

The Many Faces of Medicine

By Robin Roller

Did you know that back before the western influence on Chinese medicine, the doctors in the Orient were paid only if their patients stayed well? It's true! Many years ago doctors stopped being paid if their people got sick. Any doctor who had to resort to surgery was considered a failure. These doctors relied upon acupuncture, herbal remedies, massage, bone setting and nutrition therapy.

Today in Chinese hospitals there are typically two wings. One where western medicine is practiced and one where Traditional Chinese Medicine is practiced. Traditional methods from the far east are rapidly becoming more popular here in the west. It is not an oddity to hear of someone using acupuncture or any of the other alternative methods originating in the far east. They are gaining in popularity nationwide. Many are satisfied with the results.

There is a movement from surgery as a first line of treatment to surgery as a last resort. Many are researching to find natural and less expensive alternatives to high priced prescriptions and the damaging side effects that accompany them. The scales are tipping away from this profit based system towards a more health conscience style of medicine.

There are several medical procedures practiced regularly with positive results in the Orient, Europe and Germany to name a few that are illegal here. Why are these procedures illegal here? You can hear all kinds of reasons depending on who you ask. My personal opinion is because there isn't a profit in cures.

One example of this is Ronald Reagan. He was diagnosed with colon polyps, skin cancer, as well as Adenoma, a very aggressive colon cancer. His case was classified as "Duke B", meaning the cancer had invaded the muscle tissue but was confined to the bowel wall. President Reagan was warned that it could spread. This was in about May of 1985. Surprisingly, a man with access to the best medical care this country has to offer

opted to get treated in Germany. Why? Because the treatment that was to save his life (without chemotherapy) is illegal in the U.S.. For whatever reason, this was kept from the American public. I'm sure you can guess why.

In conclusion, I believe it is time to take responsibility for our own health, realizing that medicine as we know it may not be what it seems. Please get a second opinion, do your own research and do not allow yourself to be "bullied" into mainstream treatment. If after you have researched, you find that it is the best option, then by all means do it. However remember that because a doctor gave you a diagnosis doesn't mean you must take his suggested treatments.

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