

Corona Virus: Reliable Data - <https://youtu.be/3wnne5pdBdQ>

When planning to keep people safe (my responsibility) and reduce virus transmission in a pandemic the ONLY thing that matters is accurate data.

There are lots of different kinds of data:-

1. Data about transmission of a virus (how does it spread?)
2. Data about infectivity of carriers (how easily can you get it?)
3. Data about interventions to limit transmission (public hygiene, social isolation, masks for respiratory diseases)
4. Data about effectiveness of treatments (respiratory assistance, anti-virals, blood plasma replacement, vaccines etc)

This is not a matter of opinion or belief ... it's BIOLOGY.

Much of what you will be exposed to on the internet, in the media and in the statements of some Church leaders are from a technical point of view scientifically speaking, nonsense ... and dangerous nonsense at that. The monasteries of Diveyvo, Minsk, Pochaev and Sergei Possad have already suffered grievously and I am sure that this will prove to be only the tip of the iceberg.

If you really want to know what is going on with this virus you need to listen to **scientists** studying it and nobody else ... **not politicians, not media pundits and not clergy (INCLUDING ME!)**

Set aside some time and watch this from **Professor Raina MacIntyre** *Raina MacIntyre is head of the Biosecurity Program at The Kirby Institute and NHMRC Principal Research Fellow. She has a research track record in respiratory transmissible viral infections including influenza, seasonal coronaviruses and MERS Coronavirus, and control of epidemic respiratory infections, including through vaccines and face masks.*

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These are the technical research papers for those with a little more science knowledge.

<https://iser.med.unsw.edu.au/covid-19-key-research-papers-and-resources?fbcl>

I hope that by taking the time to study the science you will better understand why I am convinced that there will be a **second wave** of infection when restrictions start to be lifted.

There is no safe way of navigating this minefield until a vaccine becomes available. Pray that one CAN be available!

You may shudder when this professor says that we shall have to live with this virus for 2 to 5 years before it can be (hopefully) totally eradicated, but that is the truth of the matter and I am sure you would not want to hear anything from me except the truth ... and the truth belongs to science NOT ME.

Where does faith come in all of this? Easy!

- Faith gives us the security that we live or die, whether we suffer or not, we belong to Christ who is our Light. Our hearts can always and should always be at peace in Him, the Lover of Mankind.
- Faith working through love always brings spiritual healing, often healing in the mind and at the final resurrection, full healing to the resurrected body.
- Faith gives us the confidence that God AND human ingenuity (created by Him) can bring us out of this dark valley.
- Faith brings forth wisdom concerning our present human and global condition and how we can repent and transform a post-COVID world into something much better than we have now.

So let nobody say that I am being too secular or disrespectful of the benefits of faith. Let nobody whisper that I am "scared". I am ready to die ... but not if I can avoid it! :-)

What I am concerned to do is to lead you, (yes through sacrifice and hardship it's true), to green pastures. I will never lead you to contaminated springs but only and always SAFELY to the purest Living Water which is Christ Himself. You cannot trade this world for the next. Both have their place.

Love in Christ

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