

## The Bitter Truth: Lessons from Pandemic Covid-19

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A wretched way and greed to become super power have brought the mankind so near to the disaster. Wearing mask and social distancing are new normal where beauty is no more considered important. Trees already practice social distancing (crown shyness) but ironically pandemics like Covid-19 are required to teach humans. Hugging, kissing and shaking hands are new monsters in the town. It is a difficult time, the first ones that one has to keep under control are the asymptomatic people who don't understand the danger and possibly are the hidden carriers. When the world has lost many guards (medical doctors and nurses) and innocent lives, the others are waiting for magic to happen to avoid the grave risk.

When almost everyone is socially isolated, it is a time to think about this medical crisis and understand where we have gone wrong. Mis-using our resources and hidden information in nature can back fire us. Research and information generated by science could be deleterious if not handled carefully. The current pandemic has proved that humans are the real viruses on planet not the pathogens. They are moving like live bombs. Right now, nothing make sense except science and health care system. Our business, transportation, politicians, finance, infrastructures, everything is falling apart making us live under panic situation on the mercy of our research, medical science and police force. Perhaps the best time to understand where government need to invest more in future and what actually science means. Although we have learnt nothing from past pandemics, but nature is reassuring that we need to understand nothing is more powerful than nature itself. It's a tragedy that humans are forced to wear masks when air is pure and breathable compare to past years.

Multiple times we have witnessed that its fatal to wrongly play with scientific knowledge. Finally, even God is tired, may be the best time to lose faith and understand that instead of visiting worship places, investing in building statues, temples etc., only scientist and doctors can possibly save the planet and bring everyone out of this crisis. Despite huge and multiple challenges, only tough and timely right actions are the only solution. Unwavering commitment by everyone to fight against the pandemic is required.

To deal with other unprecedented challenges, people have understood that one can survive without eating outside. Finally, even kids are surviving better without junk food. If we continue this way, eating disorders like obesity and diabetes can be taken care of easily. Nobody is looking at the gold and share market, taking care of each other financially and physically is the biggest need of the hour. One has understood that vacations can be enjoyed with families without going abroad. With sufficient to eat and survive, presence of malls, better roads, bridges, luxurious cars, expensive jewelry are all waste. Religion, cast, social status and color all look impractical to worry about. People of different caste are performing the last rites of others belonging to any cast or religion.

The pandemic is treating everybody equal. Current rise in Covid-19 cases in USA has taught that no country is a super power or leading now. Nobody is as educated as we think. We all are proving failures. Even the wealthiest are hiding and isolating. Riches having less immunity is a weaker and most vulnerable class. Lack of tissues rolls, grocery, medical supply, health insurance and food has driven the upper class crazy. The poor class is actually more on the safer side where having no money is a blessing in disguise. Their strong will powers and immunity is shielding them.

The pandemic has showed the world brutal ways of fighting world wars when one does not need missiles and nuclear power. Mean mistakes that can't be handled globally are enough to destroy the economical and transportation infrastructure of any country. The planet can regenerate quickly; air, rivers and oceans can get clean by themselves without humans into play. No human interventions are required.

No magical stone, horoscope or god can save patients. Only scientists, doctors and supports are new God now. Health professionals are worth more than any movie celebrity or a player. In spite of low salary packages, police force, scientists and medical staff are the only ones saving the people risking their own lives.

With limited staff at work places, working from home is easy and acceptable in any profession now. Majority of people can work from home without much problems and obligations. No need to worry about parking lots, traffic jams and noise pollution.

Men can equally contribute in household jobs breaking the norms where only women are supposed to know cooking and raise kids. With only few TV channels active, new TV shows and movies are no more in trend and people are finding more time for family. People are washing their hands more frequently; spitting is scary and touching any surface is like inviting infection. Living a hygienic life is not so difficult. Prisoners in jails for petty crimes can be released.

As schools, have moved online, a big challenge is to provide special education. Hospitals are overwhelmed by the rise in the number of Covid-19 patients. If a country can build more schools, research centers, one has to construct lesser hospitals. The immunization programs have taken a back seat. We have finally realized that mental health is equally important like any other medical emergency.

Human beings are opportunistic and despicable no matter what their socio-economic position are. Rising prices of fuel, food, everyday grocery is the prove. Anything is worthless in a society without any consumption. Shortage of supply chain mean less carbon footprints by humans.

Ensuring sustained survival of masses is a challenge to any government. How much politicians can actually do for poor and needy is a game changer. Cleaning staff, farmers and health care workers like nurses should be paid more. Redistribution of money between poor and rich can help reduce the disparities between rich and poor. As suggested by billionaire Ray Dalio "lessening of the wealth gap" could help in economic recovery. The government can think of relocating the main IT hubs and job sectors to other small towns to lower the burden in metro cities.

The pandemic is posing multiple challenges to deal with but one can see this as an opportunity to work on innovative solutions to this crisis. Pandemics have triggered the collapse of empires, weakened pre-eminent powers and institutions and have created social upheaval. We are thinking we are stuck, but actually not. Just clearing out all the negative energy and the one that was holding us back from manifesting the abundant life can do miracles.

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