

COVID-19 or just waiting here in Limbo!

I'm just sitting here in my limbo waiting to be saved by Big Pharmacy with their \$1 billion vaccine developed for COVID-19.

I am not holding my breath.

I have no faith or belief that "Big" pharm, or government, or charities will solve problems, let alone catastrophes.

Solutions start with a leap-of-understanding by one person, which then builds into a communal solution. Ideas become real in their completeness with contributions from many.

Legionnaires Disease:

In 1976, there was a convention for the American Legion in Philadelphia. More than 2,000 attendees, mostly men, stayed in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Starting three days after the convention had ended and most had returned home, symptoms starting presenting including diarrhea, vomiting, confusion, disorientation, and heart attack symptoms. Within a week 149 conventioners, plus 33 workers, were sick. Of the 189 total cases, 29 would die. The drug of choice was penicillin.

In 1986, my parents flew to Tampa, borrowed my wife's, Lynne, car to check out mobile communities down in Fort Myers area. They stayed in a new hotel in the area. They returned to Tampa Saturday afternoon, and my father was not well during dinner. They flew home to Wilmington DE, by way of Philadelphia airport, on Sunday. He was so ill, he was taken directly to the hospital with fever, vomiting and heart attack-like symptoms.

I had a relationship a doctor for two years, a few years before this, and I called her. Without hesitation, she says get him on Erythromycin (I am certain it was an early penicillin alternative that I was prescribed since I am allergic to penicillin.) I called dad's doctor and he agreed. Monday dad was delirious but by afternoon, his fever broke. Tuesday morning, he was good. The test for Legionnaires took 48 hours and came back positive. He would have been dead, without Erythromycin, if normal protocols were followed.

COVID-19

Who has kept track of the various drugs and treatments administer around the world during this pandemic?

Who has been diligent in making sure all available drugs and treatments have been tried, while we all wait for salvation from the mighty over-drug-lords.

I do not have confidence in any large organization being adaptable in crisis or conflict.

Who has checked the Erythromycin has been tried and failed? Legionnaires Disease and COVID-19 have similarities, but Legionnaires is more aggressive and deadly with only a 48 to 72-hour window to treat.

The options presented for COVID-19 on TV and in the press, place the solution in hands of BIG Pharmacology. But any large corporation, including drug companies, have accounts ding proformas even on life saving, pandemic ending, humanity saving drugs. The bottom-line drives commitment to research

facilities, scientist, personal, and management. Results are then a by-product with a certain success/failure rate. My confidence is not feeling encouraged.

A vaccine for the 1917 Pandemic was never developed and has is still not developed. (Do not let anyone refer this pandemic as the Spanish Influenza. The Spanish had nothing to do with the pandemic. The Great War had started in 1916, but by 1917 as many a third of the soldiers were dying of the influenza. The world press conspired to keep the pandemic from the public. It was the Spanish Free Press that broke the story and was vilified for that.)

There is something wrong when the world is at the mercy of a few decision makers who decide who lives and dies, because of economics and stock prices.

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