1082 CoViD 19: Vaccinate? Yes? No? Maybe? (this is an edited version of my blog 1082)

Should we get vaccinate against Covid? Or is it too dangerous to do so?

There are reports of side effects of the Covid vaccinations; it's said:

> *"It is becoming clear that the spike proteins which your body makes in response*
> *to the vaccines are themselves toxic and it spreads throughout the body."*

I dare say this is probably a no-brainer: Every vaccine, every medication in some respect would be toxic. Is that a reason not to get vaccinated? I think the risks need to be put into perspective:

How dangerous is it walking across the street?
Have you stopped walking accross the street?

I have an issue with advice not to get vaccinated because there could be side effects. In Australia we may say it is in everyone's interest NOT to get vaccinated (with so little CoViD around), because one might encounter an adverse reaction. So far so good.

But it is also obviously in everyone's interest that EVERYBODY ELSE gets vaccinated ... because only then do we reach herd immunity, only then is one truly safe.

Is there a double standard here? Or is the anti-vaccer's stance simply thoughtless, maybe a little ignorant ... selfish, egotistical?

Is it, *maybe,* a little bit moronic. Or perhaps outright stupid?

The Fact Check-VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) page at Reuters states that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, "under the most intense safety monitoring in United States history" ... and recommends receiving the vaccine as soon as possible.

Methinks this is one of the most dangerous furphies of our time, that vaccinations are dangerous, that they cause side-effects and that they may cost lives. They're not ... but they do, and they may. Yet, in comparison to the positive effects - of not only vaccines, but medicine in general - those concerns are dwarfed; frankly this notion is an affront to my intelligence.

In the US the death rate due to CoViD ran at up to four thousand per day in the beginning of 2021; then CoViD vaccinations kicked in and the deaths per day dropped to a few hundred; 50% of the population is vaccinated, as of June 2021; total deaths 600,000; per million 1,828

It was even more dramatic in the UK ... over a thousand deaths per day in the beginning of the year; after vaccinations began the death rate per day dropped to single figures ... 80% of the population is vaccinated, June 2021. United Kingdom: Total deaths 128,000; per million 1,919

But in Australia the situation is very different ... we are the lucky country, what with a total of just 910 deaths due to CoViD. This statistic lulls many people into a sense of apathy; it's not really necessary to get vaccinated, because there is no CoViD where I live!

However, there is a problem: We are an island, it is our isolation that protects us ... but only if we keep the borders shut for all those CoViD compromised people who wish to come (and spend tourist, investment or student $$$ here).

And come they will ... if there's no CoViD here and once everybody is vaccinated, Australia will be the safest country in the world to visit.

The bottom line is, if we want to open our borders, if we want to re-start our economy, we bloody well all need to get vaccinated ... at least 60, 70% of the population needs to be vaccinated for the borders to re-open ... to date approx 12% of the Australian population has been vaccinated, as of June 2021. Australia: Total deaths 910; per million 36

Go get vaccinated, NOW.