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An Unbounded Era of the Millennium

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Dear editor

In this era of a modern pandemic of this new millennium, called as COVID-19, which has left no borders of the human world untouched on this planet. It is a timeless thing to be a witness to this future historic event of this millennium.

The world has moved into the era of globalization with cutting edge technology and highly advanced therapies for some of the most complex human diseases. We can now identify the extremes of nano causes of illness and human diseases and intervene in the nano world. Putting intravascular stents, breaking down calcium plaques in the vessels, transplanting human hearts, utilizing artificial hearts, devices such as ICDs for life-threatening arrhythmias are just very few examples of incredibly advanced treatments for improving human health and treating illness. These highly advanced therapies that exist now were once only a dream of some crazy beings, decades and centuries ago. We have touched human lives in the most possible nano routes. We can fathom the DNA and RNA technology. We now have the vaccines for Covid-19 using the mRNA technology which is a huge technological advancement. Despite all of these, we have to remain that humble being since we still do not know a whole lot about lots of things. The fact that we are living in a world of a deadly pandemic despite persistent heroic measures worldwide from multiple sources for the past two years tells us that we are merely insignificant beings.

The current state of the world seems like world is one now with no borders, no differences. The pandemic has hit all communities, all countries, the young and the old across ages groups, with no distinction of gender either, no discrimination of the poor or the rich, just making everything one and alike. The difficult world state due to the pandemic seems no less than a war. This is indeed the third world war we are living in! The fact that no country is immune to this war and there is no winner here is the difference from the historic wars. There is a huge fight every day to re-establish the old normalcy.

We have physicians, nurses, allied staff, janitors, and support staff in the hospitals that are risking their and their loved ones lives in caring for the patients with Covid-19 and many of them contracting the sickness while providing the selfless care. The fact that saddens here is that we still have some discrimination left despite this nondiscriminating illness of war worldwide. The differential border closures worldwide for different countries, and within the countries have left many people to a standstill for quite a long time- two years now and counting without having to spend time with their families and loved ones.

We have now everything else open on the planet in multiple countries with some variation including nonessential activities. Some of this is drawn by "economy" growth concerns suggesting the thought that money is bigger than health or what!! However, the same authorities have made travel and anything that involves seeing family and friends much more difficult due to concerns of the spread of the illness. Ironically, somehow the same illness is not spread by some nonessential activities such as gathering in movie theatres, partying at bars, shopping in crowded places, sports competitions gathering crowds, theatres, dramas, orchestras, etc to name just a few. But, somehow, when whatever it takes to meet your loved ones and family, suddenly the authorities suggest in different ways that it is such a deadly illness and avoid seeing your loved ones and this has not changed in the past two years. Not many seem to be concerned about meeting loved ones across the 'borders' but 'economy' is always a concern, what a feat.

This is indeed the world war of the new millennium that has been going on for last two years and us not realizing it well yet.

We have many more miles to go in achieving the elimination of these war-like conditions across the countries. Despite us reaching great heights in many aspects of medicine in treating human illness, we have miles to go as we as a species are in a standstill due to something seemingly a "common cold" that has become just so much common. Maybe going back and rethinking "common things common" first can help somehow.

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