Cancer – Rebel With a Cause

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You have to respect an effective foe and cancer is a formidable enemy to the human form. Once it gains momentum it is an incredibly effective parasite: strangling, bullying and starving the host to death in a long, drawn-out battle that’s often filled with terrible pain.

In the past 40 years, tens if not hundreds of thousands of medical scientists have dedicated their lives to its eradication. The result – apart from a few isolated exceptions - has been an increase in the average life extension of a miserly couple of years. Much of this improvement is probably due to better monitoring and earlier detection. Compared to the resources expended that is not much to show for all the effort.

I’m not going to berate Western Medicine here for its failure in the war against cancer. It would be easy to land a few punches given the ineffectiveness of it all but what does that serve and has it not been done more effectively and eloquently elsewhere?

No, my subject here is cancer itself. Despite its awfulness, I have to admit I find it the most fascinating of all diseases. There is something so deep and profound about cancer that you have to respect it. The diagnosis of cancer is a terrifying experience. The patient knows he has a gargantuan fight on his hands and the odds are stacked against him.

Worse still there is no clear game plan at all. Most people follow a standard oncology procedure which amounts to some combination of surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. Alternative medicine does not seem to fare much better with its diets, supplements, and detoxification. All in all, this seems to be a very desperate situation. But how did it get this far? What led up to this often shocking and sudden diagnosis?

Formation of Cancer Cells

We are told that silently in the background the rogue cells had been multiplying out of control and beyond the scope of the immune system to kill them. Something had turned on the “wrong” genes. This DNA “error” leads to uncontrolled cellular division and then to tumours and/or to cancer spreading throughout the body.

Cancer raises many questions. What has turned these oncogenes on? And why? How do the cancer cells get so numerous? Why were they not stopped early on? Do we wake up every morning to play another game of the medical Russian roulette? Has God – contrary to Einstein’s disbelief – really decided to play dice with us? And why now?

I’ll lay my cards down on the table in this discussion without further ado. The following are some of the more pertinent beliefs that guide my own opinion in this regard:

- nature is permeated with intelligence at all levels
nothing is coincidence; everything happens for a reason

whatever happens at an autonomic or unconscious or cellular level does so meaningfully

events happening at cellular levels are the result of a decision-making process

multi-cellular life evolved from single, isolated cells into communities of cells that cooperate
together to sustain more intelligent life forms

they did so because evolutionary circumstances allowed for the development of higher life forms
(in other words nature managed to refine its own intelligence)

the memory of the earlier forms has never been lost

nature is constantly refining its knowledge to become more intelligent and it uses any means at its
disposal to this end

to this day, the primary way of refining and expanding that intelligence is through animate life
form

therefore life is incredibly precious to nature and it will preserve it at all costs and enhance
wherever possible

multi-cellular life has always had an Achilles heel: all cells must remain in communication with
each other

this communication process is incredibly complex; it took billions of years to create and it’s
vulnerable to breakdown

I see cancer as a half way house. We view cellular life as being in one of two states: either dead or alive. I
think there’s a third condition which is a degraded form of cellular existence characterised by a “lower”
intelligence. In this devolved form, the newborn cancer cell functions as an outsider. It no longer takes its
lead from the community. It stops listening to the signals and messenger molecules the rest of the body is
sending it. It loses its previous identity as a specialised player in a much larger organisation.

The new, selfish identity it discovers is one of an opportunistic parasite. It now simply sucks in the
nutrients it needs as it follows its own agenda. To this new life the host organism is simply there to
sustain and enhance its uncontrolled growth. Its mission is to grow and develop at the expense of its host
and the progeny’s destiny is to kill its unwilling parent. The table below summarises my view of the three
states:

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