

Doctors Get In Touch with their Inner Nazi

They injected almost 1000 people. They were prostitutes, prisoners, mental health patients, and soldiers. They had not consented to the injections, nor were they aware of what they were being injected with.

Such was the nature of human experiments conducted by nazis in WWII Germany. They were injected with venereal diseases to study new antibiotics.

Sounds terrible, doesn't it? Yet, if it helped find better cures for VD for thousands more people, wasn't it justified in some way? A little bit? If a few people suffer for the greater good, isn't it worth it in the end?

Thankfully, we Americans don't think that way. We don't do stuff like that.

Only, we did. The experiments weren't conducted by nazis in Germany during WWII. They were conducted by Americans in Guatemala during 1946-1948, with follow-up lab tests and observations continuing into the 1950s. Not just any Americans. They were doctors working through the USPHS (US Public Health Service), experimenting on Guatemala citizens. Dr John C Cutler ran the operation in Guatemala City under the supervision of Dr R C Arnold and Dr John F Mahoney of the USPHS VDRL in Staten Island. There were plenty of Guatemalan doctors involved, as well, but it was all funded by the US National Institutes of Health.

At least we can take comfort in knowing that something like that would never happen today. That was a long time ago, and we've learned a lot since then. Besides, we have a free press, with aggressive reporters always eager to sniff out a story and tell us exactly what's going on before things get out of control. (Pause for laughter). No, journalists didn't bring us this story. We have an author to thank for this information: Susan Reverby, a professor at Wellesley College, who was doing research for a book she was writing: *Examining Tuskegee*. She just happened to stumble upon it while looking for information about syphilis. I don't know the exact date she found the records, but her book was published in 2009, so it took some six decades for the truth to come out.

Okay, but it was a one-time thing. No reason to make a big deal out of it today. It's not like USPHS makes a habit out of that sort of thing. Well, how do we know that? How can we be sure? Maybe

they do, and we simply haven't learned about it yet. They're obviously pretty good at keeping secrets.

For example, what was that Tuskegee thing the professor was writing her book about? The USPHS experimented on and observed almost 400 African-American males starting in 1932. The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment went on for 40 years while USPHS workers watched those 400 men slowly die. It was 40 years before we found out about that.

Then we have the horrific Salk polio vaccine tragedy. Doctors and scientists were frantic to develop a polio vaccine, and Dr Salk got there first. Trouble was, the vaccine wasn't safe. But the trouble with that was that millions of vaccines had already been manufactured and were ready for use. So, doctors decided to use the Salk vaccine anyway. There was just too much money at stake, and that took priority. Millions of kids got polio because they were injected with the polio virus in the form of a vaccine that was supposed to keep them from getting polio.

Dr Alton Ochsner, an internationally renowned and highly respected doctor, was one of the doctors who helped make that decision. He had his own grandchildren injected, even though he knew the vaccine was defective. Both of his grandkids got polio. One of them died from the vaccine. It didn't take half a century to find out about the Salk vaccine, because kids were dying and becoming crippled every day, and the ones who lived often ended up spending the rest of their lives in a hospital hooked up to an iron lung.

Doctors promised to remove the Salk vaccine from shelves and replace it with a new and improved vaccine. But they didn't recall the Salk vaccines. They still used them until supplies were exhausted. Did I mention that lots of money was at stake and that took priority? The new vaccine did indeed put an end to the polio epidemic, but it was defective as well. It caused an even bigger epidemic, which is still playing out today: cancer. The way the new vaccine was manufactured involved the use of tissue from monkeys. That monkey tissue introduced monkey cancer viruses into the new polio vaccine. Notice I said viruses. There were various strains of cancer in the vaccine, and they went right into the bloodstream of millions of American kids, who grew up to become American cancer patients. You or people you know are probably among of them.

The few doctors who figured out that the new polio vaccine contained cancer were demonized by the medical professionals who were running things. They did everything in their power to keep you from finding out the truth. (They did a darn good job,

didn't they?) The doctors who were appalled at the malpractice of their own profession knew they would be disgraced and silenced and barred from cancer research if they spoke up and publicly told the truth. So, they just kept their mouths shut and focused all their energy and experience on finding a cure for cancer. Did they find it? If they did, that news was suppressed by the same doctors who gave us our cancer epidemic in the first place. You see, there was a lot of money at stake, and that would have taken priority once again.

By the way, one of the primary ways they went about searching for a cancer cure was to subject cancer viruses (from mice or monkeys) to very high doses of radiation. The idea was to deliberately cause the cancer cells to mutate, and maybe one of two things would happen. By repeating the process they might be able to develop a benign strain of cancer that would overtake the malignant cancer cells in the body, or they might end up with a super cancer virus that could hold the key to finding a cure. In the process, they were also causing mutations of other virus cells, resulting in what we know today as HIV.

So, what's the point? What are we to make of all this? We can't very well just decide to hate all doctors and refuse any further medical treatment from them. It isn't wise to completely trust that every doctor has your best interest as his highest priority, either. There are good and bad doctors, just like any other profession. I start out trusting my own doctors until I have reason not to. But I take everything they say with 500 milligrams of skepticism.

I want bad doctors exposed. And when a bad doctor is exposed, I want him punished severely. That doesn't often happen. Doctors have a strong tendency to protect each other, much like lawyers and cops do. That's one reason some doctors can get in touch with their inner nazi with little fear of exposure. Another reason is that doctors are regarded so highly by most folks that if a whistleblower speaks out about misconduct, chances are most people will believe the doctor, not the whistleblower. Especially if it's a wealthy doctor who can afford to launch a smear campaign against the whistleblower.

Dr Ochsner never paid any price for what I consider the murder of his grandchild. He went on to become a very wealthy and powerful man, especially in New Orleans and Latin America. One of his patients gave him a brand new Cadillac every year. Dr O also donated a lot of his time and considerable skill to patients with no money or insurance at a New Orleans charity hospital. And he worked, along with CIA, to develop a super cancer virus that could be used as a fast-acting bioweapon to murder Fidel Castro. His team did, in fact, develop such a bioweapon, but it never got used

on Castro. That plot ended with the murder of JFK on November 22, 1963. It did get used on Jack Ruby, though, a few years later. Ruby was injected in jail, and it took only a matter of days or weeks to work. It went down as death by natural causes (cancer), even though he had been healthy prior to the injection. That's exactly how it was supposed to work, and how it would have worked on Castro if time hadn't run out on the project. Almost certainly, the super cancer virus is under the control of CIA these days. How many other people have they used it on? We will never know. That's the beauty of it, from their perspective.

Here are a few conclusions I think we can all agree on. Never piss off a CIA agent (like I'm doing here). Never piss off your doctor just before surgery. Never assume you are more important to your doctor than money. Take two large grains of salt and call your doctor in the morning. As for the rest, you tell me. Bottoms up, as bartenders and proctologists say.