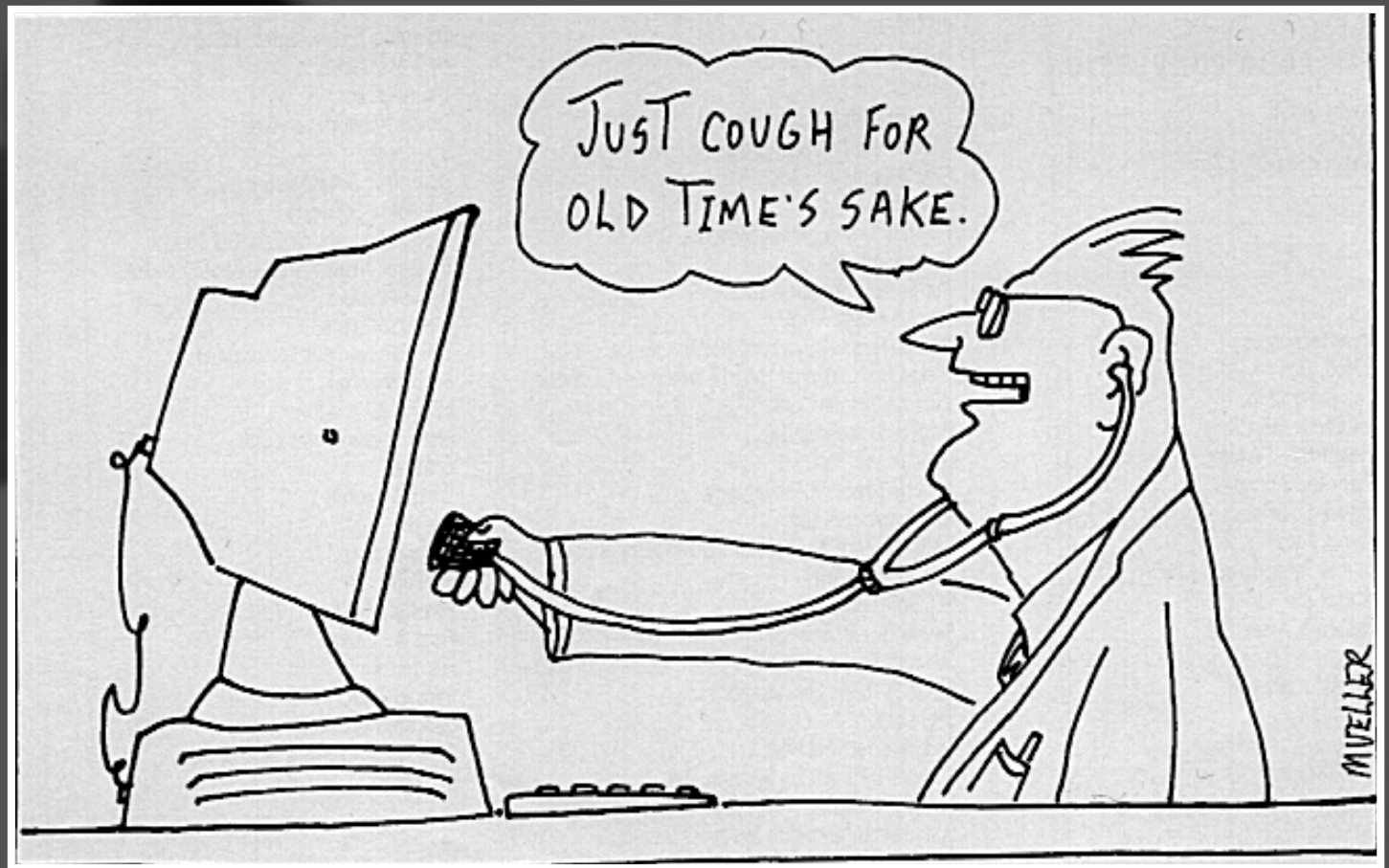


A Closing Thought

“The difference between physicians and pilots is that pilots realize that they have to get into the airplane with the people they care for.”

- Lawrence Weed

Thanks



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