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JANUARY 1

Happy New Year! Really? To quote Julius Caesar, ‘a year older, and no wiser, and the crowds along the Appian Way remain the same.’ That reality seems to me best expressed by David Hume (1750), the only philosopher I really liked; ‘nothing is more surprising than the ease with which the many are governed by the few.’

We are still no nearer to understanding the Wuhan virus. We more or less accept that it came from the Wuhan lab and the target was the nonproductive ill elderly. Whether it’s escape was deliberate or an error, remains unknown. As no government or organization seems prepared to hold anyone to account, it really doesn’t matter.

After it escaped, it was spread deliberately through the world. As there appears to be no penalty for doing so, one wonders when the next one will appear. This was evil, but perfectly understandable. It is the reaction of the rest of the world which was not.

All the experience, and all Western science in the handling of epidemics, which was outlined by WHO in the fall of 2019, was suddenly tossed aside in 2020 by WHO and the CDC. Obviously one had been suborned, but the other? And, with the exception of Sweden, Brazil, and Belarus, why did the rest of the world follow?

Maybe it was simply panic. But the outbreak on the Diamond Princess cruise ship was a perfect laboratory experiment, so we knew the virus was not so deadly. We knew by spring of 2020 that it was the ill elderly who were the targets. So lockdown was counterproductive, making this group more vulnerable, not less. And yet lockdown persists. And mandatory masking in the middle of summer for a seasonal virus, when there were

virtually no deaths, was inexplicable. We knew it made no sense then and a recent study from Denmark has confirmed that.

Even stranger was the banning of drugs which had been shown to be of some value. These were drugs with a long track record and were available over the counter in many countries. Even if they weren't that effective, why criminalize them? I, as an interested doc, only heard about one of these drugs in the summer of 2020. How very odd. Even mention of these drugs will get a post censored.

One doesn't want to overstate the case, but it is starting to sound like the Soviet Union described by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian, and Milan Kundera, the Czech writer, where it is off to the gulag for telling a joke. Victor Hugo (1870), wrote that 'invasion of armies is resisted; the invasion of ideas is not.' One feels that there is something terribly wrong. Maybe the safest thing to do is shut up and follow the example of the Pharisee and 'pass by on the other side.'

But when one wonders what sort of world we will be leaving our children, one has to feel like Goethe (1820). 'Du kannst, denn du sollst.' 'You can, for you must.' So we have to keep trying to see our way out of this disaster.

Q,1. I hear that Vitamin D is useful.

A,1. I hear the same thing. I used to take 1,000 iu per day. But now I hear that in northern countries like Canada we need 4,000 iu per day in the winter, which lasts most of the year. Half an hour in the summer sun gives a similar dose.

Q,2. Should we be afraid to take the vaccine? I'm really confused and conflicted about this.

A,2. If you are under 60 and probably under 70, if you are healthy, I don't see any reason to take the vaccine. Certainly no healthy child needs it.

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‘Strange friend,’ said I. ‘Here is no cause to mourn.’
‘None,’ said the other, ‘Save the undone years,
the hopelessness.’ Wilfred Owen 1918.

The world mismanagement of the Wuhan virus remains a mystery. Several years ago, WHO changed the definition of a Pandemic to ‘a disease present in a whole country or world.’ The word ‘lethal’ was removed. This means that any time, any politician can declare seasonal flu a Pandemic and order a lockdown.

The WHO guidelines in 2019 cautioned against quarantine and mandatory masking. The concept of lockdown was so ludicrous it was not mentioned. In 2020, suddenly everything changed and WHO and the CDC and then the rest of the world began to follow Chinese Communist ideas. WHO has since reverted to the 2019 guidelines, at least regarding the futility and harmful effects of lockdown, but not the rest of the world.

One of the problems is lack of reliable data. The PCR test was used in a manner the developer said it should not be. When run at a 37x multiplier it is practically guaranteed to pick up a piece of a dead virus. So a PCR positive test, which is all the legacy media reports, is meaningless. The only thing worth looking at is the death rate, recognizing that this is also grossly exaggerated. The CDC in America changed the death reporting so that anyone who died with the virus was reported as dying of the virus. They have since admitted to this willful exaggeration.

It is possible to get data from the net. If you look at the excess deaths by year, 2020 is not much different than previous years. If the excess winter respiratory deaths are down one year they will be up the next, as more susceptible people are around.

Similarly if you look at a Gompertz curve of virus deaths in all countries, you really can't tell them apart, other than northern and southern hemispheres. The curves showed no change with lockdown, masking, and the rest. The curve for Sweden with no lockdown is the same and seems to be doing better in the expected winter resurgence than countries with severe lockdown.

Looking at the momentous events of history like WW1, there is a similar pattern. The useless generals ordered young men, the flower of Europe, to charge into machine guns. This was done in the US civil war against the Gatling gun and in the last battle in the Satsuma samurai rebellion in 1877. If interested, see the movie, *The Last Samurai*. So the WW1 generals must have known and yet they ordered it, and Europe died. Art died, poetry died, music died, architecture died, religion died. Hard to believe that even the stupid could be so stupid. But it was surely not planned!

But yet, there is this ongoing lockdown which is destroying the economies of the West. The small businesses are going under never to return.

I was thinking of publishing my posts of last year, after the fashion of Daniel Defoe's book, *Journal of a Plague Year (1722)*, detailing the change from the sense of doom, to hope, to relief that it was over, and then puzzlement when mandatory masking came in when a seasonal virus had passed through and there were no deaths, to disbelief, and then a feeling of despair. I would like to thank those who shared their thoughts of this strange journey. It makes W.B.Yeats sound prophetic,

'Things fall apart; the center cannot hold.

The best lack all conviction, while the worst
are full of passionate intensity.

The darkness drops again,
and the rough beast, it's hour come at last,
slouches to Davos to be born.'

Q.1. A year ago the Canadian government paid off the mainstream media with \$600 million of our tax dollars. I am very concerned that people are unaware of this and are thus believing their distorted stories. There is no real journalism any more.

Q.2. WHO and CDC have recently changed the definition of herd immunity to read 'when a sufficient number of people have been vaccinated.' They are trying to make vaccination mandatory.

Q.3. I listened to the German bacteriologist. Very interesting and very worrying.

Q.4. Bureaucrats, Autocrats, Aristocrats; beware of the crats!

A. All these comments are very true. Dr S is well worth listening to, with considerable concern. He described the problem with blood clots, especially in the brain, induced by the vaccine. It subsequently turned out that he was right. The full history of this has yet to be written. Certainly truth and the legacy media have only a fleeting contact.

JANUARY 15

‘Come let us sit upon the ground and tell sad stories of the death of kings.’ Shakespeare (Richard 11). The winds of change have turned into a hurricane. The voices of dissent are vanishing, leaving an eerie silence.

It is no longer safe to take any position not held by those who control the legacy media. The guillotine is raised or ‘the swords await at the tent door’. Maybe it is time to pack our bags and gently steal away; to find some safe haven and hunker down until the storm has passed. But where and for how long?

The Winter Palace in St. Petersburg was stormed in 1917 ushering in the reign of terror which lasted 70 years, until the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

I was lecturing in Braunschweig, a few clicks from that border, the night the people of East Germany finally had enough and brought down that symbol of monstrous tyranny. About 2 million East Germans came across the border that night. I remember the silence and the profound sense of relief that the long nightmare was over. Francis Fukuyama published a book entitled *The End Of History* in 2014, believing that freedom and democracy would liberate the whole world. Sadly, we were all mistaken.

The lights went out in Rome in AD 455 and the Dark Ages descended. There were some rumblings of freedom with the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215. But it was not until 1700 that the Enlightenment exploded upon the world; that strange concept that each individual was an individual, not part of a hive or a collective.

The Enlightenment has lasted 300 years, a mere blink of an eye in the great sweep of history. In the last decade it has been fading like morning

dew. Then came the virus, a tightly targeted virus which produced an extraordinary response, and it all came crashing down. Kipling wrote,

‘Gone, gone, gone with Thebes the Golden,
don’t tell me now I didn’t give you warning.’

Will the hopes and dreams of the Enlightenment return? Who knows! Stranger things have happened. The West won, against all odds, at Marathon, Actium, Tours, Vienna, and Lepanto. So maybe, as Francis Thompson wrote,

‘is my gloom after all, shade of his hand
outstretched caressingly?’

Q.1. I keep hoping perhaps the populace will one day awaken and see reality. If they don’t, I am rather glad to be the age I am as I won’t see the destruction of all the hopes of the world. My offspring and theirs will, and that saddens me.

A.1. Deus Vult, God willing, sanity and the ideas of the Enlightenment will return. But currently they are missing in action.