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What Can We Learn From the 1918 Pandemic?

Analysis by Tessa Lena

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STORY AT-A-GLANCE

- It is estimated that the Spanish flu pandemic killed 20 to 50 million people worldwide
- In the words of the CDC, "CDC researchers and their colleagues successfully reconstructed the influenza virus that caused the 1918-19 flu pandemic, which killed as many as 50 million people worldwide
- Politicians in some cities were enforcing masks in the name of patriotism and public good — and the police were jailing dissenters — the scientists debated the value of masks for preventing the flu

This article is about the 1918 flu and the mythology that surrounds it. It is about mask mandates, aspirin overdoses as a possible cause of death, and fascinating historical parallels.

When it comes to history, we are dependent on the "expert opinion." History is usually written by the winners and shaped in real time to match the narrative that helps the winners sell their current point of view — and that is the reason why it is so fascinating to discover facts and hypotheses that go against the grain, such as the hypothesis about aspirin poisoning killing potentially a large number of people during the 1918 pandemic.

The History of the 1918 Pandemic

The influenza pandemic of 1918 and 1919 is considered to be "the most deadly flu outbreak in history." It is estimated that the Spanish flu pandemic killed 20 to 50 million people worldwide, including around 675,000 Americans (that's according to the CDC; historical data is limited). The Census Bureau estimates that in 1918, the US population was just above 103 million people.

According to history.com, "The first recorded infection was in a U.S. Army private stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas on March 4, 1918. Although the United States and the other nations at war initially suppressed news of the flu … there was a sense that following these new health precautions was patriotic."

In America, local authorities rolled out various measures designed to stop the spread of the flu. The measures varied region by region and included "closing schools and places of public amusement, enforcing no-spitting ordinances, encouraging people to use handkerchiefs or disposable tissues and requiring people to wear masks in public." In a number of American cities, mask-wearing ordinances were the centerpiece of the pandemic response.

Masks During the 1918 Pandemic

> *"As one Red Cross PSA put it, 'the man or woman or child who will not wear a mask now is a dangerous slacker.' This sense of wartime duty — and the fear of being seen as a 'slacker' — may have motivated those who complied with mask orders in cities like San Francisco, Seattle, Denver and Phoenix.*
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> *Yet even though compliance was high, some complained that the masks were uncomfortable, ineffective or bad for business. Officials were caught in public without masks. And after the war ended, and there was no longer a sense that people should wear masks to keep the troops safe, some dissenters even formed an 'Anti-Mask League' in San Francisco."*

During the 1918 pandemic, mask-wearing ordinances were mainly issued on the west coast. Reportedly, most people complied at a rate of 4 out of 5 people. Public officials "framed anti-flu measures as a way to protect the troops from the deadly outbreak." At the time, masks were made of gauze, and some people wore "fashion" masks that were even more porous.

Some people poked holes in their masks for cigarettes. The authorities were pretty lax as far as what kind of mask people wore as long as there was something on their face. Those who broke the ordinances altogether were punished severely, at least this is what the reports are saying today.

> *"Cities that passed masking ordinances in the fall of 1918 struggled to enforce them among the small portion of people who rebelled. Common punishments were fines, prison sentences and having your name printed in the paper. In one **horrific incident** in San Francisco [described in the Atlantic article from March 19, 2020] a special officer for the board of health shot a man who refused to wear a mask as well as two bystanders."*
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> *"This was far different from the treatment San Francisco's leaders received when they didn't comply.*
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> *At a boxing match, a police photographer captured images of several supervisors, a congressman, a justice, a Navy rear-admiral, the city's health officer and even the mayor, all without masks. The health officer paid a $5 fine and the mayor later paid a $50 fine, but unlike other 'mask slackers' they received no prison time (not to mention no one shot at them)."*

Symbolism of Wearing Masks

Sounds familiar? I find it interesting to compare the psychological methods used in 1918 to the psychological methods used in 2020 and on in the context of COVID.

According to Influenza Archive, "the wearing of a mask immediately became of a symbol of wartime patriotism … By drawing on the rhetoric and imagery of the war effort and the heavy-handed patriotism that went along with it, city and state health officials hoped to inveigle if not outright bully residents into compliance."

> *"For city officials, the importance was not so much in the specifics of mask construction but rather in compliance with the letter of the ordinance. While the vast majority of San Franciscans followed the mask order, police arrested one hundred and ten people on October 27 alone for failure to either wear or keep their masks properly adjusted.*
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> *Each was charged with 'disturbing the peace,' and the majority given a $5 fine, with the money to go to the Red Cross. Nine unfortunate souls arraigned before one particular judge were sentenced to short terms in the county jail. The next day, another group of fifty violators were arrested; five were sent to jail, and seven others given fines of $10 a piece.*
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> *Arrests continued in the following days, with the majority receiving small fines and a few being sentenced to a few days in jail. As the city chief of police later told reporters, if too many residents were arrested and given jail terms for failure to wear their flu mask, he would quickly run out of space in his cells."*

It is also interesting to look at how in 1918, like today, it was more about the formal presence of a piece of cloth on the face than it was about stopping the virus. "Many of the masks were constructed of dubious materials even more porous and ineffective than the standard surgical gauze most often used.

Health officials and various mask 'experts' touted the effectiveness of all sorts of materials... The San Francisco Chronicle described some city residents as wearing masks ranging from standard surgical gauze to creations resembling nosebags, from the Turkish-inspired muslin yashmak veil to flimsy chiffon coverings draped lazily across the mouth and nose.

Some wore 'fearsome looking machines like extended muzzles' on their faces as they walked the streets and shopped in downtown stores.'" I wonder if any of them looked something like this?

Mask Science From Back in the Day

While politicians in some cities were enforcing porous masks in the name of patriotism and public good — and the police were jailing dissenters — the scientists debated the value of masks for preventing the flu. For example, this study from back in the day stated the following:

> *"The failure of the mask was a source of disappointment, for the first experiment in San Francisco was watched with interest with the expectation that if it proved feasible to enforce the regulation the desired result would be achieved.*
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> *The reverse proved true. The masks, contrary to expectation, were worn cheerfully and universally, and also contrary to expectation of what should follow under such circumstances, no effect on the epidemic curve was to be seen. Something was plainly wrong with our hypothesis."*

AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF THE EFFICACY OF GAUZE FACE MASKS.

W. H. Kellogg, M. D.,
Secretary and Executive Officer, California State Board of Health,
AND
Miss Grace MacMillan,
Bacteriologist in the State Hygienic Laboratory.

Masks have not been proved efficient enough to warrant compulsory application for the checking of epidemics, according to Dr. Kellogg, who has conducted a painstaking investigation with gauzes. This investigation is scientific in character, omitting no one of the necessary factors. It ought to settle the much argued question of masks for the public. : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :

All in all, the study came to the following conclusion:

1. *Gauze masks exercise a certain amount of restraining influence on the number of bacteria-laden droplets possible of inhalation.*
2. *This influence is modified by the number of layers and fineness of mesh of the gauze.*
3. *When a sufficient degree of density in the mask is used to exercise a useful filtering influence, breathing is difficult and leakage takes place around the edge-of the mask.*
4. *This leakage around the edges of the mask and the forcible aspiration of droplet laden air through the mask is sufficient to make the possible reduction in dosage of infection not more than 50 per cent effective.*
5. *It remains for future controlled experiments in contagious disease hospitals to determine whether the wearing of masks of such texture as to be reasonably comfortable are effective in diminishing the incidence of infection.*
6. ***Masks have not been demonstrated to have a degree of efficiency that would warrant their compulsory application for the checking of epidemics.*** *[emphasis mine]*

Aspirin Overdoses

In 2009, Karen M. Starko, an American epidemiologist, published an interesting paper titled,

"Salicylates and Pandemic Influenza Mortality, 1918–1919 Pharmacology, Pathology, and Historic Evidence." Her paper received positive feedback in the media and was even written about in the New York Times in the same year she published the paper. A direct quote from the New York Times:

> *"What raised Dr. Starko's suspicions is that high doses of aspirin, amounts considered unsafe today, were commonly used to treat the illness, and the symptoms of aspirin overdose may have been difficult to distinguish from those of the flu, especially among those who died soon after they became ill.*
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> *Some doubts were raised even at the time. At least one contemporary pathologist working for the Public Health Service thought that the amount of lung damage seen during autopsies in early deaths was too little to attribute to viral pneumonia, and that the large amounts of bloody, watery liquid in the lungs must have had some other cause."*

In the words of Dr. Starko,

> *"The hypothesis presented herein is that salicylate therapy for influenza during the 1918–1919 pandemic resulted in toxicity and pulmonary edema, which contributed to the incidence and severity of early ARDS-like lungs, subsequent bacterial infection, and overall mortality.*
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> *Pharmacokinetic data, which were unavailable in 1918, indicate that the aspirin regimens recommended for the 'Spanish influenza' predispose to severe pulmonary toxicity.*
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> *A confluence of events created a 'perfect storm' for widespread salicylate toxicity. The loss of Bayer's patent on aspirin in February 1917 allowed many manufacturers into the lucrative aspirin market.*
>
> *Official recommendations for aspirin therapy at toxic doses were preceded by ignorance of the unusual nonlinear kinetics of salicylate (unknown until the 1960s), which predispose to accumulation and toxicity; tins and bottles that contained no warnings and few instructions; and fear of 'Spanish' influenza, an illness that had been spreading like wildfire."*

Dr. Starko proposed four lines of evidence support the role of salicylate intoxication in 1918 influenza mortality: pharmacokinetics, mechanism of action, pathology, and the spate of official recommendations for toxic regimens of aspirin immediately before the October 1918 death spike.

Official recommendations for aspirin were issued on 13 September 1918 by the US Surgeon General, on 26 September 1918 by the US Navy, and on 5 October 1918 by The Journal of the American Medical Association. Recommendations often suggested dose regimens that today are known to be unsafe.

"At the US Army camp with the highest mortality rate, doctors followed Osler's treatment recommendations, which included aspirin, ordering 100,000 tablets. Aspirin sales more than doubled between 1918 and 1920."

> *"The number of deaths in the United States **increased steeply**, peaking first in the Navy in late September, then in the Army in early October, and finally in the general population in late October. Homeopaths, who thought aspirin was a poison, claimed few deaths. Others may have suspected that aspirin was responsible.*
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> *On 23 November, 1918, Horder wrote in The Lancet that, for 'intensely toxic cases… aspirin and all so-called febrifuge drugs must be rigidly excluded from the treatment' (p 695)."*

According to Dr. Starko

> *"Just before the 1918 death spike, aspirin was recommended in regimens now known to be potentially toxic and to cause pulmonary edema and may therefore have contributed to overall pandemic mortality and several of its mysteries. Young adult mortality may be explained by willingness to use the new, recommended therapy and the presence of youth in regimented treatment settings (military).*
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> *The lower mortality of children may be a result of less aspirin use… The occurrence of Reye syndrome-like illness before the 1950s is debated and consistent with the fact that children's aspirin was not marketed until the late 1940s. Varying aspirin use may also*

contribute to the differences in mortality between cities and between military camps."

The entire paper by Dr. Starko is fascinating, and I recommend that you read it and see for yourself. Looking back, it is hard to say to which extent precisely aspirin overdose was to blame comparing to other factors, and what was more deadly — the epidemic in itself or the enthusiasm of the health officials — but the hypothesis definitely makes one question the very foundations of what we know as "true." Again.

"Invisible Rainbow"

There is also a hypothesis by Arthur Firstenberg, the author of "Invisible Rainbow," that needs to be mentioned. Firstenberg "traces the history of electricity from the early eighteenth century to the present, making a compelling case that many environmental problems, as well as the major diseases of industrialized civilization — heart disease, diabetes, and cancer — are related to electrical pollution."

That angle deserves a story of its own — and that's regardless of how anyone feels about the heated argument between germ theory and the terrain theory. Germs or terrain, it is by now known very well known that electromagnetic pollution has a major impact on human cellular function and can impact human health. On the grounds of impacting the human immune system alone, it is worth investigating in earnest.

Personally, I suspect that when the censorship of the topic of the impact of electromagnetic pollution on human health finally goes the way of Teflon and asbestos, it will help us a lot. Not that Teflon and asbestos have disappeared … in fact, asbestos is newly cool in the context of fighting the "climate emergency," believe it or not. But at least one can talk about Teflon and asbestos without being called a conspiracy theorist!

Reconstruction of the 1918 Flu Virus

In the early 2000s, the 1918 influenza virus was reconstructed. In the words of the CDC, "CDC researchers and their colleagues successfully reconstructed the influenza virus that caused the 1918-19 flu pandemic, which killed as many as 50 million people worldwide." What a great idea! No really, what a great idea!

Sarcasm aside, there is a gruesome and disgusting detail to the reconstruction process. In order to create a genomic sequence of what the scientists agreed to believe was the 1918 flu virus, the scientists resorted to excavating a grave in Alaskan permafrost and desecrating the body of an Inuit woman who was buried there. They also extracted samples from the bodies of two late U.S. service members, one in South Carolina, and the other one in the state of New York.

It seems like whenever modern mechanical curiosity and thirst for control take over, the respect for life and death just goes away. It's not like there was a looming threat over humanity that required urgent measures. There was no such threat. The researchers did it simply because they were curious and felt entitled to sticking their fingers where they didn't belong. And as long as our science lacks soul, we'll be their lab rats.

I will end with a rhetorical question: Are we walking in circles? Will we learn? We can only hope! It is quite fascinating how history happens, then repeats — and then we forget.

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Yup, most likely 'galloping tuberculosis' which lay dormant and under control until the addition of the flu virus overwhelmed the immune system and the TB galloped away, out of control. The flu virus is lethal to the elderly, not the young, but the 'Spanish Flu' mainly decimated younger folks, which is much more consistent with TB.

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Dr. Lee Merrit was saying the initial killer was the released bioweapon and now this is just what it appears to be - like a flu. The more I think about what a virus is, the more I think about chemtrails. If a virus is more like poison - that would explain why my body covered it (from in my lungs) with mucous - and got it out in four days. Unfortunately - the man who gave me type A flu ended up in the hospital with pneumonia - that was 2/2020 - thank God the covid insanity didn't begin until March - God forbid he be given Remdesivir! He might not be here now! 14 days in the hospital. Sound familiar?

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Interesting Tessa, Aspirin inhibits the recruitment and activation of NLRP3 inflammasome www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/.../PMC6664043 Influenza virus in infected cells is sensed by specific intracellular receptors leading to activation of the host immune system, which mounts an antiviral response aimed at controlling virus replication and eliminating the infectious virus. Recent studies have demonstrated a major role for NLRP3 inflammasome in promoting antiviral immune responses against a diverse array of viruses, including influenza virus. The NLRP3 inflammasome activates the proinflammatory cytokines IL-1β and IL-18 and results in the proinflammatory cell death of infected cells known as pyroptosis. Numerous recent publications have highlighted the importance of inflammasome activation early on in the control of virus infection. www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/.../25771504 So it appears that in taking high dose aspirin it might prevent the important initial innate immune response, timing is key however as when inflammation is currently high aspirin has been found to be helpful...

Hospitalized COVID-19 patients (which are in later stages with high inflammation) who were taking a daily low-dose aspirin to protect against cardiovascular disease had a significantly lower risk of complications and death compared to those who were not taking aspirin, according to a new study. The researchers found aspirin use was associated with a 44 percent reduction in the risk of being put

on a mechanical ventilator, a 43 percent decrease in the risk of ICU admission and -- most importantly -- a 47 percent decrease in the risk of dying in the hospital compared to those who were not taking aspirin. The patients in the aspirin group did not experience a significant increase in adverse events such as major bleeding while hospitalized. www.sciencedaily.com/.../201022195637.htm

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In a recent study, aspirin use to avoid the development of cardiovascular diseases in healthy individuals was associated with a 29 percent lower likelihood of COVID-19 infection, as compared to aspirin non-users. The proportion of patients treated with aspirin was significantly lower among the COVID-19-positive individuals, as compared to the COVID-19-negative ones. And those subjects who had been treated with aspirin were less associated with the likelihood of COVID-19 infection than those who were not. www.sciencedaily.com/.../210310150429.htm Aspirin was found capable of dual targeting both Main Protease (also called 3CLpro or Mpro) and PLpro enzymes of SARS-CoV-2 which play important roles in viral assembly, replication and establishing infection. www.sciencedirect.com/.../S2665928X20300258

You don't like Robots, even the I, Robot style type that can mimic human emotion now? www.youtube.com/watch In 2011, Ron Fouchier and Yoshihiro Kawaoka alarmed the world by revealing they had separately modified the deadly avian H5N1 influenza virus so that it now also spread between ferrets. The study showed that such an airborne virus can jump onto humans and can lead to a global pandemic or worse - bioterrorism. Scientists believe it's likely that the pathogen, if it emerged in nature or were released, would trigger an influenza pandemic, quite possibly with many millions of deaths www.sciencemag.org/news/2011/11/scientists-brace-media-storm-around-co.. Kawaoka was also conducting another controversial—but so far unpublished—study in which he genetically altered the 2009 strain of flu to enable it to evade immune responses, "effectively making the human population defenseless against re-emergence..." www.independent.co.uk/news/science/exclusive-controversial-us-scientis..

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Bill Gates warnings: WE'LL HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT ONE. THAT, I SAY... WILL GET ATTENTION THIS TIME. - Bill Gates www.bitchute.com/.../eFLQu0bcuCwY and 2:45 Speaking of bioterrorism www.rollingstone.com/tv/tv-news/bill-gates-covid-19-late-show-989380/ Gates had prior knowledge of the impact a modern day viral outbreak would have due to his modeling, and even said this on the video below: An epidemic that would be more infectious and would spread faster than Ebola did. This is the greatest risk of a huge tragedy. This is the most likely thing by far to KILL OVER 10 MILLION EXCESS PEOPLE IN A YEAR. <- Yes Gates said kill over 10 million EXCESS PEOPLE in a year www.youtube.com/watch Time to get out the plague doctor masks tombanwell.com/plague-doctor-masks-etc

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Hi Data, started reading most of your links.. Thanks! Here's one topic that always seems to surface, in one form or another: Taken from your Science Daily article from 2011: "Fouchier's paper is one of two studies that have triggered an intense debate about the limits of scientific freedom and that could portend changes in the way U.S. researchers handle so-called dual-use research: studies that have a potential public health benefit but could also be useful for nefarious purposes like biowarfare or bioterrorism."

Last night, listening (again) to David Martin recite the history of mRNA technology developments during the finale of Covid Revealed series, he mentioned that Pfizer had the first mRNA vaccines for dogs (and maybe rabbits) around 1990. But this technology had stalled. Some interest was shown after the 2005-2006 faked swine flu pandemic but funding dropped out after WHO declared SARS officially eradicated in 2008. According to David M., this was about the time the DOD's DARPA became interested in the technology, not for the vaccine angle but for the bio-weapon research. And shortly thereafter, serious funding started to flow into Ralph Baric's research center. Major funding from the DOD and HHS went to Eco Health Alliance and to Wuhan after this research was halted, the moratorium on dangerous research was called so it was offshored to China.

Not long after this brief history, David Martin continued that the Chinese were quite upfront in their publications and reports that they were doing bio-weapon research in Wuhan. So why in the name of Tom? Pete? Harry? was anyone from the US conducting bio-weapon research in a joint-venture with the Chinese? Have heard several justifications of this program; however, based on current CCP actions in the South China sea, risks of working with your enemy and the basis is still mysterious...

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What's odd is the Gates-funded projections for pandemic deaths were still off the mark, not as ridiculously over as the Neil Ferguson led Imperial College initial projections, but the Gates organization numbers were still high. Nevermind the FDA and CDC confounding most of the US response by showing numerous conflicts of interest and imposing illogical suppression issues. Finally found Dr McCullough talking about US hospital administrators unfortunately following seriously flawed NIH guidelines surely set to maim and kill many more Americans in the days and months ahead...and something is truly alarming about Bill Gates-Dr Fauci working together for years now, ravaging African countries, and India in their quest to eradicate polio; with that giant fail after 17 years in India.

To what end? a self-fulfilling prophesy? Did you see this one? drtrozzi.org/2021/11/20/hand-tied-dr-marik-sues-hospital-after-people-.. Seems medical tyranny knows no bounds...no reason or common sense either, other than to push those damn shots that are failing. Not sure who was at the bottom of the suppression of potentially life-saving meds. Hope they get seriously outted.

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At the later stages there may be no more virus but only the dead rotting viruses and virus waste, like virus poo. Then the aspirin is needed? Wouldn't vitamin C work better?

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Vit C works most of the time, no matter what conditions are.

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THE FDA and CDC must be shut down. They have been and are guilty of intentional murder. They must be banned into extinction or humanity will be. There is a fight to hurt democracy and the people and right now, the people are losing this fight.

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www.globalresearch.ca/true-story-1918-viral-influenza-pandemic/5728776 The so-called "Spanish flu" was considered mysterious at the time and still is, even though modern science is probably capable of solving the mystery. Conventional historical accounts about it are largely of a mythological nature, a likely indication of a coverup. The linked article provides an alternative version, based on suspicion that the "flu" was caused by, or originated from, an experimental horse-derived anti-meningococcal serum that was promoted by the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research to be injected into U.S. military personnel, first at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The Institute had a stable of horses which were used for this purpose. Even though it remained experimental and was never proven to be safe and effective, the anti-bacterial "vaccine" was widely distributed in the U.S. and to other countries. The article explains how this crude, primitive vaccine may have been the real cause of the deaths of 50-100 million people in 1918-1919. A 2008 NIH health paper reported that bacterial pneumonia, not influenza virus, was determined to be the primary killer in a minimum of 92.7 percent of 9,000 autopsies of alleged Spanish flu victims. Disease killed far more soldiers in WWI than battles and weapons. At the time, it was unknown that a deficiency of vitamin D, the "sunshine vitamin," can lead to respiratory infections, such as pneumonia.

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We still don't understand the 1918 Pandemic and we have failed to remember, much less study what we had the opportunity to learn. How little has changed. Our current understanding of the COVID Pandemic is mired in corporate, government, and media bureaucracies whose goals are frankly - unhealthy for individuals, communities, and humanity itself. We still have no theory of cure. All cases of influenza are considered incurable - even as most are cured by health. Therefore, we have no scientific ability to study 1918's influenza cures nor today's cures of COVID-19. Disease goals, in general, are "profitable treatments". We don't study health and we - almost intentionally ignore cures. Doctors who cure COVID cases are often shamed, sometimes banned from practicing medicine. The same occurs for many other diseases. Cure is a miracle - but not a worthy goal. We don't understand how we cured 1918 influenza cases and we don't study how we cure COVID, even when we are wildly successful. Prevention and treatments can be marketed for profit. Cures cannot.

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Right—a “cure” in the allopathic world is something you can patent and get rich on.

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Yes, AndymAndym. But only the media calls it a cure. Medical references prefer the less committal word, "treatment." Treatments provide benefits without promises. Treatments have "side effects." Treatments can be medically approved based on claims of scientific statistical studies. Pesky cures often appear from nowhere, even when no medicine can cure. "There is no cure for the common cold," but there are plenty of "treatments that don't cure," many are patented, all are sold for profit and without a warranty. As the disease becomes more complex, more difficult to cure, it presents more opportunities for profitable treatments. Cures? When the patient is cured, sales stop. Cures are a dead end.

Treatments provide residual income. As a result, most diseases are considered incurable. Most cases of cured, like most cases of the common cold, influenza, measles, and COVID cured, are simply ignored. The same illogic is applied to all non-infectious diseases, all chronic diseases, all mental disorders, all nutritional diseases (positive and negative) and most viral diseases. If depression is cured - it wasn't really depression. If a cancer is cured - it wasn't really a cancer. Chronic diseases can only be cured by addressing the chronic nature of the cause - but when a chronic disease, like smoker's cough, is cured addressing the chronic nature of the cause, it wasn't really a disease - it was a symptom of smoking too much.

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Proves that if we are ignorant of our history, we will indeed repeat it ! Why then do we allow the government to destroy our history books and books about our history? This is just what hitler was all about. He wanted to rewrite history. Now, doesn't that familiar ?

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It is well-known you only mask the SICK and isolate them. In a strangely ironic way they did that to us. Are they telling us something?

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I think they didn't want us to communicate with each other, so they made people into faceless, expressionless things. They don't want us to be normal human beings. What they didn't count on is us, the Resistance

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While looking for the Invisible Rainbow book, anyone interested in avoiding Amazon and buying direct, Chelsea Green publishing is running a 35% off online sale til the year end. (not their sales rep!!). Wide variety of current lifestyle - energy/farming/cooking/diet topics.

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Thanks for this! I have ordered from Chelsea Green Publishing before and will have a look at their sale. Arthur Firstenberg's Invisible Rainbow book is there, along with Dr. Mercola's book.

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dannyboylimerick.wordpress.com/2021/05/23/the-truth-revealed-about-the.. "The Spanish Flu" following the injection of an experimental bacterial meningitis vaccine to soldiers. The administration of aspirin would have effectively shut down the body's fever defense.

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Doubting Thomas, curiosity killed the cat and whatever other euphemisms abound, my life's memories keep me in the shadows, peering out in wonder. Many memories surface, the first of reading while young, that the 'scientist' were concerned with world over population in the 1400's and how to circumvent it. The readings and described accounting of war's and battle conflicts. One such description was of a Napoleon battle where the description of the carnage is repeated in the described carnage of the crusades that were orchestrated by so called holy elite and followed by sheeple of the day. From a professor at MD U, who centered his life around researching that era and teaching it in a graduate class … 'killing was so massive that horses were belly deep in bodies and blood' and the theology continues throughout history. Russia lost 80,000,000 in WWII, China being the second greatest, see charts at: en.m.wikipedia.org/.../World_War_II_casualties

Now we enter a conflict between the war machine and the science machine, 'who can do it better?" and goodness look at the wealth to be had! I question the authoritarian elite in their behind the scenes prop setting. Feeding a population that would naturally thin itself; but it is fed and then sold guns and armament to do what nature would have done. Maybe, education … no that too has little effect on enlightenment and morality; but it does help. So we spin in the so called living machine of those of little enlightenment; but even less of morality. Where are the true thinkers to analyze the problem of the male "gotta hump" mentality to prove my masculinity? But, all we do is spin in recycling stupidity rather than swimming in evolution. Pitiful species?!

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Here is an article from 2015 sharing the study of the 2009 Swine Flu "pandemic" and how Big Pharma corrupted the WHO. 2005 the WHO changed its financial policy and allowed private money into its system, instead of only funding from the member states. WHO has since been extremely successful in raising funds and is now receiving more than half of its yearly budget from private sources. Bill Gates has for example given more than one billion dollars to the WHO. The new system of private funding of WHO has brought WHO much closer to the pharmaceutical industry. Rinse and Repeat. The WHO just reused the protocol for the current plandemic. Why didn't the 194 countries swindled the last time, not know that it was another fake out?
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another in depth look at medical history by Tessa Lena - the wallowing in the dark that these speculative therapies demonstrate make the hubris of the modern medical situation crystal clear - when the epidemic strikes many risky therapies are applied in lieu of solid scientific fact - these interventions are risky - and their aspirant benefits become counterproductive and might actually exacerbate the situation - here we have the present day Covid pandemic in a nutshell - thank you for the article

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DebbyW

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In our current situation, the use of ventilators killed far more than they helped. And one thing I don't think they did back then that is happening now is vilifying treatments that work.

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BlueQuasilica

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Quote: "Officials were caught in public without masks." Oh, oh... History repeats itself, AGAIN. HAHAHAHA! 🤣 Highly no doubt, if there is a war and the group of people who took advantage of this is the military-industrial complex, then during this mysterious Spanish flu outbreak it would be the same 'ole, same 'ole, Big Pharma.

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Traveller108

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Fascinating. I don't doubt there was a manmade element to the death toll of the Spanish Flu, the aspirin theory makes a lot of sense. Decades after 2020, we will look back at the covid death rate and find that most physicians and hospitals were to blame in their non-treatment stance in the early days of infection. Readers of Mercola.com already know this, but for the general public and media, it always takes time for the truth to become accepted fact. Good to see Arthur Firstenberg and his theory mentioned. I highly recommend signing up for his newsletter and ordering his book.

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ElMinetero

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The 1918 epidemic was started by an experimental meningitis vaccine that was administered to soldiers at Fort Riley, Kansas, many of whom were shipped overseas, where the virus mutated. Then it returned with soldiers being transferred home. There are severakl good articles on the internet.

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I would share a number of comments w/ regard to this. 1) Is aspirin not a derivative of the natural biochemical properties of white willow bark? W/ bad advice, ignorance or both: you can O.D. on natural substances. 2) 1918 was a time of great control by the same highest up& deepest in elite players behind the current corporatist/banker takeover. The world wars served to expose them sufficiently to hinder them for a time, while also helping them to hone their strategies& tactics. Europe was conveniently devastated for their antichrist corporate build back, supposedly more 'scientifically'. Think Nero. 3) The CDC was established in 1946.

The FDA traces its history back to 1848 w/ the Agricultural Division of the US Patent Office, but became a centralized fed agency purportedly for the protection of the public w/ the 1906 Pure Food& Drugs Act. There is ALWAYS a problem w/ centralizing power& control since it makes capture by bad players& monopolists, corporations etc that much easier. All for one also guarantees one fails, all fail. Even the Lord gave the order for the New Testament churches to be local& independent so that all would not go apostate at once (which is the tendency for fallen men, even the redeemed still wrapped in corruptible flesh).

Men & women are to freely associate, warning as necessary from the scriptures: contending for the doctrine within the churches, & allowing for separation as necessary for the sake of peace. Unity is found freely, or not, in doctrinal agreement by the word. Rome, on the other hand, & her Daughters, went w/ the Babylonian corporate model uniting state& spiritual craft involving compulsion& manipulation, philosophy& tradition, rather than reasoning from the scriptures freely offered, received or not.There is no biblical godly protection or prohibition against freedom of speech, association, etc, which was why the new Babylonian socialist definition of racism& morality according to the old pagan mores was promoted.

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Add the covert structure of all the Babylonian model corporative hierarchies, rather than the light of accountability at all levels & shone into every corner. Individual & family unit privacy & freedom is a completely different issue & matter than corporate economic & political power. This was why the 'it takes a village' model was promoted, deceiving many w/ it's pretty, deceptive utopian language; & why it always results in tyranny & forced conformity. The tendency for power to be consolidated into monopolies in the hands of fewer & fewer is a constant that must be tempered & resisted, though humanists willfully deny history & science over & over again through history & in rebellion to God only to end up in worse circumstances than those in which they began!

In the Old Testament theocracy (which we're not under today, though we can look back to it for guidance to a certain extent), that tendency was tempered by the Jubilee built into the Mosaic law & the admonition to love your brother as yourself in direct opposition to the pagan survival of the fittest, most cunning, cruel...the karmic, Darwinian & Sun Tzu philosophical model. Humanist sociologists have never found their imagined perfect primitive society, but that doesn't stop vanity & imaginative rebellion. Similar Jubilee-style brakes to monopoly & redistribution were built into our original property & monetary policy, with bankruptcy laws etc.

One long term strategy by multi-generational players like Rome, aristocratic orders & alliances etc is to purposely mismanage those systems, encouraging abuse & then sanctimoniously 'riding to the rescue' with their draconian & tyrannical 'salvations'. There's more than one reason for the multitude of per-verion of the scriptures by men & devils. Of course, God's promise to preserve his words remains as well, but only those really wanting to find it rather than some more sin-accommodating idol ever do. The cross is still an offense stumbling many.

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stoneharbor

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There is a lot of information on the internet about the combination of troop movement and camps during the first World War and the flu pandemic. First the US soldiers shipped into France in April, and then after spreading it there, brought it back in the summer to spread it in camps in the United States. www.history.com/.../1918-flu-pandemic My personal story is that my mother was 18 in 1918. After her mother died that year from TB, she and her brother were the only ones left of a 7 person family. The father and three siblings had already died in earlier years

All deaths were blamed on tuberculosis, which was also a rampant affliction during that time period. I now speculate that a lot of cases were either caused by TB, or aggravated by the presence of TB during the years leading up to the massive wave of Spanish flu.

Tuberculosis is known to be a slowly developing disease which often kills only when other conditions arise. When a lot of people have latent TB, and then a flu epidemic arises, the flu may be given credit for the deaths yet those people were suffering with a precondition that may have doomed them within a few years anyway.

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aminahyaquin

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While it is important and entirely possible that overdosing on aspirin during the 1918 flu was far more common than realized, the utilization of aspirin for many benign medical treatments has been thoroughly documented . for antiinflammation and pain relief when taken with milk or food , it was absolutely one of the best and most effective and least expensive remedies . However microcrystalline cellulose , a very concerning nano-particle being added to almost every medicine in tablet form despite being indigestible and possible able to cross the blood brain barrier, has seemingly been an unresearched or poorly researched big money make for big pharma.

It is a bigger profit maker for the pharmaceutical firms than corn starch and other natural additives used for the fillers required by law or government policy to be added to tablets. I wish we could spotlight its growing ubiquitousness and health impacts, especially since now India among other nations with large populations has begun to overutilize it. I believe it is possible that the new studies purporting to show that aspirin is not good for the circulatory system any more (after almost 100 years of research in total) are really showing that aspirin fillers and in particular MCC are doing the systemic harm. Used with good sense my 70 years of personal and anecdotal experience as well as previous good science supports aspirin as an excellent remedy for numerous ailments. as the site is "undergoing detx at present and i had a hard time posting i am not going to correct my learning disability typos-the ones i can perceive now anyway) and humbly apologize

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Great comment, aminahyaquin! I agree with you regarding the micro-cellulose and several other fillers and flow-agents used in more and more tablets and capsules today. It is making it more difficult to find a product that I would want to ingest. Thanks for bringing it up on this site. I find that even small amounts of aspirin make my tinnitus go crazy, so I avoid it, but then this may not be problematic for many people. Thanks!

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Leahoz

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OH, that 1918, PlayBook ....the Spanish Flu...HOW many KILLED, way too fast,.. . hmmmm ...20M - 50M. Are you comfortable with that...they are doing it again. I hope they learnt from the last time, when TOO MANY PEOPLE DIED in the first 6 months?.... now it is called covid??? .... the same playbook. And on it goes.....WHEN WILL PEOPLE WAKE UP TO THEIR MANIPULATIONS!!!

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dividingcricker

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It all depends on who's writing the history

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HealingMindN

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I refuse to take responsibility for the 2/3rds of conformists / loyalists who fail to learn anything of life-positive value. I prefer to focus on the 1/3rd who ARE learning something; it only took a 1/3 for the French Revolution, a 1/3 for the American Revolution, and it will only take a 1/3 NOW.

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lovestosing6

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I need to go back to this library I found .. In the back section I found the coolest book about plagues. I wondered while reading about the Spanish flu inject the military with it and then send them off. How horrific would that have been? I've read theories on it, though. Alls fair in love and war? True or false? I'll never get man's obsession with war. Or Fauci's obsession with killing innocent people and babies and AIDS victims and now covid people through Remdesivir. I don't know who's worse, the WHO, Gates, or Fauci... I wish so much that we'd let the immune function naturally.

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I'd read somewhere that the Spanish flu wasn't a flu at all. It was a sort of fallout from an experimental vaccine. Small pox? Idk. The article I read (but can't find now) stated breakouts happened simultaneously at army bases in several countries, that people who didn't live in or near these bases were unaffected. I'd like to find that information again. As an aside, I saw viral photos making their way around social media earlier last year, showing photos of these masked people from 1918. I uploaded three of them to a reverse image search (tineye.com) and found the earliest result of one of them was March 2020. If that particular photo was real, it would certainly have been uploaded earlier than 2020. So at least one of those images was faked.

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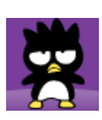

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Thanks Gwyncann! That's the info I was looking for.

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lisedm

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Hi! This article is what I have been waiting for, and very insightful. I am sure there is much more to learn from the 1918 pandemic - a compare and contrast is very important to the "fake" covid pandemic. According to Dr. David Martin covid does NOT exist. See videos below: rumble.com/vqgp66-dr.-david-martin-covid-revealed-part-1.html ~ rumble.com/vqh9lg-david-martin-covid-revealed-part-2.html I am looking for some books that reveal the truth of the matter regarding this pandemic.Thank you!b Lise from Maine (former licensed clinician now retired)

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