

## **Just Gets Stuck in My Crow**

What brings out the best in people? I do not know. But one thing I do know is that circumstances in life can sure bring out the worst.

Everyone is tired of the pandemic. The cases rise, and sometimes fall, based upon some supposed political agenda: Get the vaccine; Do not get the vaccine; Wear the mask; Do not wear the mask; Close businesses; Do not close businesses; Do not allow more than ten in an enclosed area; Allow as many as can fit in an enclosed area. The list can go on, and on, as I did.

There has been a great deal of tragedy and loss because of the pandemic in addition to the everyday tragedies and loss of living and dying. The reality of such was expressed by Solomon, when he said, "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power over the day of death" (Eccl. 8:8). Thus, everyone has an appointment with death: "And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Pandemics, natural disasters or man-made disasters tend to bring out the best in people: First responders who run toward the disaster to lend their assistance in helping others who have been caught up in a catastrophe. And then, there are those who aspire to some higher ground of viciousness.

Regarding the pandemic, the society seems to be divided on the best course of action regarding the curtailing of the virus. Which is fine. However, when someone's solution to the problem is "the only view," there is a tendency of viewing others, who do not hold the same opinion, with a disparaging attitude. Regarding the pandemic, it is called "vaccine shaming", i.e., "Shame on you if you haven't had the vaccine!"

There are several reasons why an individual may or may not receive the vaccine. Whether an individual chooses or refuses, the right goes to the individual, not to those who determine to be a vaccine police. The law says, "our medical and other health information is private and should be protected, and we want to know who has this information. The Privacy Rule, a Federal law, gives you rights over your health information and sets rules and limits on who can look at and receive your health information. The Privacy Rule applies to all forms of individuals' protected health information, whether electronic, written, or oral" (HHS.gov).

Nevertheless, the "mask required" signs have been replaced with "No Vax, wear your mask;" "Wear a mask (unless you are fully vaccinated)." These precautions are fully in line with the owners' rights. But what has happened is some view the wearing of the mask in a negative connotation, i.e., if you wear a mask you are "out" with the "in" crowd.

So, what "stuck in my crow?" There was lady, wearing a mask, sitting at a table, well distanced from the "crowd." A woman walks up and says, "Are you afraid I'm going to breathe

on you? I've had my shots." On a side bar, having the vaccine does not mean you are immune to the virus, thus, does not mean you cannot be a carrier thereof.

Vaccine shaming is becoming more prevalent. One, whether an individual chooses to wear a mask or not is not an admission to either having, or not having, had the vaccine. But, assuming someone has or has not received the vaccine, and attempting to shame those who chose to wear a mask, is an indicator of a deep seated virus in the heart.

Peter said, "For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil-doer, or as a meddler in other men's matters" 1 Pet. 4:15. "and that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business," 1 Thess. 4:11; "For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies." 2 Thess. 3:11; "And withal they learn also to be idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not" 1 Tim. 5:13.

So, "Mind your own biscuits and life will be gravy."

P.S. Have I received the vaccine? Reference paragraph six.

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