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# Covid-19 casts its shadow over Cinco De Mayo

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Today is Cinco de Mayo or the 5th of May when Mexican and Latino folks celebrate the Mexican army's military victory against the French in the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862. Today's battle is different. It is against an invisible enemy, a virus that has somehow managed to circle the globe and infect people in 184 countries in a span of about 3 months. The lightning speed of the pandemic has advanced on mankind like a bat out of hell.

Two theories now emerge as to the origin of this Covid-19 virus. One is that it was derived from nature in marketplaces in Wuhan, China, where under unsanitary conditions, birds and wild animals inter-react with each other and with people.

The other theory is that a government research lab in Wuhan experimented with various genetic combinations of coronaviruses from bats to determine if a modified virus could create a pandemic. Then, the researchers found out they succeeded when, to their horror, the modified virus escaped from the Wuhan lab and started the very pandemic that the research was designed to prevent. Now what the world needs is leadership to speedily find an effective treatment, one that is low in cost, as millions of poor people will need it as soon as it becomes available.

The coronavirus's global march has been helped by months on end of cloudy skies that hide the germ killing power of the sun's ultraviolet rays. In Wisconsin I have observed an unusual pattern of cloudy skies that started in November 2019 and has continued for the past 6 months. I know as I have six solar panels on my garage and have noted more than usual the number of days a lack of sun has resulted in dead batteries, so much that even the security lights on the garage went dark for several days.

Wisconsin's governor Tony Evers has issued his safer at home order that under the state statutes would have expired 60 days later on May 10th. However, Gov. Evers had his health secretary extended it through May 26. The State legislature challenged the extension as illegal and arguments were heard today before the Wisconsin State Supreme Court. A ruling is expected shortly.

There have been several large public protests in Wisconsin and across the nation against these restrictions on human activity. With about one million small businesses shut down across the United States, many are now broke and will be unable to open their doors even if all of the restrictions are lifted. The unemployment rate has also reached levels not seen since the great depression of the 1930's.

On the brighter side, when the sun re-emerges and the clouds part, the rate of new infections and the death rate should decline at least for a few months. What the world need now is an effective treatment for all that are infected with Covid-19; otherwise the travel and human to human contact restrictions will crash the world's economy and take the medical system with it down the tubes.

### Pope Francis calls for prayer on May 14th to end the Coronavirus pandemic.

Pope Francis calls on believers of all religions to pray together on May 14 to ask God to rid the world of the pandemic and asks that the vaccines to be made available to all infected persons. Pope Francis has endorsed the call to *"the believers of all the religions to unite together spiritually."*

Note: the last newsletter on home remedies for the coronavirus pandemic has been revised and updated. Printed copies of the revised reports are available. Call 414-231-9817 to place an order. 1 Copy is Free or 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10 postpaid to share with family and friends.