

Is there a life after Covid? - Tony Pearce

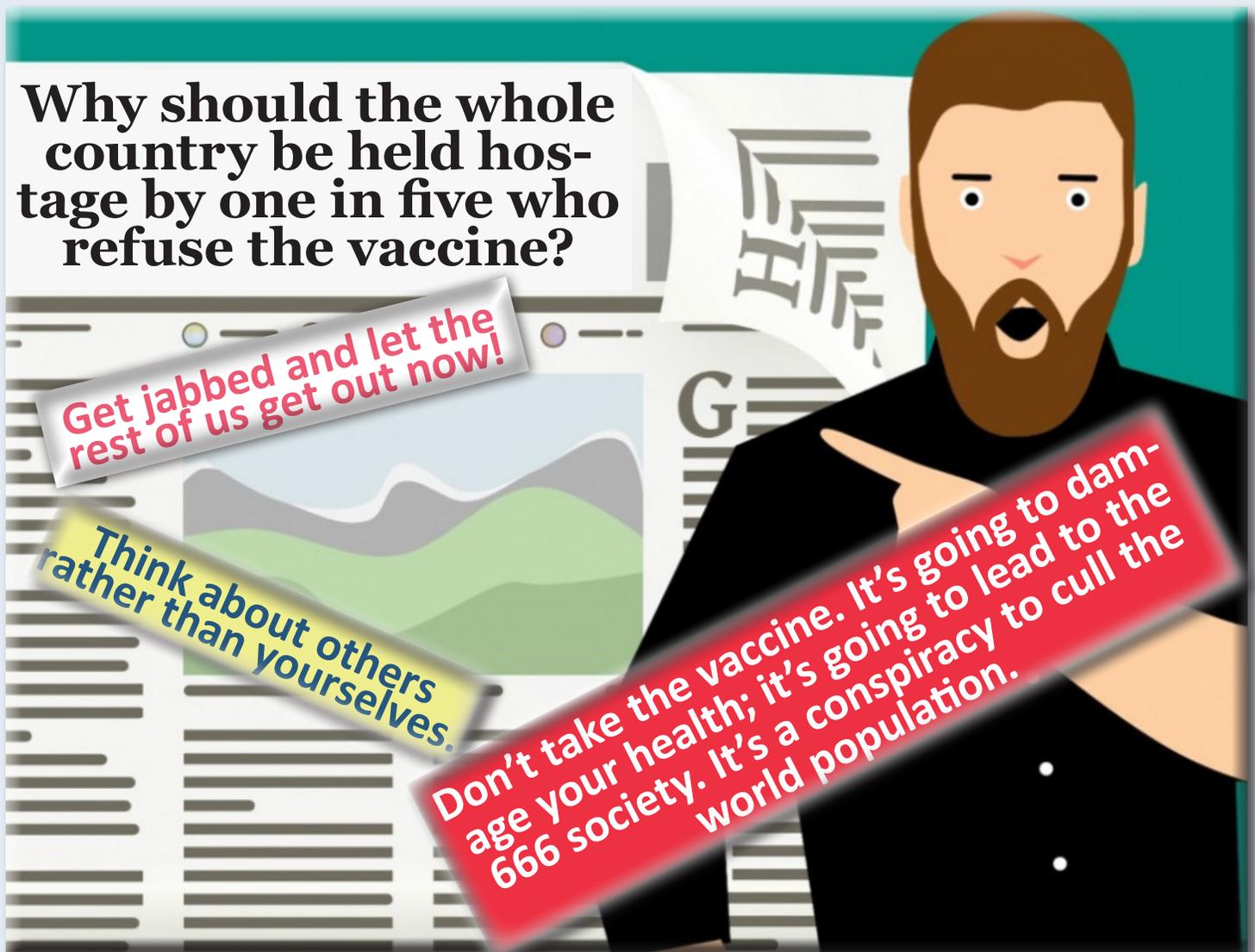
This week Boris Johnson has just announced the road map out of the lockdown which is good news. And everyone's saying how good news it is that the virus is in decline, that the vaccines have gone up. And Boris is promising a long road to freedom. It's going to be freedom in stages, beginning with the schools going back next week, on March the 8th, and then, at roughly one-month intervals, there is going to be a lot of loosening up, until by June the 21st, when there will be, hopefully, the end of the lockdown.

It's good news but: Will it happen? There are certainly some caveats and Boris Johnson and the scientists have said they need four weeks to assess each stage of the lockdown with another week to give notice of the next. They've also said that the vaccines may not be 100% effective; that there may be new mutant strains coming which might cause vaccines not to work, and that the virus might spread again.

The disease might spread as we are loosened up and there's also the fact that some people are refusing to take it which may lead to a substantial minority who will not have sufficient protection.

Those people who don't take the vaccine are going to be the objects of some hostility from people who do take it because they may be said to be stopping the way towards the end of the lockdown.

A Tory MP called Bill Wiggin said *"Get jabbed and let the rest of us get out now."* The headline in the paper today said *"Why should the whole country be held hostage by one in five who refuse the vaccine?"*



There is a lot of pressure on people to accept it for the common good and even the Queen has spoken today saying *“Think about others rather than yourselves.”* She made a passionate plea over vaccine take up as she said that *“The jab didn’t hurt at all”*, and suggests that those who are refusing to take it are selfish.

So, you can expect that this is going to be something which will put a lot of pressure on people who don’t want to take the vaccine. And it’s an argument which is used by certain Christians as I mentioned last time I gave one of these talks. Dr Wyatt who’s a Christian doctor says *“It’s your duty to take the vaccine to show love to your neighbour and to avoid passing on the virus, and to help society to exit from the lockdown.”*

On the other hand, I get lots of emails and lots of messages on the internet telling us: *“Don’t take the vaccine. It’s going to damage your health; it’s going to lead to the 666 society. It’s a conspiracy to cull the world population.”* These are at the most extreme end of the conspiracy ideas. Some of the conspiracy stories are way over the top but some of them have some ground to them too.

One of the sources of information I use is a prophecy website called Rema Marketing. They made a statement on this issue, and have said:

“There is still a lot of debate as to whether the Covid-19 vaccine will be the mark of the beast. We as researchers are human and can be wrong but our belief is that the Covid-19 vaccine is not the mark of the beast but instead is a birth pang or trial run of how to enforce global and collective unison. Unless someone can prove that the Antichrist, False Prophet and Image of the beast is already fulfilling the events of Revelation 13 then we are not there yet.”

~ And I would say definitely, “we’re not there yet”. Rema continues:

“And for those that resist the vaccine; yes, they will be protected by the Nuremberg Code in so much that vaccines cannot be literally forced on an individual but the social pressures brought about from exclusion, denial of privileges and possible loss of education, income and insurance will be enough to erode the will of the majority of resisters.

Once everyone has been herded into the obtaining of digital immunity passports it will make it that much easier to then facilitate the ultimate end goal as in Revelation 13.16-18:”

And the second beast required all people small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark— the name of the beast or the number of its name. Here is a call for wisdom: Let the one who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and that number is 666.

So, the question is: Are we on the road to that? Is what is happening now part of the process which is pushing the world in that direction? I'd be pretty much in agreement with what I just read to you from Rema Marketing.

I don't think the vaccine is the Mark of the Beast. Therefore, it's not forbidden to take it. Some people may have valid objections, especially if they see it is actually one of the signposts to the Mark of the Beast. They may also be concerned about the side effects, but others may decide it's better to take it than to get the virus and risk spreading it to others. Also, in the event of a Covid pass coming in, you may not be able to enter into normal society unless you have it, which is going to be a big issue because it could affect even coming to church.

They could say '*you've got to have a Covid pass to get in, to go on the tube, go on the trains*', anything.

So, you have this issue which is before us and, actually, I don't want to make a ruling on whether people should take it or not. It's actually up to you. You've got to make that decision. I have to say that I did actually have the vaccine. You might think that's a terrible compromise. I don't want to get the virus. I don't want to pass it on to others. But I'm also aware that this is moving in a perilous direction. And I debated backwards and forwards on this issue for a long time before I actually agreed to take it. I'm still not sure whether I did the right thing. But, anyway, I have taken it. So, that's it. The fact is that we are going to face this issue and we have to make a decision on it.

One of the problems which I can also see from a pastoral point of view in the church is: it becomes then a very divisive thing. You have the people who are for and those who are against, and they fall out with each other, and it becomes an issue to divide Christians. I think we have to seek to avoid that and to realize that this is something which is a decision between us and the Lord. And I don't believe that it's taking the Mark of the Beast, so it's not something because of which you're going to lose your salvation. But it is a movement in that direction. ω

Now, having said that, there are a lot of things which you do generally, without thinking about it, that are pushing us towards the Mark of the Beast. One of them is using your credit card or a debit card. Thinking about that, when you're using a card which has a number on it which connects to you and to a computer and which you use to buy and sell, then, if you extend the implications, this moves us towards the system of **Revelation 13**.

So, there are things which we're doing every day, I mean, the whole computerized internet society, everything: wi-fi and mobile phones, all this stuff is pushing us towards this technical society about which, in the end, we have to make a choice on how we're going to live in it.

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