



In the first part of this article in the last volume of the Channel #9, I shared how I evolved from a perspective of thinking that the cure for cancer was just around the corner and that research would be the key. I come from a position of Western Medicine and years of believing that this model of care is the best in the world for treating cancer. This belief is still predominant.

Many believe it is their only hope, and it sustains their life energy.

The emotional heat of survival from people diagnosed with cancer and the family members struggling to manage in this survival battle is a place I honor. I do not challenge or criticize any one of the beliefs that keep people from the edge. I only want to share what I've learned while respecting the tender feelings, passions and beliefs of others who are touched by this. I want to serve by sharing what I have learned in hopes that those not yet diagnosed and those who survive gain power and health.

Why does our culture, and many throughout the world, spend enormous amounts of time, energy, and money on **awareness** of the presence of active cancer, rather than **prevention**? So many sources of cancer are clearly defined.

Here is what I found. The phenomena of disease awareness started with the purpose of eliminating stigma. The stigma of having AIDS and the sexual preferences it exposed became a cause that benefitted from awareness. That secrecy created an epidemic that could have been shortened or contained with awareness and education. The red ribbon became a model for people calling back their power from the stigma in the hopes of freeing others from fear of seeking treatment and education on prevention.

The purpose of the red ribbon to reduce stigma flipped to the idea of supporting a disease to obtain a cure. Beginning with the red AIDS ribbon, we started a race through the color spectrum. We created a disease based culture that competes for attention, time, money, and celebrities to front their cause. People donate with all their hearts. All with the hope of a cure. Is this hope expressed in reality? Does research create cures? Perhaps some disease states have moved forward in treatment.

Treatment, yes. Treatment is good because it serves the money machine. More expensive, long-term treatment is even better. Awareness serves treatment only. Not cure. Somehow the idea that *awareness of a disease will create a cure* is still a dearly held belief.

That belief is like a slinky going down the steps. Increased awareness=increased donations=increased research=increased survival rates and the final step: a cure. The slinky has stopped on the step of increased donations. In the natural world, we think the slinky just needs another push to get it moving down the stairs again. In the world of diseases, we think the awareness slinky just needs more momentum to make it to the cure.

How bad does a disease need to be to win the competition that receives the most attention and wins the research money prize? Cancer has won regarding money and number of lives. Cancer cuts across every socioeconomic factor and leaves no body part untouched. Research has not created cures for cancer.

The culture of money educates us on treatment rather than prevention. The use of chemicals, machinery for imaging organs and invasive procedures are at times critically necessary to sustain life. I am not rejecting these choices. These modalities can provide visual or recorded information that can assist in choosing the best method of care for innumerable human conditions.

What I am rejecting are the notions that fear based solutions and awareness without prevention create health either in the person or the culture.

Un-natural fear is out of alignment with the flow with our natural body systems.

Rediscovering your natural body “alerts” brings us into alignment with the mirror of the Universe that created our right forms. This mirror tells us what we need to be, give, have and do to stay fit and well. Rather like our physical mirror tells us our hair is sticking up, or we have outgrown last year’s sweater, *we must take the time to look in the mirror*, accept what we see and call back our power.

I was driving on the east side of Cleveland on Euclid Avenue and saw a megalithic new building going up. The construction fence had a sign on it that proudly stated: “WE CARE FOR CANCER.” The nearby research center is one-tenth that size. Where is the money being spent?

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