**How Will We Finally Control the Coronavirus?**

**And God saw everything that He had made,**

**and, behold, it was very good.**

 ***(Genesis 1:31)***

**I have always personally believed that God is the Source of all that is. Therefore God made the coronavirus too. God has a purpose for everything that He has created, and just because I don't understand God's purpose for something that He has created, doesn't make God's purpose untrue. And in this Bible verse, there is no mention of anything that is an exception to this Bible verse, like God saying that He saw everything that He had made and called it good except for the coronvirus. Ha ha! We could probably come up with many other exceptions that should be added to this Bible verse, but I personally feel that by the fact that since God mentioned not a one of them in this Bible verse, that He was trying to get us to look deeper and try to find a good side of everything that He has created, even the coronavirus.**

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**From my study and reading, I have concluded that viruses have been around on this planet for thousands of years waiting for a time and a weakened place where they can create a lot of damage. We have never been able to eliminate viruses from the face of the earth anyway, so why do we think that we can get rid of them now? I personally feel that the best thing that we can do to deal with the coronavirus is the approach of doing anything that would strengthen the collective immune system of the people who live on this planet. Unfortunately this collective immune system of this planet is strengthened through the deaths of the people who have weaker immune systems. It is like a sports team improving itself by weeding out all of the players on the team who can't play the sport very well, even though there ultimately would be less players on the team. This would certainly be a time to believe that quality appears more important than quantity.**

**I am sure that the question has always been asked, whatever happened to the virus of 1918 that killed millions of people? If these viruses are always around somewhere, could it be that it was finally held in check by a collective universal immune system that continued to get stronger by the deaths of all of those people who had such weakened immune systems and the practice of hand washing and social distancing and other practices that were being used to try and curb the problem?**

**Secondly, did you realize this: If typical, your blood pressure goes up when you walk into a roomful of people, goes down after you walk out alone. So say the medical researchers. (L. M. Boyd)
So social distancing is really helping us to strengthen the collective immune system of our planet by lowering the blood pressure of all those who live here who are taking advantage of the opportunity of being away from people sometimes. So if we keep doing things to strengthen and improve our immune systems, then someday this collective immune system should be strong enough to keep the coronavirus in check, since as I said earlier, that we have never been able to destroy viruses anyway, only keep them in check through a healthy immune system. I have heard it said anyway that people with healthy immune systems don't get sick as often.**

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**To further my point ,just last year this story came out of Washington state, which has been one of the hotspots for the coronavirus. The measles virus hasn't been destroyed either, but has been waiting around to strike a weakened area where it can do some damage:**

**Washington state has declared a state of emergency since an outbreak of the measles virus hit Clark County, with at least 34 cases of the highly infectious and sometimes fatal viral illness. Washington is one of 18 states that permit parents to opt their children out of mandatory measles vaccines for philosophical reasons. In Clark County, 7.9 percent of students got exemptions from vaccination last year. *(Vox.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, February 8, 2019)***

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**Even cancer has a good side, when we read the following: Dr. Bernie Siegel shocks his cancer patients when he asks them, "Why did you need this illness?" He claims that our bodies break down to give us a message, and many times it is a message that we have been ignoring. According to Dr. Siegel, while nobody wants to be ill, many patients say that cancer was the best thing that ever happened to them. They learned to appreciate life and to express their feelings to their loved ones. They were able to pick up the paintbrush they previously had been too busy to hold. Even illness can be a blessing." *(Laurie Beth Jones, in Jesus CEO, p. 48)***

**So over the many years that we have spent assaulting cancer cells through radiation and chemotherapy, has it really served us well? if in many cases these cancer cells have come back to raise their heads again and bother the people who were once told by the doctor that they were cancer cell-free?**

**And the cow and the bear shall feed together; and their young ones shall grow up together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play with the serpent, and the weaned child shall put his hand into the hole of the asp. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. *(Isaiah 11: 7-9)***

**In the same way we will learn to live with the coronavirus and cancer cells and realize that when God created everything that He had made, He called it good, and meant what He said with no exceptions. We have to remember that cancer cells have the definite purpose of letting us know when a particular part of our immune system has become weak and is no longer functioning properly, just like the coronavirus is there to remind us that there are weak spots in the universe that need to be made stronger! We all have cancer cells in our bodies, but they are very weak cells and can be held in check by a healthy immune system. If they begin to grow and spread it means that everything around them is literally shot to hell. So the Bible is correct in Genesis 1:31 when it says that God created everything and called it good, even cancer cells. When they start growing in our bodies, they most certainly get our attention. I don't care if we have just won the lottery, when we see cancer cells growing and spreading throughout our bodies, we will certainly drop everything that we are doing and run to the doctor. So these cancer cells that we all have are definitely serving a good purpose by being attention getters!**

**And did you know this, John Hopkins University News says that when the doctor says that a person is cancer-free, that person still has cancer cells floating around in his body, just not enough of them congregated in one place to show up on a machine? So I am not really cancer cell free anyway!**

**So as a result of this pandemic on the world scene, we are learning to wash our hands more often and practice "social distancing" to slow down the virus, but I don't hear anyone saying what can be done to bring the coronavirus in to check so that it doesn't destroy us. I once heard this statement during a meditation time that "If we bless something long enough then it can't destroy us, but will come back to bless us. Another way of saying this with the Golden Rule in mind is that when you assault something then it can come back around and assault you too!**

**Albert Einstein said it this way: "Use different tools to solve a problem than what was used to create it. We can’t solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." *(Albert Einstein)***

**During my lifetime I have seen this happen in relationships with people. When we get married, there is always someone in the family that you have inherited who is difficult to love, but you bless him or her anyway. Many times we develop a lasting good relationship with a person who we would never have given a chance to knowing if it wasn't for the inheritance of that person into our circle of acquaintances through marriage.**

**You might think that I am crazy, but I would highly recommend blessing the coronavirus, just like we have learned to bless those people who make our lives more difficult and miserable. And since we can't destroy a virus anyway, I personally think that we can strengthen our immune systems and at the same time keep the virus in check by blessing it.**

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**This is what the Bible says to do with whatever persecutes us: "You have heard that it is said, Be kind to your friend, and hate your enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless anyone who curses you, do good to anyone who hates you, and pray for those who carry you away by force and persecute you." *(St. Matthew 5:43-44)***

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**I have heard it said that blessing something takes its power away so that it cannot hurt us! When I was a child I certainly created a monster out of the devil. Every time that I thought of the devil, I would try to ignore it because I was told that if I focused on the devil then I might end up getting into trouble by sinning. The more that I ignored the devil, the larger monster it became in my life. So I started blessing the devil and noticed that soon he was broken down in size to something much smaller! The more that I blessed the devil, the less that I became afraid of it. Because the more that I blessed the devil, the more that I understood it. As Marie Curie, the Nobel Prize winning chemist once said, "Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood."**

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**The coronavirus has served us well by reminding us that we have been using too many antibiotics over the past many years. The Golden Rule has always told us that what goes around comes back around. This pandemic could be here as a result of our assault on these microbes over the past many years:**

**Averting a post-antibiotic apocalypse: Antibiotic-resistant bacteria could become a bigger killer than cancer by 2050. Unless drastic action is taken to curb the excessive use of existing drugs and spur the development of new ones. That's a stark conclusion of a major two-year review of antimicrobial resistance. The dwindling arsenal of effective antibiotics could make minor infections and routine surgeries like D-sections life threatening. The report estimates that drug-resistant superbugs, which already kill 700,000 people a year, could claim as many as 10 million lives each year by the middle of the century. Just this week, researchers reported finding a "superbug" resistant to antibiotics of last resort in a Pennsylvania woman, suggesting that such untreatable bacteria may become prevalent in the U.S. The study's authors, who were commissioned by the British government, make several proposals. They advise governments to set strict limits on the use of antibiotics in agriculture and to provide significant financial incentives for pharmaceutical companies to develop new antibiotics. They also recommend launching a global awareness campaign to increase understanding of antimicrobial resistance. We need to inform in different ways, all over the world, with it's crucial we stop treating our antibiotics like sweets," study author Jim O'Neill tells BBC.com. "If we don't solve the problem, we are heading to the dark ages, and we will have a lot of people dying*." (The Week magazine, June 10, 2016)***

**This article goes back to 2016, so someone has been trying to tell us about this pandemic for close to four years. We have probably learned the value of anyone in our lives who keeps reminding us of the truth, especially when they remind us of the stuff that we would rather not hear. I have read that the fall of Adolf Hitler was caused mainly because he listened only to what he agreed to hearing. He surrounded himself with yes-men who told him what he wanted to hear rather than what he needed to hear! There is a a good chance that those around Hitler were so afraid for their lives to tell him anything that would ruffle Hitler's feathers and not agree with his thinking!**

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**The coronavirus has definitely brought people together to help one another, and has given us permission to slow down our lives. It is also reminding us that our universal collective immune system has weakened and needs to be strengthened. So this pandemic is certainly serving a great purpose by reminding us of this weakness!**

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**But I say to you that you should not resist evil.**

***(St. Matthew 5:39)***

**Coyotes are so resilient that killing them, even in great numbers, just doesn't have much effect. Decades ago, several Western states tried to reduce coyote numbers through poisoning, trapping, and bounty hunting. But wildlife officials found that 70 percent of the entire population had to be killed every year to make a dent in the numbers -- an impossible target. Coyotes also have a biological mechanism that triggers larger litters whenever their numbers drop*. (The Week magazine, July 17, 2015)***

**I was once asked why I don't participate in anti-war demonstrations. I said that I will never do that, but as soon as you have a pro-peace rally, I'll be there. *(Mother Teresa)***

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**So what do you think about this approach to our coronavirus problem? Give it a try to bless the coronavirus, and if you feel that this approach is not working, then you can always go back to cursing the darkness. But like I mentioned earlier, I have always found that blessing something or someone persecuting me has always made me less afraid and helped me to feel more peaceful when I had to be around that problem!**

**Let us look at one final reason why we might not decide to bless the corona- virus: We may think that when we are blessing the coronavirus that we are lying to ourselves and really don't mean what we are saying. The Bible verse below quickly solves this argument. It says that we can move a mountain with just a little faith. Mustard seeds are so small that we can breathe on them and blow them out of our hands, but with time they become fortresses that are capable of sustaining birds and animals. This is certainly my kind of faith, because I often find myself having so little faith when I am faced with precarious situations.**

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**Jesus said to them, If there is faith in you even as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move away from here,
and it will move away;
and nothing would prevail over you.  *(St. Matthew 17:20)***

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**Give blessing the coronavirus a try. The Bible knows the truth, and right now the only defense that we have against the coronavirus is to try and slow it down.**

**If you are waiting for a vaccine, remember this:**

**The swine flu vaccine of 1976 caused more sickness and death, than the flu itself did. *(Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Extraordinary Book of Facts, p. 221)***

**And remember: "It's possible that we may never find 'a miracle drug.' Of the 200 or so viruses that are 'known to infect humans, only about ten have approved treatments.'" *(Spencer Kokat Lindell, in The New York Times)***

**I personally feel like God always gives us a perfect solution for every problem situation, or gives us what it takes to live with the problem and accept what we cannot change.**

**Maybe this is the key to overcoming any virus: Learning to live with the virus in such a way that our immune systems are strengthened by the way that we live our lives, and in this way keep the virus in check, And like was just mentioned, we only have to have a little amount of faith in order to move a mountain of a problem from our lives! So let us thank the coronavirus for reminding us that there are weak spots in the universe that need to be strengthened, and these weak spots can be strengthened in ways that have already been mentioned, so that this virus is held in check and isn't able to destroy us. And as any smart microbe will certainly remind us: it doesn't want to destroy us but only to weaken us, because then, and only then, can it continue to live off its host. The microbe knows that if it destroys its host, that it has nowhere to live free of charge and do its work!**

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**Blessings to you, and thank you for listening!**

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