

20. About smallpox vaccination

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What you want to know there is on the one hand [practically] a quite petty thing, as it is in the opposite [spiritual] kind also just of no great importance. For take a tree that would have sucked an evil, perishable sap, not at all agreeable to its nature, out of the soil of the earth, so you will soon see on the tree that its leaves will appear quite crippled and withered, and still moreover its branches, twigs and trunk will be surrounded with all kinds of vermin and other parasitic plants.

If now someone has also even a superficial knowledge of arboriculture, he will make the sure conclusion that there a grafting of other plants, which in and of themselves are even sicker and weaker, certainly will not make the tree to be grafted healthy, but it will be one ruin the other completely in the end.

Or will the one who was instilled with some poison be cured by the same poison that has him already taken away three quarters of his life? There will this subsequent dose of the same poison well be sufficient to take away the last quarter of the poisoned person's life.

Or can you ever think of a greater foolishness in spiritual terms as if someone would like to say to a sinner: "Listen friend, just sin further, and you will surely destroy the old ones by the added sins. And if you are a fornicator, do as often as you can to satisfy your passion, and you will convince yourself that it is in this way that you will most likely and easily gain the victory over yourself and your flesh. « - Behold, this one has [indeed] given the friend a good advice; he has [truly] been rid of sin in this way of inculcating of the sin into his flesh, because the passion and the living faculty of the flesh have been put to death by it.

But now ask yourselves whether this person, after faithfully observing this advice, has won the victory of life or the victory of death over himself? - Is it not obvious that with the instrument of death one never fights against death, but surely only against life at all times? And whoever now has gained the victory over his flesh with these weapons, he has truly killed life and in this way has given death the victory over himself. For you must remember that an old proverb still occurs now and then among the people, which says about an old whore or an old ram: "Behold, this one or that one has forsaken sin!" But now I ask, what is the relationship between the one and life, which the sin for itself already finds too bad? Or does death need to capture the dead who have long since become its prey? But I say: Death always goes to the open field of life and looks there for rich prey for its chambers of eternal perdition.

But if anyone wants to preserve life, he must fight alive with the weapons of life against sin, which is a destructive weapon of death. And he who with life in him has become a master of sin and has overcome the same in the fullness of life, who is then a hero who has for himself won life with life. And whoever there gives life for life does well and is one who is full of wisdom and full of love and full of life. But who gives life for death, how is he a great fool! And how little light of life must belong to him who flees the light and seeks the darkness!

Oh behold, just like that, if you want to consider it carefully, it is also with the above-mentioned prevention of smallpox by inoculation.

For smallpox is an inherited evil of primeval sexual immorality, which will be matured from period to period in the youngest descendants, and has not the slightest resemblance to the likewise mentioned animal evil, which is especially peculiar to cattle, sheep and goats and is brought about by the sting of a certain insect! - How should thus the pus substance from the smallpox of the cows be a detention agent against the so-called smallpox, that appear with the people?!

I tell you, this treatment has never borne the fruit that foolish humanity has dreamed of. And the supposed favorable success has no other reason than either the superstition favored and fixed by this action - what, however, became rarer, because in general now almost every faith has disappeared with the people and the so-called pure knowledge (?!) has come to its place -, or such a treatment has been carried out on children who might have been spared anyway throughout their lives for double considerations, that is, the generation afflicted with the germ of this evil has not yet come to the point of maturity, or the children were not afflicted from scratch with the germ of this evil.

Behold, if any such children were inoculated with such foolishness, they could of course easily witness the infallibility of this treatment. On the contrary, however, at the time of the maturation of such an evil, the inoculated could be just as well infected by it as those on whom such a treatment was not perpetrated. However, the fact that such real smallpox from the medical side was not declared to be smallpox, but for another cleverly invented rash, happened - as you can easily guess - to save the medical honor.

Now ask yourselves, if you presuppose this, what I have told you here, and thereby only take a small look at your experiences - what this mistreatment of the children might well be good for. That it is of no use, of that you can be completely assured. But that it is harmful to the human race in many respects, causes a dull, weary life, listlessness, inactivity, exhaustion of the most active organs of life and, especially in the female sex, is conducive to sensuality like a Spanish fly - you can be sure of that. For if you do not like to believe this, take history at hand and compare your inoculated descendants and also yourselves with those prehistoric generations, so certainly and surely the sky-high difference regarding the health and natural life span will jump you into the eyes.

I tell you, if you drill out a stone and put a drop of corrosive poison into the drilled hole only - then examine the stone in twenty years, and you will soon convince yourselves what pernicious consequences this drop of corrosive poison has produced in the stone, which is nevertheless made to defy millennia in its naturalness.

But if now the corrosive acid poison of decay is inoculated into the delicate organism of man, then it will not be difficult for you to find the appropriate answer to this problem.

You will now of course ask, namely with right and good reason, that I, on the other hand, would like to show you another means for the prevention or harmless abortion of this evil - since I, after all, as the only and sole creator of all nature, must also know all nature only and alone in the very best way.

And I tell you that I will also do this to you; but I tell you in advance that My natural remedies always keep pace with the spiritual ones, and so there is no universal medicine, neither for the spirit nor for the body. If you only look around a little on the way, which is marked out by Me for the attainment of eternal life as always only one and the same simple way of self-denial and My faithful following. - you will certainly discover only one and not several ways, and that truly for the good reason, because

I myself am only one and therefore [also] the only way and the only door to eternal life. And since it is so, you cannot but believe that it is so.

Who of you would like to claim that there are other ways besides Me to get to Me Myself, as the original source of all life? But is not the life of the spirit more excellent than the life of the body? Or is the life of the body not absolutely conditioned by the life of the spirit?

But if you know that for the spirit, when it has become ill, there is only one means for its restoration - for what reason should there be for [the body,] the temporal instrument of the spirit, whose activity is conditioned by the same, in possible incapacitation or illness, are there other and more means of production than for the principle of life itself?

Behold, when I walked among men on the earth, what physician did I consult? And which pharmacy have I Myself used to heal a sick person both spiritually and physically? And what physician and what pharmacy did all the disciples who trusted Me use, since they did the same that I did? Now I ask you, have I become weaker or have I changed, or is My Word no longer the same Word full of power and might and sanctification for spirit and body?!

O I tell you, it is truly not so - I am still the same! Only with the difference that at that time I healed only those people who approached Me with a living faith and therefore had to ask and implore Me for a long time on top of that until I heard them. But now I may no longer rely on a trusting love and even less on a firm perseverance of faith, but must help, since I am not asked, and must salutary intervene with those who do not know faith at all, so that not everything all and sundry perishes and gets lost.

Behold, who therefore comes to Me now with only a little trust and a small request, I will certainly not leave him and help him in every one of his troubles, since I often enough even have to grant help to My mockers and despisers.

Behold, this remedy that I have just indicated to you is the most appropriate. And whoever is of firm faith and full of trust and love for Me - truly, if I will not help him, so may he inoculate himself with all the poisons of the world, assimilate and take all the medicines of all the pharmacies of the world and eat like an ox the most healing herbs, then all this will be of just as much use to him as a drop of balsam to a skull.

I tell you, you can boil and roast the dead man in mere essences of life and you will not revive a fiber in his body, which you have entrusted to such a „wholesome" cooking establishment. - But listen: My word is well able to open the graves of the dead and to breathe new and eternal life into the moldiness of their decay! Therefore, if you know this universal medicine, that it has at all times brought about the most miraculous healings and even resuscitations of the dead, what then seduces you to put aside the same now all the more effective means and to smear yourselves with all kinds of dirt of the devil for it to that it may help you?!

O I tell you, only compare your life span with the life span of the ancients, and you will immediately find to what great gains the refinement of your foolish medicine has brought. Or go to those parts of the world where mankind does not yet know anything about medical help, and you will find that in such a region people know almost nothing about a disease, and least of all about a general one, and especially if their way of life is morally pure and simple.

Likewise do also you: Live as simple as possible! Do not stuff your stomach unnecessarily with all kinds of garbage from all known realms of nature, but enjoy what is good for the body: A simple diet [mainly] from the realm of plants, and of the plant foods only those that have been destined from time immemorial as nourishing bread for man. And [also] that is understood by itself: Everything with just measure and aim!

So you can be assured that your body will not be plagued by any disease throughout your whole life and that you will reach an incomprehensibly old age without any vaccination and other medical foolishness. And when I will then call such a person away from this world into My kingdom, it will happen as easily as someone falls asleep sweetly after he has worked faithfully, honestly and diligently all day long.

But if you refrain from all this and instead take recourse to vaccinations and all kinds of medicines, then in the end the result will be nothing else than that you will become old already in the years of your youth - considered only in a natural way - and often lose one sense after the other and become blind, deaf, infirm, lose your teeth, your digestion, as well as all the cheerful freshness of life, so that you are more weary and crippled in the fortieth year of your life than the ancients were in the hundredth year of their life. And in all this there is no one to blame but your own blindness!

Behold, it goes with it just in such a way as the human silliness falls into all kinds of seeing and suspecting nonsense during a night journey, since it then has to thoroughly laugh about it in the daytime and cannot comprehend to have regarded a tree stump for something completely different than just for a tree stick - not to remember other nightly follies! But if you want to use My means in earnest, then the day will also come for you when you will realize what a [void] treasure the world possesses in its countless follies.

But if I say that I can and will help everywhere and in everything and everyone, since I am faithful in all My promises, believe it that I will also help everyone willingly in everything and everyone for sure, if he only believes that it is so and that apart from Me on no help is to be thought of, both in bodily and preferably in spiritual respect.

Behold, the ancients, when they became weak through a torn sin, they fasted and repented, that is, through fasting they regained the free activity of the bodily organism, and through the with it connected repentance in faith they straightened up their spirit and then became again people of strong body and living spirit.

You will ask: Why then? How did that happen? - There I tell you, and the answer will not be difficult: The stomach is a natural henchman for producing nourishing liquids in the body. But if there are any strange parts in the organism, they are constantly held in some organic bottleneck. If then the stomach is stuffed with all kinds of useless food and the same thereby increases and forces the juices, then the foreign parts, instead of being able to retreat from their bottleneck and get back to where they could be further transported out of the body, will only be potentiated by the incessant importunity of the juices to the place where they are, by way of assimilation, and thereby become more and more stubborn.

- Behold, if now instead of all inoculations and medicines the just diet or fasting is taken and with this a firm faith and full trust in My word is connected, so that thereby also the spirit is strengthened as the principle of life, then ask yourselves whether it should not become physically and spiritually better with such a person?

I tell you, if his faith and trust is according to this, so may still a new life arise from the decay itself. But where such penance of body and spirit is lacking, hear, every one cured by vaccination or medicines is only a thoroughly deceived one, for there the medicines have not removed the evil from the body, but have only put it to sleep or disguised it.

And believe Me, the time will surely come, since the same evil, many times potentiated, will break through the veil and bring certain death to the body and not infrequently also to the spirit.

Behold, this is how things behave literally and truly, as I have told you. But you, lead your children and yourselves to Me in faith and trust! And truly I say to you: You will be convinced that My vaccine is the best! Amen. This is what I say, the great Universal Physician! Amen, amen, amen.