

Correspondence

Nexus of *eidos*: one world against COVID-19

Dear Editor,

Is vaccine the answer to win against SARS-CoV-2 or commonly known as COVID-19? Vaccine helps, but the solidarity of humanity, and love for each other, will end this pandemic. It has been a year since COVID-19 vaccines were introduced. However, some remained doubtful to authorities, hence, hesitant to be vaccinated,¹ while some are skeptical and some are totally against the vaccines.² Nonetheless, it is necessary that these scrutinizing speculations be accommodated—not simply to question the use of vaccine but to brush-off the pre-conceived notion or biases against it and its correlates.

As the COVID-19 still evolving into different variants, now with the Delta variant, hesitancy for some to be vaccinated still occurs due to factors mentioned above. Is the vaccine really safe? No one can technically set aside these concerns—its efficacy or even its side-effects.³ We must learn to see the *eidos* between this ‘pro’ (perceived vulnerability to COVID-19⁴) and ‘anti’-vaccine camps so that all these doubts before us will be made clearer in the end. We allow this scrutiny, doubt and the seemingly biased perception toward it so that after several debates, an intellectual manifestation of its ‘safe’ use and ‘efficacy’ will unfold the different layers of truth in it. The world must come to certain agreement. As clearly stated in the latest editorial post of Webster and Neal: ‘If COVID-19 and future pandemics are to be ultimately overcome, the poor and the socially disenfranchised all over the world must be included in strategies and policies to help and support everyone not just the privileged and the wealthy’.⁵ Surely, this is the best way to illustrate the sincerity of all the nations participating in combating this COVID-19 pandemic. Here, ‘One world’ means—a collective action, not ‘one governance’. This is not about power but unity, not supremacy, but cooperation. Humanity must continue to strive forwarding the ‘best’ interest not simply for survival sake but for good will, loving concern and camaraderie.

In the end, recognizing our ‘finiteness’, we cannot but value each other for—we are living in the same world, we are covered by the same heaven and we are receiving the same care of our mother nature. For Christians, this was made clear by Pope Francis I in saying that ‘love changes the world, but it changes us first’.⁶

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