

## A perspective of Corona by Tuberculosis

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Foul smelling water dripped from the top of the cave. Rats scampered in the corners. The cave was gray and rusty. This was no place for anyone. Anyone except disease. Deep inside the cave, a few germs were having a conversation. A germ that looked like a ball with legs sticking out, lay down on a comfy pool chair.

“Ah, Plague. I have done far more damage than you have done” this odd-looking germ said, giggling happily as it flipped through the news.

“Shut up Corona! Just because Waldemar Haffkine invented that dumb vaccine and I couldn’t harm anyone doesn’t mean anything. Plus, sooner or later they’ll invent a vaccine for you too” the germ known as Plague shouted back angrily. Another germ who looked like a capsule spoke up.

“Hey Plague, I know you’re mad that Corona’s doin’ more damage than ya, but honestly you have to hand it off to Corona” the capsule shaped germ said, patting the Corona on the back.

“You’re too kind, Leprosy” Corona said to the capsule-shaped germ. Leprosy smiled happily.

“You guys are all talking about how much damage Corona did, but what about all the good things he did?” another germ said, his eyes twitching creepily.

“What Tuberculosis? I’m bad all right, and I have done a lot of bad things to this world. I haven’t done any good things...” Corona screamed.

“Yes, you have” Tuberculosis said, and started to speak.

Green, beautiful, and luscious. The Earth! Filled with trees, towering mountains, and low valleys. The humans have destroyed it! But slowly the Earth is becoming what it once was. For example, according to the Inquirer, NO<sub>2</sub> levels were 22% lower this year than during the same period in 2019. Not just that, Delhi saw up to a 44% reduction in PM<sub>10</sub> air pollution levels on the first day of its restrictions according to India's Pollution Control Board. According to The Climate Group, working from home has the potential to reduce over 300 million tons of carbon emissions per year. As you can see, the Earth is much better than it was before. Thank you for this Corona!

We all have someone to rely on. Someone that loves us. Someone who would give up their life for yours. That's right, it's your family. Till now, people never "knew" their family. Although with this quarantine, hours are left to spend time with your loved ones. As you're recommended to stay home, families have no one to turn to but themselves. According to Forbes, children are making new best friends with their parents.

The time was ticking. Usually only till 12:00. But for the first time it seems that the clock struck 13:00. With this quarantine, People are getting more time to try out new opportunities, new ways of life, and more "alone" and "think" time. Usually people have their days packed with crazy meetings, places, and adventures and now with all of these events cancelled, people have time to explore their passions, learn new skills, and explore new opportunities. According to The New York Times, Michelle Obama is currently reading to children stuck at home. This article clearly stated "Mondays with Michelle Obama" was possible because of the time leftover during quarantine. Hence, I came to the conclusion that the Coronavirus has given people a lot more time for new opportunities.

After Tuberculosis had just finished narrating the positive side, Tuberculosis also explained that a leader tries to see good in bad, and so he elucidated the benefits of Corona.

“Are you done with your dreadful story?” Corona asked, grumbling. Tuberculosis sneered.

“I am. I told you this story because Corona will have a vaccine to tackle him soon. Instead of trying to attack more people or trying to stop the mayhem he’s doing, he is lazily lying down” Tuberculosis said. The other germs nodded in agreement. Just then a loud ring echoed through the cave.

“It’s Polio!” a voice called from the end of the cave. “With the mail. You wouldn’t believe today’s headlines. They’ve invented a vaccine for Corona!” Polio said. The germs looked at one another in despair. Their friend Corona was about to be defeated!!

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