

Our Brave New Covid World: An Abuse of Society's Humanistic Soul through a Cult of Fear¹

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At the beginning of Covid we were incredulous (Barber, 2020), later angry at the restrictions perpetrated upon children's education (Barber & Barber, 2020), and now, at last we're catching a glimmer of hope in the escalating push-back as the reports of government and mass-media increasingly fly in the face of research, reason and public opinion. Even the good old BBC, a bastion of the establishment usually solidly behind the party-line, dares the headline: 'Is catching Covid better than more vaccines?' (Gallagher, 2021b, p. 2). The natives are becoming very restless indeed!

Much material has lately appeared to confirm our original contention that this so-called pandemic is, at very least, a hysterical overreaction, and that vaccinations are a very risky business indeed. Thankfully dissenters are no longer in the shadows grouped with conspiracy theorists, as ever more solidly researched texts emerge: Corona Virus False Alarm? Facts and Figures (Reiss & Bhakdi, 2020); 'The real science behind why Covid vaccines are destroying organ function: dangers of the spiked proteins' (Otto et al., 2021); Covid: The Politics of Fear and the Power of Science (Sieges, 2020). You can no longer pretend that anti-vaxxers are crazy, or that vaccine side-effects are myths spread by conspiracy theorists when eminent pro-vaxxers come forward to join the dissenting throng. Pray step this way.

As humanists alert to human rights and freedoms, we write to correct the imbalance we see institutionalised propaganda as producing. Yet even though mystical realism of the bad sort is being perpetuated by all-too-many governments, we do not support violent upheaval akin to the Bolshevik Revolution, as this often fills the remaining power-gap with something far worse. Conversely, non-violent civil disobedience, we believe, is fully justified when a population is subject to unjust laws. Raising awareness is key. When human consciousness expands – especially when imbued by humanism – the authority of government becomes secondary.

In service of 'informed consent', we will take you on a journey through the imposition of socialised fear, a review of the Covid story to date (as of late summer 2021 – ed.), and onwards to an intensive research review of the damage that vaccines are currently inflicting upon us, and finally to a more poetic celebration of our humanistic soul.

A Seeding of Control through Fear – The Whole Sorry Story to Date

Herman Goering, when asked by G.M. Gilbert (collecting testimony during the Nuremburg trials) how it was possible to sustain public support for war in Germany, which had barely recovered from the First World War, replied:

Why, of course, the people don't want war. Why would some poor slob on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best that he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece. [...] But, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy or a fascist dictatorship or a Parliament or a Communist dictatorship [...]. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country. (Gilbert, 1947)

Is there a lesson here for modern times?

Coronaviruses have co-existed alongside us for many years. They have long been recognised as responsible for 15–30 per cent of respiratory infections, most asymptomatic (Roussel et al., 2020), with fatality primarily in the elderly due to pre-existing illness. Two members of the coronavirus family have mainly concerned us in the past: SARS virus in 2003 (Kelvin et al., 2013) and MERS-CoV in the Middle East in 2012 (de Groot et al., 2013). The contagiousness of each being low, they were rapidly brought under control. What's so very different this time around?

Did the Chinese government panic and the world follow suite? After all, China circled Wuhan and five other cities with the army, reporting 83,000 infected people – though only 5,000 died out of a population of 1.4 billion. Either lockdown worked, or the virus was not so deadly after all!

Covid next flared up in Northern Italy, where the media reported 'countless dead' and 'war-like conditions' (Newey, 2020). Other outbreaks in Italy were far less virulent, but irresponsible reporting fanned the flames. The statistics published were so improbable, they caused virologist Professor John Oxford to observe:

Personally, I would say the best advice is to spend less time watching TV news which is sensational and not very good. Personally, I view this COVID outbreak is akin to a bad winter flu. We are suffering from a media epidemic! (Oxford, 2020, online)

It is interesting to note that this supposedly deadly pandemic left 50 per cent of those infected with no symptoms (Tara, 2020). The press ignored this, along with the comparison of flu killing up to 650,000 per year (WHO, 2017), and reported the numbers who died while ignoring the numbers who recovered – thus fuelling more panic. Masks and lockdowns quickly became the norm, yet cases were proven to rapidly drop when masks were removed (Schow, 2021); moist paper masks, after all, are excellent breeding grounds for infections. The scene was now set. Contracting Covid was associated in the public mind with a 'death sentence', and scaring the population rapidly became a prime news agenda, with research or reason to the contrary being ignored.

Prior to 2009, pandemics had to meet three criteria: a pathogen must be new; it must spread across continents rapidly; and it must cause serious and fatal disease. If this definition had remained, it is doubtful, without the media hype, whether Covid would have qualified as a 'pandemic'; but pressure from WHO's major financiers, the pharmaceutical industry, encouraged them in 2010 to simplify the above criteria to: 'The worldwide spread of a new disease' (Doshi, 2011).

With regard to mortality, statistics were severely criticised early in the game (Beals, 2020). As one statistical review noted, it is a case of 'fear versus data' (Roussel et al., 2020). A major perpetrator of panic, the World Health Organisation, now accepts that if you are under 75 with no pre-existing illness, you have a less than 0.1 per cent chance of dying if you contract Covid. Was it worth abusing human rights, curtailing civil freedoms, causing a pandemic of suicides and depressions (Wang et al., 2020) and closing shop on the world for this? Fear, misinformation and design likely all played their part.

Yet fear-mongering continues. Recently as we write, the UK government was accused of manipulating the public by 'fear-bombing people over the Indian variant, then love-bombing the vaccine roll-out, using carrot and stick to drive vaccine take-up' (Rayner & Halligan, 2021). In

recent years, we survived Bird flu, Swine flu and Ebola, outbreaks which could all have been stoked up to the level of Covid – but weren't. As for the erosion of civil rights by draconian government, with lockdowns and all, what the Nazis failed to do via a world war, we Brits seem to be inflicting on ourselves! Then as now, Germany shows the way. In their German case study Drs Reiss and Bhakdi (2020) spotlight the errors of governments one and all, namely:

- proclaim an epidemic without a factual basis:
- deprive citizens of their rights;
- make arbitrary rather than evidencebased decisions;
- intentionally spread fear;
- enforce senseless lockdown and mask wearing;
- devastate the economy, destroying livelihoods:
- inflict immense suffering upon the populace.

To make matters worse, many medical authorities identify the attempted cure through masks, isolation and vaccination to be far worse than the disease (Open Letter, 2020). Several governments, consequently, are facing lawsuits on this very matter (Exposé, 2021).

Morbidity is another contention. Observe the glaring absence of 'reported flu deaths', Covid apparently consuming these along with other immune-deficiency conditions exacerbated by old age (Bhakdi, 2021; Schwalbe, 2020). The true cause of death is always the disease or condition that triggers a lethal chain of events: if someone suffering end-stage cancer contracts Covid-19, the cause of death remains cancer, but this basic medical rule was all too often statistically breached (Reiss & Bhakdi, 2020; Knapton, 2021). A case in point – of 29,135 Covid deaths registered in Romania until April 2021 (Statistica, 2021), only 227 were admitted by the Minister of Health to have died of Covid alone without aggravating prior conditions (RAPORT, 2021). Another intriguing feature is that if you test positive, you can end up being registered 'Covid positive for life', to sooner or later be attributed 'a Covid death' (Yoon & Heneghan, 2020). Obviously viral deaths will for ever more continue to soar frighteningly! We also wonder how vaccine-induced variants now swell the existing figures?

The unreliability of testing for Covid (Drake, 2020; FDA, 2020) and its similarity to flu (Bia, 2021) have caused many to doubt its very existence! Until virologists isolate Covid-19 in the lab, conspiracy theories will abound. Regarding the grandfather of all conspiracy theories – 'the lab origin of Covid' – this has recently returned to haunt us. Dr Anthony Fauci, an original denier, is now saving it must be investigated (Pierson, 2021), while the WHO is busy recruiting specialists to research the same (Joseph, 2021). Perhaps they've read Dr Lee Merritt's research, isolating a genetically modified component of HIV in Covid-19 which allows it to hook itself on to us? She exclaims, "...we should not even be arguing that this came out of a lab. It definitely came out of a lab.' (Merritt, in Otto et al., 2021)

Further raising the spectre that Covid-19 was a 'plan-demic', an investigative report by a consortium of French Army Officers drew links between The Gates Foundation and the WHO. 5G, population and governmental control, vaccination and bribes. This report, supported by an exhaustive 229-page research review, concluded: 'The Covid-19 pandemic appears to have troublingly been "foreseen" by apparently prophetic global powers – including representatives of the military industrial complex, governments, pharmaceutical giants and shadowy "philanthropy" organisations' (Harrison, 2020). Little was said about this in the media, but when Dr Scott Jensen, Senator of Minnesota, put on record via Fox News that 'Hospitals receive as much as 13,900 dollars for every patient they register as Covid-19. For every death resulting from Covid-19, that amount is tripled: 30,900 USD' (Jensen, 2020) conspiracy theory began to slide into fact. We know some Romanian GPs are offering a hundred pounds to poor folk in the provinces to take the vaccine, and we've already reported monetary incentives for reclassification of those otherwise dead to Covid deaths (Barber & Barber, 2020).

So, what keeps the Covid show on the road – money? What is conspiracy theory today seemingly all too regularly shades into truth tomorrow!

We are at a tipping-point. Granted, conspiracy theories abound and we can't believe all we read; but let's not wander into the territory of Holocaust deniers by refuting sound research off-hand. It's too early to see clearly just yet, but nevertheless, the smoke is thinning and the mirrors are beginning to crack!

Lighting a Time Bomb through Vaccinations – A Research Review

Paramount to abuse of humanistic principles and civil rights are the controversies of compulsory vaccinations and vaccine passports. And for what purpose? Emerging evidence suggests that Covid vaccinations will not save us but, rather, will push us deeper into trouble (Reiss & Bhakdi, 2020; Stieber, 2021a, b). Many authorities are united that Covid vaccinations do not prevent infection and don't save lives but. rather, pose a potent risk (Jiang, 2020; Barney, 2020; BMJ, 2020) – especially to cardio-vascular health (Yuang et al., 2021). Experts supporting vaccination freely admit people will still develop, and potentially spread, a more dangerous variant of Covid-19, post-vaccination (Moyer, 2018), as vaccinations force a virus to mutate to survive! Goodbye herd immunity! Note the outbreaks of multiple variants following vaccination. Not so surprising when governments committed the worst virological sin of all – vaccinating at the height of a pandemic when mutations would most likely be stimulated. Not that they help. In a recent outbreak, some 75 per cent of fully vaccinated people swelled numbers (cf. Stieber, 2021a).

Vaccinated persons are also attacked more vociferously by variants than the unvaccinated, and as official figures from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention show us, three quarters of those dying from Covid are among the fully vaccinated (CDC, 2021). Not only do Covid vaccinations defy the term 'vaccination' in this way, but they were never even tested as to whether they saved lives (Doshi, 2020). Yet the

momentum for vaccine passports proceeds, and 2nd, 3rd and 4th boosters are being implemented, irrespective of effectiveness or the creation of even more variants. Are money and control being given preference over health?

Some say we are being used as guinea pigs in a mass uncontrolled animal experiment by Big Pharma (Bhakdi, 2021); that *we* are the research! Sadly, it is hard to refute this charge. Rushed-through mRNA and DNA vaccines are very different from established ones, as they do not contain weakened or killed viruses but, rather, a blueprint for 'an imagined component of the COVID-19 pathogen' (Langer et al., 2013). What, pray, might this do long-term in a human body? Cultivate auto-immunity? We'll return to this later.

But why such irresponsibility? Because our vaccination programmes have the status of 'an experiment', the drugs involved don't need full approval, which allows for the absence of safety mechanisms such as a 'critical event committee', a 'safety monitoring board' or an 'ethics monitoring board' (McCullough, in Otto et al., 2021). Clever legal loop-hole stuff, all this, don't you think? We repeat – it is common knowledge that vaccination is ineffective, but it still goes on. One survey found that 9,245 Americans postinjection were re-infected, of which 132 died (Stieberg, 2021a); and another that nearly 60 per cent of hospitalised Covid-19 patients in Israel (arguably the most multi-vaccinated of populations) were fully vaccinated (Carbajal, 2021). Many say we would have been better off relying on 'natural immunity' (Bhandari, 2021), then frustrating our biological self-protection through masks, isolation and ineffective vaccinations. Recently the BBC reported research in which the common cold virus was found to eliminate the Covid virus (Gallagher, 2021a, p. 1)! Couple this with a real-world study conducted by Israeli researchers that found that previous Covid infection confers better protection against infection and hospitalisation than vaccinations, and Nature does indeed seem to know best.

Treating Covid in a time-honoured medical way may also have sufficed. But governments seem

so obsessed with vaccination and social control as to actively suppress alternative cures, such as hydroxychloroquine, budesonide, ivermectin and hydrogen peroxide – which have all been shown to be, at the very least, a prophylaxis (Life Site, 2021). Professor Peter McCullough, a leading epidemiologist and cardiologist, in his address to the Texas State Senate and Human Services Committee, made a plea to let the medical community know that by treating Covid cases early, we can reduce hospitalisations by 85 per cent:

Now I can't come out and say this on national TV today or any time [...] But, what we have learned over the time is that we could no longer communicate with government agencies. We actually couldn't even communicate with our propagandised colleagues in major medical centres, all of which appear to be under a spell, almost as if they are hypnotized right now [...] I think when the doctors wake up from their trance, they are going to be shocked to think what they have done to people. (Exposé, 2021)

McCullough emphasises that trials were proven legitimate and documentation verified, yet censorship was still orchestrated to prevent his findings getting out! Ignoring, for a moment, the cash incentives of 'Big Pharma', having gone so far down the road, are the official perpetrators of vaccination and lockdown also rubbishing other approaches in order to cover their original mistakes?

If all this weren't enough, the key inventor of mRNA vaccine, Dr Robert Malone, is on record as challenging lack of transparency regarding vaccine side-effects. He is pro-vaccination himself, but considers the withholding of side-effects information to be unethical, especially the true number of cardio-vascular complications — which he says are 20 per cent higher than reported! Censorship, which he has personally experienced, is widespread, he says, in most medical and research quarters. Consequently, public health officials are forced to make claims on a best-guess basis (Malone, 2021). So here it is — straight from the horse's mouth!

Untested vaccinations are potentially dangerous, and government conspiracy makes them more dangerous still. Shooting the gene of a virus into your body not only stimulates new variants (Harris, 2021), but can seed an auto-immune reaction – where the body attacks itself! Listen to the experts:

The majority of healthy individuals have killer lymphocytes that recognise viral products (Zumach, 2017). It is inevitable that autoimmune attacks will be mounted against the cells. Where, when, and with which effects this might occur is entirely unknown. But the prospects are simply terrifying. (Reiss & Bhakdi, 2020)

Accidental genocide is seriously muted by these authors! Human guinea pigs pressured into injections of DNA and mRNA were never informed of these risks, nor that gene-based vaccinations encoding the spike-protein of a virus had never been approved for human use, nor undergone any pre-clinical testing, nor monitoring for long-term effects – as is normally required by international regulations. It is also no secret that Big Pharma has total immunity from compensation claims post-Covid vaccination (Sigalos, 2020). Talk about a licence to get away with murder! But be warned, those employers who impose vaccination: for although the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration and their like have suspended the reporting of Covid shot reactions, no doubt fearful of compensation claims, they accept that employees affected may still sue under compensation or civil personal injury laws (OSHA, 2021). We find this heartening, though when trying to enter a Society for Human Resource Management site entitled 'COVID-19 Vaccines and Employer Liability', Microsoft refused us entry! We guess we are on to something here that somebody wants to keep secret?

In recent months, the effects of spike proteins have especially occupied the limelight. Professor Byram Bridle, another enthusiastic pro-vaxxer, makes the point that 'several peer-reviewed research papers in respected scientific journals' are proving the spike protein, planted in vaccinations to stimulate an immune response to Covid, leads to blood clotting and cardiovascular

disorders. Previously, the assumption was that spike proteins would stay in the shoulder muscles or local lymph nodes, but recent studies show they get into the blood stream to accumulate in our spleen, bone marrow, liver, adrenal glands and ovaries. Entering blood, they do one of two things: combine with platelets to clump, or cause bleeding. That's why we have so many heart problems and vascular disorders, post vaccination. Bridle notes that they've also crossed the blood-brain barrier, causing cerebral clots and neurological disorders, even entering breast milk to cause gastro-intestinal disorders in babies. He wisely cautions against blood transfusions from the vaccinated, fearful of the effect on fragile people and infants. He confesses: '...we made a very big mistake in thinking the spike protein was a great target antigen to protect against Covid, not realising until now that it was itself a toxin' (Bridle, 2021, p. 1).

So far we have only seen short-term effects. Long term, we fear the effects of vaccines and variants will slow-kill far more than Covid itself has done. Personally, we feel safer meeting carriers of Covid-19 than newly vaccinated individuals who, for approximately 3–4 weeks post-vaccination, can transmit mutated strains or spike proteins (Delaney, 2021; Harris, 2021). One authority has already called for the vaccinated themselves to be guarantined (Love, 2021). We also wonder why the take-up of vaccination is so low in Japan (1.1 per cent) (Einhorn & Einhorn, 2021), and why the vaccinated there are forbidden to give blood. Could they have possibly known about the effects of spike protein long before us, and acted accordingly?

Why does the link between 'vaccination' and variants escape media attention? The research is out there. Yet put this in your search engines, and little or nothing comes up! The WHO, with its myopic vision, is still busy monitoring the effects of variants on the efficacy of Covid-19 vaccines, meanwhile ignoring how vaccines themselves stimulate variants! So much is leaking out now. The afore-mentioned Professor McCullough explains that there are two whistle-blowers inside the Collection Management

System (CMS), one inside the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), from whom he has learnt that 50,000 Americans have died from vaccination – far more than from Covid alone (Exposé, 2021). Put all the pieces together and many ask: 'Are we being systematically culled?' This suspicion has raised strong feelings in the medical community:

Do we not have the ghost of Mengele stalking our world today? Anthony Fauci is a scion of his like. This 'doctor' has been hard at work researching how to kill and maim humans with altered viruses. But there are thousands of other 'doctors' alive and breathing who should not be. They have sold out their sacred calling to care, to heal, to comfort. (Mumby, 2021)

What say you, dear reader?

Will the public ever be privy to the truth with learned papers and discussion being removed daily from Google, Facebook, Twitter, Apple and Amazon, and with essential facts being treated as un-newsworthy by the mass media? Some references we've attempted to use in this article have, likewise, mysteriously vanished from the web. How much longer will perverse censorship prevent a balanced assessment of vaccination? It appears we live in a dictatorship with a veneer of democracy! Perhaps it was always so. In terms of the erosion of civil rights, even the WHO is now changing its tune with regard to proof of vaccination to travel. Dr Mike Ryan (Executive Director of the WHO), no less, is on record as saying that vaccine passports are unjustified for fear of 'personal freedoms or human rights being impeded' (Ryan, 2021). Is a major perpetrator becoming remorseful? Or does the WHO sense a backlash coming their way?

Consider the wider story so far. Cynically speaking, Big Pharma has got itself quite a business plan! Re-classify pandemics, thus making them less rarefied; spend small fortunes building medico-political support via free lunches etc.; pour cash into viral research, and then when a suitable candidate comes along, declare a 'pandemic'; when the inevitable happens under a cloak of mounting panic, bring out vaccinations, not forgetting to blackmail governments into signing-off your culpability for

side-effects so that you can't be sued. Now all is set. You can officially treat with lame experimental vaccinations over-and-above existing legal safeguards and law, encourage vaccination at the peak of a pandemic when variants are most likely to be produced, and keep on treating the variants that ensue with evermore experimental vaccine shots ad nauseam. Hey presto – you create a licence to print money with nil responsibility and spotlessly clean hands! This is just too good than to have happened by accident – surely?... Did someone give fate a helping hand? It is not just us who are cynical.

Upon the streets here in Romania, unrest is brewing as we write (late summer 2021). Defiance of government abounds, as ever fewer don masks and conversation steers repeatedly towards the side-effects of vaccination, with early menopause, infertility, skin eruptions, blood-clotting and death being casually reported. On the net, videos are circulated showing skin magnetising effects post-vaccination and microscopic black particles wriggling upon newly purchased masks. With a rich history of political corruption behind us, faith in governance and politicians has sunk to an alltime low. In the vein of 'the bastards were always out to get us anyway', the pandemic is viewed by some as a global crime providing world dictatorship via a manufactured sanitary excuse, or yet a means of de-population. The more religious see the hand of 'The Beast' at play and the coming of 'Apocalypse'. Whatever one's persective, history is nevertheless full of examples of pandemics being incubators of social unrest and reliable portents of change.

How many governments will fall as a consequence of their Covid measures? Normopaths and the parties they support are under immense pressure. In the United States, your support or not of vaccination has bearing upon whether you align yourself with the Democrats or Republicans (Nash, 2021). The rulers or the ruled! Covid is, was, and has remained political with a huge capital 'P'!

Where Are We Now? – A Personal Summation

The extended interview 'A manufactured illusion', conducted between Drs David Martin and Reiner Fuellmich on 9 July 2021 (Martin & Fuellmich, 2021), underwrites and verifies everything we are pointing towards in this article, showing as it does that: registered patents with accompanying (publicly verifiable) numbers at the patents office show Covid to be of laboratory origin; the Covid vaccine was produced *before* the virus; there is proof of Anthony Fauci's and WHO's involvement, and proof of the spike protein being added by Big Phama, and of the money involved; in other words, irrefutable evidence of conspiracy to defraud for commercial gain.

On the positive side, however, we intuit and believe that a social awakening is underway. Ever more people are saying 'no' to Covid passports, as governments and their ill-prepared advisors come under increasing scrutiny, and as legal actions and street protests escalate. In respect of global warming, many already suspect that the whole cultural premise of Western Society, with Economy as its God, is ultimately a failing power structure. The time has never been riper for a seed change.

Shamans speak of 'dreamtime' – a space between worlds where we can actively shape reality. Lily, our 7 year-old daughter, said: 'Perhaps we've always really been in heaven dreaming ourselves down here on Earth. Or maybe we are God's dreams, God dreaming himself as us.' Who are we to argue that God is not enshrined in our higher selves? Lily's vision gives more hope than a raft of learned papers. It reminds us to have faith. Quantum physics throws up the metaphor of a butterfly flapping its wings in Brazil contributing to a tornado in Texas! Small things contributing to the birth of big things. We may personally feel small and powerless, but our gentle individual interconnected actions can nevertheless reach levels of unimaginable influence. Humanism and humanists – we dare suggest – are best placed to guide us soulfully towards massaging this catalytic shift in consciousness.

During the First World War, posters were issued by government showing children sitting comfortably by a glowing domestic fireside, asking: 'What did you do during the Great War, daddy?' When the truth finally emerges from this Covid pantomime, what will you say to your kin when they ask, 'What did you do during the Covid Wars?'. Will you say, 'I believed unquestioningly everything the television and government told me, had my vaccinations, and wore my face-nicker with pride'? Hopefully not!

Inaction in the face of fear seeds doubt and helplessness; action breeds confidence and fuels courage. Never under-estimate peaceful change. Remember that a mass outbreak of 'peace', coupled with civil action in the UK, in the shape of the Aldermaston Marches and Civil Nuclear Disarmament in the 1950s and 60s, drove the atomic bomb from UK shores (Ruddock, 1987). Can a similar feat not be repeated? Perhaps all we can do right now is to travel inwards, lift our vibration and stoke up a critical spiritual mass? History is, after all, as Hegel put it, 'the medium of Spirit's becoming – in and within time. It cannot be but good.' So, at the very least, you wait as we wait, gently and lovingly showing who we are, walking and talking our humanistic truths – beings in becoming.

We call back on the world, though at present we find ourselves at a loss with the world since Janus, the God of our time, has again changed face and character! Sturdy old frames of the social construct around us have been deconstructed. Known reputed values have been reconsidered and deemed as useless. Solid science overlooked as obsolete and biased. Trust turned into paranoia. Old human alliances of thought and principle have been broken – as if nothing. And Nothing became Something as West became East, and the old inveterate badness turned around to reappear in our story as the new goodness! Friends of yore have not been seen or heard for so long now. They are floating still in the realm of Innocence, while we have fallen in the harsh splendour of Reality.

The wind blows from elsewhere nowadays. Is it blowing from Asia, sweeping through the Western world? Certainly not the other way

around. Does it even matter? On an historic scale, it's just another experiment given to human nature to grow, in spite of, or through, or from...; it's just another paradigm shift, another level broken, another house roof that has been set on fire. A new needed shift in the collective consciousness.

Who are we, now that the tide has turned? Two humanists in the midst of something which is, at its roots, non-humanistic, two scientists caught in a new model of a 'merry' science, two witnesses in the control lot of a huge-scale experiment of social control, the experimental lot of which is numbering old friends and relatives.... We move slowly towards what will be, treading softly through what is, lest we should awake the dozy Spirit of the old world around us.

And since the social contract between State and individuals has been trespassed, we fear we might have become two citizens of no country.

Just as the two of us have done, you too have given up your right of governing yourself, and together we have allowed and nominated a group of wise skilled people to govern over us, on the condition that they would have our welfare as the guiding light. We have all put our trust in this social contract, depriving ourselves of the autonomy that we could have claimed as sovereign entities. Hadn't we trusted our leaders to rule wisely and with justice over us within a fair social structure and under the rule of law, social contracts would not have been philosophically feasible, and would have easily fallen into the Tartarus of ethical scandals.

We gave them the right to rule over us but they have betrayed us. They have trespassed grossly and overtly so that it would be obvious to all, from Brahma to the last leaf of grass. The sociopolitical pact between State and citizens has been broken through one side's betrayal – hence our moral conscience as sovereign beings is declaring the contract null and void. We thus regain our autonomy.

What to do with this new freedom over ourselves; and how far does it stretch? Oh, we still pay our taxes! It is our good habit to give Caesar what belongs to Caesar. We are not planning to start revolutions to bring down to earth this damned group of moral suicidals who are the leaders of this world! We haven't so far got out in the streets to join the protesters. We shan't burn down or blow away the parliaments of the old world. But we do not buy their petproducts any more. Or take their fake science as truth. We do not give more into collective representations before proper analysis. No more paying tribute to trends. No more admiration for the pop-culture stars, for the beauty of the photo models. No more shape without a depth of essence. No more belief without interrogation. No more knowledge without proper doubt. No acceptance for what is illogical, anticommonsense and indecent, though it comes highly recommended from the official providers of truth. When some of the good minds of humankind have been warped so easily under the pressure of fear-mongering, of altered science reported through corrupted media, and some of our fellow psychologists and therapists have used their skills in favour of the highest bidder of the day, it is for good solid reason that this huge betrayal of our time has accredited us as independent thinkers for life. Through our own wakefulness, we hope to hold in balance the doziness of many.

The collective field of energy is very dense right now. And crude. Humankind is vibrating low. As a species, we are at present in the throes of fear, and not in our loving, beautifully emanating essence of world creators. That creative essence is past... and future? Present day is dark. The caterpillar has to die for the butterfly to emerge. It seems imperative to kill off this density in our collective psyche for a new level of consciousness to be touched. The old level was the form which created Covid, both microbe and social reaction; may it soon be burnt so that we could soar beyond this beast. May we soon discover we are made of firmer stuff. May we realise that we are the agents and not the victims of our becoming, may we start to take responsibility for self and all, and may we relearn to pray.

Who are we now in the ever-changing web of all things? It seems we'd been gathering momentum

throughout our lives so far, in order to be present here, now, eyes opened. As Gandhi taught us, we disobey armed injustice by marching in silence on the side of the ever-transforming humankind, simply keeping our space within the very dense collective field, filling this space with our essence, our freedom, our sovereignty; not a grand action to endeavour but the only possible stand we can afford as humanists. Keeping our space, celebrating our faith in life, and knowing that all human history is imbued with an evolutionary drive. And we grow as we breathe, as we cry, as we laugh, as we write.

Note

1 This article was written in mid-2021, but was held over to this issue due to lack of space in the previous paper issue (Autumn 2021). Those acquainted with the most up-to-date critical analyses of the pandemic (as of early 2022) will agree that the penetrating analysis in this article has more than stood the test of time.

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