

19TH AFRICAN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE DAY

THE POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE TO COVID-19 RESPONSE IN AFRICA.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF PROMETRA INTERNATIONAL

Traditional medicine is as old as mankind, as old as pain. If Africa is the cradle of humanity and hence the land of civilizations, of all civilizations; the continent knew with intelligence and dignity how to manage the health of men across all continents for more than 300,000 years before the arrival of white people only 12,000 years ago.

In the name of modernism, some scientists of the 17th century like Descartes, who brought his narrow, limited and deserted system which ignores Energy which is life, ignores Love, Intuition, Emotion and which is a real brake for the development of the human sciences.

Other scientists like Louis Pasteur have prescribed antibiotics to kill bacteria.

Where are we today ? bacterial resistance ...

A medicine that only seeks to kill. This practice only ends with mutations of increasingly virulent pathogens, but continues to be used even if it has no future.

Emerging diseases such as HIV / AIDS, Ebola hemorrhagic fever, ZICA and others, today COVID-19, have shown the limits and failure of this medicine still considered the only official in our countries.

This is worrying.

No one is immune from disease and suffering, and everyone has the right to have access to health care. Since Man wants to be human, he has the duty to help others and to make known what can help others. This implies that any knowledge that can bring relief to man must be known and spread.

Why does official science in general, and especially conventional medicine, not open up to other realities, other practices, other rationalities, despite their insufficiency and their limits?! ..

In the face of a pandemic, which brings the whole world to its knees, we only think of:

- Prevention,
- Vaccination

Prevention and vaccination which practices are questionable.

The WHO (World Health Organization) recognizes that 80% of the population of South Sahara turn to healers, not only for health, but also for their health education.

How difficult is it to understand that healers are the best IEC (Information Education Communication) agents for the populations they have the honor to serve!?! ...

This is worrying!

Ladies

Gentlemen

Health is integrated into the holistic life of the individual with their culture, beliefs and traditions.

It is time to stop seeing traditional medicine as an alternative medicine or a primary health care medicine.

It is the medicine of tomorrow, which has proven itself through the ages and hit by repressive laws in our countries in the name of colonization and modernism.

Throughout Africa, we see the gradual disappearance of healers and the degradation of their knowledge and skills. That increase the reasons to consider as an urgent and indispensable task the study of the rehabilitation of traditional medicine in our countries. A true treasure of the black race, the science of healers is a heritage that must be preserved and developed by all possible means.

Africa has a great interest in protecting its resources which constitute the GREEN GOLD of tomorrow, of which it holds the largest and most important deposit.

Ladies

Gentlemen

Covid 19 should be an opportunity to boost collaborative research between the two medicines. Research which results will enable Africa to play the role of bridgehead in the management of covid 19 and for the world to respectfully involve Africa in the health challenges of our humanity.

There is no one truth, there are « many truths ». There are several logics, several rationalities, several ways of healing.

It is unfortunate that these essential concepts do not appear in international covenants or universal declarations.

It would be desirable to see in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Helsinki 1948) an article which would say "EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO HEALTH AND TO THE FREE CHOICE OF HIS MEDICINE".

In the name of PROMETRA International that I have the honor to serve, I call with all our wishes the men of good will who know how to listen in this screaming and pitiless world, the men of good will who put the human above acquisition... to join our efforts to do collaborative research. Research which will make possible to lay the foundations for a more humane medicine and allow people to look with confidence towards their future.

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