

COVID-19 Conspiracy Stories

To get vaccinated or not has been hotly debated in the market place, pubs and coffee shops around the world. It has even played a role on the political stage with Joe Biden and his supporters wearing masks and Donald Trump and many of his supporters defiantly not wearing a mask during the peak of the pandemic. The virus is no respecter of men. Both Donald Trump and Boris Johnson were infected, requiring hospitalisation. Johnson ended up in an intensive care unit and almost died.

An issue playing into Trump's thinking with the virus was that the election was coming up (November 2020) and he needed a strong economy to have any serious chance of winning. A problem was the corona virus. It was having a serious negative effect on the economy, and Trump's solution - at least in part - was to ignore it, and tell people to get back to work. Joe Biden took the virus more seriously, and people noticed the different attitudes in the two candidates. Some Republican-leaning voters who had lost relatives to the pandemic were angry that Trump was not taking the situation as seriously as warranted. So they voted for Joe Biden.

Associated with the above is a view held by a small minority that the virus is a fraud perpetuated by governments around the world to gain control over their citizens. I became acutely aware of how deadly the virus was back in early 2020 when my prayer group was in earnest prayer for Mr and Mrs Smith, a Christian couple who went on a cruise ship, the *Ruby Princess* from Sydney to New Zealand to celebrate fifty years of happy marriage. In New Zealand, at least one person from the ship contracted the corona virus (so called because the virus is part of a family of viruses which look like a corona). The virus quickly spread amongst the passengers. Mr and Mrs Smith were among the number who caught the virus (SARS-CoV-2) and consequently came down with COVID-19.

Both became seriously ill with COVID-19 and ended up in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). One of the men in our prayer group is a senior nurse who made visits to the ward to monitor their progress. Although both received good medical care, and much prayer was offered up to God, they succumbed to the deadly illness, and passed into the presence of their loving Saviour Jesus Christ. Clearly, the virus needs to be taken seriously.

When the government mandated that people should wear masks, a small minority objected on the grounds that mask-wearing was not effective. At the beginning of the pandemic when few masks were available, the advice from the government was that the general public should not wear a mask. What masks were available should be prioritised for frontline health care workers. Some who were opposed to wearing masks looked at old data which showed that wearing masks during the period of the Spanish Flu (1918-20) had little effect on preventing the spread. However, what some did not consider is that masks at that time were of such poor quality that moisture from a person's breath could pass through the mask material and land on another person, thus spreading the virus. Modern masks on the other hand provide a good barrier to the spread of viruses.

A doctor in Australia (was my doctor for a time) didn't take COVID-19 seriously until his son-in-law came down with the virus and almost died. A large number who succumbed to

the virus suffered multiple organ failure before dying.

It's about control

Some of those who accept the lie that the deadly SARS-CoV-2 virus (part of a family of viruses called Coronaviridae) which causes the disease COVID-19 is just an ordinary flu, rebelled against mandated mask wearing. They did so, not primarily because of a conviction that masks are ineffective or uncomfortable, but rather, because of a belief the government is aiming to gain control of people. It's control by means of making people compliant to mask wearing mandates.

I find the above claim a little amusing because people who are fearful of being controlled, drive cars, and must obey the road rules. Obeying the road rules is simply a practical thing to do for the smooth flow of traffic. Likewise, wearing a mask is a helpful thing to do to limit the spread of viruses.

At the height of the pandemic when there was a lot of hand washing and mask wearing, reported cases of the ordinary flu were around one percent of what would normally be expected. Consequently, I decided to forgo having my regular flu shot and did not suffer any negative consequences.

It's unprecedented

Beware of emotion laden phrases. They are sometimes used to mask a weakness in the claim being made. A doctor can be sued if he or she steers a patient away from a recommended medical treatment to a drug such as Ivermectin or Hydroxychloroquine. Both drugs were developed to treat parasites. They have been studied as a possible treatment for COVID-19, even though the chance of success was slim, however, they were found to be ineffective. That's not surprising, because the best defence against a virus is an antiviral drug, not an anti-parasitic.

When it was reported that doctors could face legal action if they ignored medical guidelines and put a person on one of the above anti-parasitic drugs. Many who have a blind faith in the above two drugs screamed, "It's unprecedented!", actually that's a lie. A doctor is not free to experiment with his or her patients. Medical guidelines must be followed, so, if for instance, a person presented with a clear case of scurvy, a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, and the doctor prescribed aspro once per day. The doctor would be legally liable for any negative outcomes as a result of not following medical guidelines.

Vaccination won't stop you from getting the virus

True, however, there is a big difference between catching the virus with little or no immunity and catching the virus with a strong immunity defence. The couple mentioned earlier who caught the virus while travelling on the *Ruby Princess* cruise ship had no immunity against the virus, as a consequence, they ended up in an Intensive Care Unit, but could not be saved.

The senior nurse who had monitored their situation took all of the recommended vaccinations when they became available, so when he caught the corona virus many months later, it had little effect on him. The hospital he was working for directed that he self-isolate until he was clear of the virus. He felt well enough to keep working, however, the danger was that he could pass his virus on to someone who had not been

vaccinated, with possible lethal consequences for the unvaccinated (unprotected) person.

It's just another virus

It's a huge conspiracy involving many governments around the world. The governments are directing medical staff to change the medical records of patients who are seriously ill or die to indicate that they had COVID-19. The object is to scare the general public about the large numbers of COVID-19 in the community. The above idea makes for interesting reading, however, such a conspiracy would not last long. Every hospital in the world would have dozens of people who would be very willing to expose the hoax to all the major news outlets. That news bombshell has not happened and will not happen.

The virus under close examination is easy to identify. Properly trained medical staff with the correct medical equipment do not have difficulty identifying what is a CoV-2 virus and the common virus, or even the Spanish Flu virus. All of the known viruses can be identified and the genetic sequence studied. Because the virus has very minor changes to its genetic profile as it moves from one individual to the next, it is sometimes possible to determine which person a virus has come from.

The vaccine is dangerous

True, there is a level of danger in receiving the vaccine. Driving a car is also dangerous, but that is not going to prevent people from driving their cars. One strategy which has been employed by those who oppose the vaccine is to host an event where doctors voice their concerns because of some negative outcomes. The list of negative outcomes are gathered and presented as proof that people should not get vaccinated.

This tactic is a bit deceitful because a general practitioner must focus on the small group of people who come under his care, whereas some other medically trained people must look out for health threats to a large group of people, perhaps a State, or the whole nation. This group of medical staff may look at such issues as the consequences of doing nothing against the consequences of providing a treatment which is less than perfect.

Lets be clear here, receiving the vaccine is not a perfect treatment for the problem, however, it is the best available for most people. Seek professional medical advice to see what is best for you and your circumstances. Fortunately, most people have taken at least three doses of a recommended vaccine, and that has resulted in a significant reduction in the spread of the corona virus. A big thank-you to all those who rolled up their sleeves and got vaccinated. Your effort has resulted in a greater state of good health in society.

Dr Oz

American TV personality **Dr Mehmet Oz** is on record as having claimed that COVID-19 can be cured with **hydroxychloroquine**, an antimalarial drug. Getting people to take hydroxychloroquine is no doubt financially beneficial to Dr Oz because he has, according to at least one report "... at least **\$630,000 of stock** in two companies that manufacture or distribute hydroxychloroquine, Thermo Fisher and McKesson Corporation." Those who think all

recommendations from Dr Oz are reliable should consider the fact that he has faced criticism for "... promotion of pseudoscience, including on the topics of alternative medicine, faith healing, and various paranormal beliefs, has earned him criticism from a number of medical publications and physicians." (**Dr Oz**, Wickipaedia, March 2023). In spite of the above concerns, Dr Oz has become a media personality. On more than 25 *Fox News* broadcasts in March and April 2020, Dr Oz promoted the antimalarial drug hydroxychloroquine as a cure for COVID-19. Many accepted his advice, unaware of his ability to financially gain from what he was stating, or the concern some doctors have over his occasional drift into pseudoscience.

The television appearances of Dr Oz and his promotion of hydroxychloroquine influenced then president Donald Trump. Trump is on record as stating he had taken hydroxychloroquine to treat his COVID-19 infection.

The risks and benefits of getting vaccinated

A friend of mine who has a medical background has done extensive research on the risks and benefits of getting vaccinated against COVID-19. He has kindly allowed me to publish his findings on my web site. Please click on the link below to access his PDF file. The author is Jonathan Clerke, he is also author of "Echoes of Jesus".

<https://www.defenceofthefait.org/PDFdh/J-Clerke.pdf>

A special variety of mushroom can kill a deadly virus

In Australia, Chanel Nine and at least one other news source has reported on a claim by **Dr Julie Mc Auley** from the **Doherty Institute** that a new variety of Mushroom is 99.9% effective in killing the deadly SARS-CoV-2 virus which causes the COVID-19 disease.

Craig Kelly, an independent politician who has for a long time been an anti-vaxer quickly threw his support behind the story. He now has egg over his face after Paul Barry and his team from the *ABC Media Watch* investigated. Among other things, they discovered a complete lack of transparency. What was not revealed was that the research into the garlic was commissioned by the *Australian Garlic Producers Pty Ltd*.

The Doherty Institute has now issued the following statement, "The Doherty Institute apologises for causing any confusion. Garlic is not a treatment for COVID-19 nor influenza A."

For the full *Media Watch* story, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULwFO5RX-pk&t=447s>

They're inserting a chip

There is a story doing the rounds on the Internet that the pandemic is just a scare to get people to roll up their sleeves and obtain an injection. The injection inserts a tiny chip into the arm. This story gained some impetus when a lady claimed she was examining blood when an object darted out from behind a blood cell. This story was later followed up with a Youtube clip of a small object rapidly varying in its brightness. Someone who is a conspiracy theorist showed me the clip and made the remark that because I have the chip in me, and I can now be tracked everywhere! There are a few problems with this claim.

- The injection goes into the muscle; it must not go into the blood stream.
- Any device which is small enough to go down the tube of a needle will be too small and weak to transmit information.
- There has not been any attempt by medical staff to monitor me or any one else that I know of to see if the alleged tracking mechanism is working.

They're inserting a dangerous code into us

What concerned some anti-vaxers was the mRNA vaccine. It is quite widely accepted that there is a need to boost the immunity to the SARS virus. The debate is over how the immunity should be achieved.

The first immunity victory came with the small pox infection. It was discovered that if a person received a small amount of the small pox germ, then immunity could be achieved from a potentially fatal infection. However, receiving the correct 'small amount' had its risks in the early days. There is the famous case of **Jonathan Edwards** (America's greatest theologian in the eyes of many) moving to his new location, in Princeton, and receiving an injection of the small pox germ to gain protection. However, the amount of small pox he received was too high, as a consequence, instead of gaining protection, he succumbed to the infection and died (in 1758).

Old methods of dealing with the virus

An old method of dealing with the virus was to simply disable it so that it could no longer reproduce. However, in recent years, it has been found that the virus can change shape very quickly when it detects that it is under attack. That means that an antiviral developed this year is unlikely to work next year.

It has been found that the best way to deal with the virus is to aid the body's natural defence mechanisms. That is because the body's defences don't just disable the virus. they destroys the virus. In other words, it doesn't leave behind a wounded virus which can aid in the breeding of viruses which are immune to the current method of attack.

What scientists have done by way of the new mRNA vaccine is very clever. They take a small snippet of the virus genetic code. Not the full code, so it can not harm humans - it can not multiply - it is dead. The piece of viral code information is injected into the arm muscle (not into the blood stream). The body's natural defence mechanisms detect that there is an intruder, and in the process of mounting an attack, learns the genetic code of the intruder. This means that when a genuine full-scale attack happens from the same type of virus, the body's natural defences are primed to mount a quick response to the offending virus.

Some anti-vaccination campaigners will make the claim that there is no need to vaccinate. The body is capable of dealing with viruses. The statement has an element of truth, but it doesn't tell the complete story.

In the case of Mr and Mrs Smith who went on a cruise to New Zealand and came down with COVID-19. Their immune systems eventually came into action, but it was too late, the invading virus had taken an overwhelming hold on their bodies before the defence mechanism understood what was happening, and mounted a thorough defence. So, in summary;

a person who has had a vaccination is prepared for the virus, whereas an unvaccinated person is not. That was the case with Mr and Mrs Smith.

For further information, check out the video links which deal with the mRNA vaccination and how it works.

How the mRNA vaccine works (4 min.). .
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOvvyqJ-vwo>

A more technical explanation of the mRNA vaccine (12 min).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPeCyJReZw>

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