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JAMA stats tell the tale

Doctors kill more people than guns and traffic accidents

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SANDPOINT -- Last St. Patrick's Day, Sandpoint Chiropractor Blaze Welch gave a lecture on how to “get off of the disease scary-go-round” at the Gardenia Center here. The purpose of the talk, which was sponsored by the North Idaho chapter of Vaccination Liberation, was to teach people that they are responsible for their own health. Dr. Welch also discussed figures from right out of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* which prove, through accurate interpretations of their own words, that in the last century we chose the wrong fork in the road with regard to our health care paradigm.

Most people have been conditioned to believe in what is called the “germ theory” of disease -- that germs cause disease. The truth is that germs (bacteria) are everywhere and they are attracted to and proliferate in dis-eased tissues.

Bacteria decompose dead matter. That is their job. For instance, when a tree dies, bacteria come in and eat the tree and it eventually becomes soil. Bacteria does not eat a live, healthy tree. The same thing is true in people -- bacteria are attracted to dead matter. Therefore, if you have dead matter in your body, bacteria will come in and get to work decomposing the dead tissue so that it may eventually become soil.

In the mid 1800s, western medical science had the choice of going one of two ways. Bechamp's theory of disease maintained that every living thing has arisen from the microzyma (the “fundamental unit of the corporate organism”) and “every living thing is reducible to the microzyma.”

Bechamp believed that microzymas secrete fermentative substances that aid in digestion in a healthy body and evolve into bacteria when they encounter dead or damaged cells.

Pasteur's germ theory of disease maintained that diseases come into our bodies and make germs that we must fight so that we may be rid of them. J.I. Rodale explained Pasteur's “germ theory” of disease by stating that, “Germs live in the

air, every once in awhile get into a human body, multiply and cause illness. Nothing to it at all. All you have to do is kill germs and disease is licked.”

Bechamp's theory placed all of the responsibility of disease prevention on the individual and his lifestyle. In a practical sense, there was no money in that and people would be empowered with the ability to resist dis-ease by taking care of themselves.

Western medical science went with Pasteur's theory because it opened the door which created the world's medical and pharmaceutical industries. Since the 1850s, we have been developing new drugs to attack and kill the disease invaders and the result has been epidemics of cancers and sicknesses and diseases -- and a very rich and powerful pharmaceutical industry.

“Last year,” commented Dr. Welch, “the pharmaceutical industry did \$182 billion in drug sales world wide.” In contrast to that figure, it cost approximately \$183 billion to treat adverse reactions from all of those drugs, said Dr. Welch.

Dr. Welch read off some statistics which should cause concern to anybody who sees an allopathic doctor, has medical insurance or may end up in the hospital someday. Again, the following admissions were taken from *JAMA*:

The top five causes of death in the United States, in order, are: Tobacco, alcohol, medical malpractice, traffic and firearms.

According to *JAMA*, doctors kill more people than auto accidents and guns. With that in mind, one has to wonder why gun control is such a hot legislative issue when, perhaps, we should be more concerned about doctor control.

“The number of people that doctors kill per day from medical malpractice is roughly equal to the amount of people that would die if every day, three jumbo jets crashed and killed everybody on board,” commented Dr. Welch who added, in defense of his own profession, “just imagine what headlines would result if a chiropractor or a naturopath accidentally killed just one patient?”

Another *JAMA* statistic stated that 1/5 (20 percent) of all people who see an allopath will suffer an “iatrogenic” (doctor-induced) injury.

Again, according to *JAMA*, 16 percent of all people who die in the hospital are determined by autopsy to have died of something other than their admission diagnosis. In other words, the doctor had no idea what was really wrong with

the patient and, therefore, the patient may have died for want of appropriate care that would have been subsequent to an accurate diagnosis.

Another trade publication, *American Medical News*, stated that 28 percent of people admitted to hospitals are there because they have suffered an adverse reaction to prescribed drugs.

“We are miserably losing the battle against viruses and bacteria. Antibiotics do not work. We need to take a different tack because this is obviously not working,” said Dr. Welch.

Dr. Welch made numerous practical and logical observations throughout his lecture. One of them is so obvious that it deserves mention here. “When there is an epidemic of, say, pertussis in a school and 14 of 200 kids get sick, who gets studied?” he asked.

The answer, of course, is that the sick kids get studied. They get studied by the county health district and the health district accumulates its data and then tells the newspapers about the epidemic of sickness and everybody then flocks down to the health district or goes to see their doctor to get vaccinated.

“Would it not be more appropriate to study the 186 kids that did not get sick?” asked Dr. Welch.

Dr. Welch also read a quote from the *British Medical Journal* which states that only one percent of all scientific research papers which explore medicine are scientifically sound.

So, if that is true, then not only are allopathic doctors incorrect in their understanding of the basic nature of disease, they are basing 99 percent of their conclusions, and therefore their diagnosis and treatment of people, on flawed science.