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More On AIDS

I am writing to express my gratitude to Lonnie Mogil for sharing her experience regarding her struggle after being diagnosed HIV-positive (“Mailbox,” Oct. 3 *World Tribune*)....

Is it possible that Ms. Mogil could lead a healthy, fulfilling life by refusing to acknowledge the so-called facts revealed through the ideology of Western medicine? I believe the answer is definitely yes! You see, I am one of the “600 doctors who belong to the Group for the Scientific Reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS Hypothesis” mentioned in Ms. Mogil’s letter.... I (like Ms. Mogil) was “shocked, stunned and amazed” by what I learned. Everything I had believed about AIDS was wrong!...

Since I am not HIV-positive, it is relatively easy for me to espouse these seemingly unorthodox conclusions. However, I do take a risk. What if I am wrong and people who listen to my ideas suffer (or die) as a result? Within the strict realm of cause and effect, am I not creating negative causes for myself? On the other hand, what if I am right?... At present, I can only turn to my faith to find the wisdom to answer these questions, and this letter attests to the direction I have chosen.

Dr. Duesberg expressed to me his hope that someday a rational dialogue might ensue between those of opposing views in this controversy, and that further scientific studies might be designed to address unanswered questions. Unfortunately,...the need for a dialogue has been obfuscated by simply eliminating all funding for studies that might challenge the unproven HIV-causes-AIDS hypothesis.

I told Dr. Duesberg about the SGI-USA and expressed my belief that the seeds of such a dialogue (as well as other difficult topics important to humankind) might someday begin in our organization. I hope to report back to him someday, and I am indebted to Ms. Mogil’s experience for renewing my hope.

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Century of Africa

In SGI President Ikeda’s “My Recollections” (Sept. 12 *World Tribune*), the compassion shown by Hassan Gouled Apidon, president of the Republic of Djibouti, toward the people of the world, refugees and Kobe earthquake survivors was very uplifting. The part of the article that really shook me was when President Ikeda described the treatment that was inflicted upon the people of Africa by the so-called civilized world at that time. I could feel the suppressed rage he felt at the inhumanities heaped upon the people of Africa. After all, Africa has been proven by archaeologists to be the cradle of humankind and civilization.

I could also understand the resentment many people feel toward the descendants of the enslavers. Resentment and anger do not solve the problem, as President Ikeda expressed. Determination by us for the 21st century for Africa and its people to be on the vanguard of a new independence and humanity is the best way to funnel this anger. Thanks to presidents Hassan Gouled Apidon and Ikeda for their dedication to these issues.

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