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AIDS Does Not Equal Death

I am writing to share my perspective about the HIV/AIDS article in the Sept. 19 *World Tribune*. I agree that this disease is affecting us all, just like authoritarianism is affecting us all. Mainstream medicine accepts the current HIV=AIDS model as true, and we base our actions on it. But what if everything you were being told about AIDS was wrong?

My ideas about HIV=AIDS=Death have evolved dramatically since my experience was published (Nov. 29, 1996, *World Tribune*). Through my practice, I have found the courage to open my mind to other possibilities regarding HIV and AIDS. After extensive studies of alternative literature, I have abandoned the mainstream HIV=AIDS model. I no longer believe that HIV is the cause of AIDS, that a drop in T-cell count is an indication of a loss in health, or that AIDS=Death. I agree with many doctors and scientists who conclude that the AIDS drugs — along with recreational drugs, stress and not taking care of your body — are killing people.

I share this as a point of deep confidence in the Gohonzon. Through my practice, I opened my mind and heart to research that has allowed me to find a direction for my life and health. This search has not been easy. I have struggled with my belief in a medical system that condemns people who are HIV-positive to an early death, to cruel prejudice and to a life of fear, viewing any slight illness as a cause for alarm.

My husband, Allen, and I were diagnosed HIV-positive in 1989. Allen took all the AIDS drugs. At that time, Allen and I considered it a major benefit that he was able to go on all the latest AIDS drugs while others had to wait. Against all odds and the doctors' prediction (Allen was given six months to live), Allen extended his life by six years. I now know that the drugs ultimately caused the decline of his health.

Since his passing, I have had to deal with my own life and feel that the HIV neon light was transferred ever so brightly to me. I was terrified when my T-cells began to drop and my doctor told me it was time to start taking the AIDS cocktails. I had no symptoms, no sickness, just a dropping T-cell count. He gave me no choices, just a prescription for AIDS drugs for the rest of my life — a prescription for a short life, victimized by AIDS, with no control. This prescription pushed me to do research that took me way out of my comfort zone and outside of mainstream thinking.

What I found shocked, stunned and amazed me: Dr. Peter Duesberg, a leading expert in retrovirology, completely rejects the HIV=AIDS=Death hypothesis along with 600 doctors who belong to the Group for the Scientific Reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS Hypothesis.

Unless our lives depend on it, there are many surprising facts most of us don't know: It has never been proven that HIV is the cause of AIDS. There is not one single medical study substantiating this concept. The AIDS cocktails, AZT and other treatments are killing people. Testing positive for HIV antibodies has nothing to do with having a disease.

What we're also not hearing about are all the people who are living happy, healthy, productive lives without drug therapy. I — who have tested HIV-positive — know, because I'm one of them.

It is extremely difficult to be open to this information and to have the confidence to live by it. Through this practice, I have the courage to do the research and have the confidence to trust my life and my health. The answers are not outside ourselves.

Billions of dollars have been poured into finding an AIDS "cure." Why have we made so little progress? It is because the basic premise is not true. What if everything you believed

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about AIDS were wrong?

If you want more information on alternative scientific perspectives, contact the HEAL (Health Education AIDS Liaison) chapter in your area. I know it is scary, but the truth will empower you. Please question AIDS. Please question authority.

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