

Possible Challenges in Coronavirus Vaccine Development: A Special Interview With Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

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Dr. Mercola:

Welcome everyone. This is Dr. Mercola helping you take control of your health, and today we are joined by Bobby Kennedy Jr. And we're delighted to have a discussion with him on some really important events as it relates to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Mercola:

So welcome. Thank you for joining us today, Bobby.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Thank you for having me, Joe.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

I'm eating your vitamins every day by the way. The Liposomal Vitamin C, so thank you.

Dr. Mercola:

Well, you're most welcome. Most welcome.

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So I'd like you to share your insights on what Judy [Mikovits] discussed in her book, the relationship between the flu vaccine and COVID-19. Any thoughts on that and its contribution to the pandemic? Because vaccines is one your areas of interest certainly.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Let me just talk for a minute about the COVID vaccine. We're all waiting for a vaccine, and by the way, Joe, if they come up with a vaccine and they've actually done real testing on it, safety testing, and the vaccine works, I would be happy to have the vaccine. But the problem is they're not testing it at this point.

Dr. Mercola:

Oh. Could you give us the backstory too... We were all excited when Trump was elected, because one of his positions was he was going to appoint you to the Vaccine Advisory Committee, and the story in the street is [Bill] Gates got to him. In fact, Gates I think even mentioned it in one of his interviews that he advised against.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Gates says that he talked Trump out of it, but I think that Trump was probably listening to a lot of people at that time. And I think probably the bigger impact was immediately after... President Trump, at that point he was President Elect Trump, he contacted me right after his election. I was actually out skiing at the time with my kids out west. He contacted me and asked me to come see him. I came to see him

early January, before his inauguration. And he asked me to run the Vaccine Safety Commission. I of course agreed. Even though I'm a Democrat and people were angry at me working with the President, but that didn't bother me. So I agreed to do it, but immediately after that, President Trump received a — Pfizer wrote a \$1 million check to his inauguration committee. And he then appointed a Pfizer lobbyist, Alex Azar to run HHS, and he handpicked a Pfizer insider, Scott Gottlieb, to run the FDA. And as soon as they got in there, they shut down the Vaccine Safety Commission and any other questioning of vaccines.

Dr. Mercola:

All right. Well thanks for sharing. I was curious as to what happened.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Yeah. So I think that probably had more... I think a lot of people were telling him, "You shouldn't be doing this," and Gates was one of them. But I think he was probably listening more to ... I think once he took the money from Pfizer and put in their guys, it was dead in the water.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

So on COVID, people have tried for many years, for three decades, to create a coronavirus vaccine.

Dr. Mercola:

Which is the same virus as the cold, the common cold. They haven't been able to do it.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Exactly. As you know, the coronavirus can be super virulent and super deadly, and super transmissible, or it can be mild, like a cold. And the Chinese have been trying to do it. After 2002, beginning of 2002, there were three SARS epidemics. The first one was natural epidemic that had moved from bats to human beings. The second two were lab-created organisms where people were experimenting at that point with the coronavirus, and when you try to create a vaccine, what you do is you accelerate evolution.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

And the way that they accelerate evolution is they take the organism from the anus of the bat, they put that organism maybe on pangolin kidney tissue and they grow it. And then they take it off the pangolin, the grown virus, off pangolin kidney tissue, and they put it on feral monkey kidneys. And then they take it from there, and they put it on mouse brains. Every time they move it to a new animal, it kicks off all kinds of mutations. You can take six years of evolution and you can compress it into a couple of days. You create super viral forms of virus in that process. It's called accelerated evolution, and you create mild forms. You can take the mild forms, and you can turn them into a vaccine. You can take a mild form and give a person that mild form, and they don't really get sick. They develop the antibodies, and that's the theory.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

But there's reasons that they like to create those super viral forms. One is most of the labs where they do it like Fort Detrick in our country and Wuhan lab in China are not only vaccine labs, but they're also military labs. So they want to mess around and look at these viruses that they maybe be able to

weaponize. But not only that, the people who are creating vaccines like to create super virulent forms. They give them to mice who have been genetically engineered to have human immune systems essentially. Then they try to cure them. Those experiments were going on in the United States until 2014. They were Anthony Fauci's projects. President Obama ordered that to stop because they had a lot of lab escape problems in one year, in 2014, from three different labs. They had big problems, the United States.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Instead of stopping as he was ordered, Fauci moved those operations to the Wuhan lab in China and continued to do those experiments right up until the time that the coronavirus. In fact, Ian Lipkin, who you know, was doing those experiments over there when the coronavirus exploded. And I'll tell you exactly what happened because it's very suspicious.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

When President Trump came in, Obama had an office in the White House for pandemic defense, for pandemic security. They were involved in funding those through Fauci, those projects in Wuhan. President Trump ended all funding for that office, and the funding ended on September 30th, 2019. So that was the last paycheck that any of those scientists got. And on September 30th, a whole lot of scientists were laid off in Wuhan. October 1st is when the coronavirus ... That's the first case of coronavirus 19. So it's kind of suspicious because it looks like there's a possibility, and I'm speculating here. So I want to make that clear. There's a possibility that somebody who lost their job in that lab, there's speculation that maybe they could have released the virus because immediately it created an instantaneous market for people with that particular skillset, which is to study how to make a coronavirus vaccine. So you could go from unemployed to highly employed almost overnight if you did release one of those microorganisms, which they were creating in that lab. I don't know if that happened, but that's something that needs to be-

Dr. Mercola:

Surely a possibility, but do you think a lot of people believe that it may be part of a broader project to engineer fear into the population, to create [crosstalk 00:48:41] economic collapse was in fact planned to transfer the wealth assets to the top 0.0001% and transfer that because of this collapse.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Yeah. And the rest of us living under very authoritarian regime. So anyway, we don't know that, Joe. Of course that's speculation, and it's stuff that if we were living in a true democracy where there was a free press that was actually permitted to ask those questions and speculate on that, then we would be doing an investigation of those questions, which we have a right to know and we all ought to know the answer. Unfortunately, the journalists today are no longer journalists, they're pharmaceutical reps. [crosstalk 00:49:38]

Dr. Mercola:

Along those lines, I've neglected to express my appreciation for your coming to my defense late last year when The Washington Post vilified me as the force behind the anti-vax movement for funding them, and then you wrote a very nice rebuttal around Christmas last year. So thank you for that.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Oh, you're welcome. I don't actually remember even writing that now, but of course that's what I would've done if I'd seen that. But there's so many attacks now, I spend my full time doing those kind of things. Anyway [crosstalk 00:50:12]

Dr. Mercola:

Your example of the censorship and the manipulation of the media, they're basically of the agenda of the industry, in many cases the pharmaceutical companies.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Of course. And you're a huge threat to them because you are not part of the pharmaceutical [inaudible 00:50:28]. You're telling people the truth, which is that there's problems with germ theory and that the vast events that we have against the illness of all kinds, including infectious disease are really strong immune system. And that our immune system functions unintended in an evolution intended, which is to fend off billions, hundreds of billions of infectious viruses every single day.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah, which is why one of the reasons [crosstalk 00:50:59]-

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

You're doing that. So they hate you.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. That's one of the reasons why all your great work with glyphosate and helping get that removed or eliminated was so helpful because that definitely impairs the immune system. But I'm wondering if you-

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Let me just finish the history of the COVID-

Dr. Mercola:

Okay.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

... vaccines. In 2002, we had a natural outbreak of SARS, which is a COVID virus. And then shortly after that, we had two more epidemics, and those were lab created. That's noncontroversial. Everybody accepts that. Chinese, the Americans, the Europeans all got together and said, "We need to develop a vaccine against coronavirus." So around 2012, they had about 30 vaccines that looked promising. They took the four best of those, the best of class, and they made vaccines from them. They manufactured the vaccines, and they gave those vaccines to ferrets, which are the closest analogy when you're looking at lung infections in human beings. And the ferrets had an extraordinarily good antibody response, and that is the metric by which FDA licenses vaccines. Vaccines, as you know, are never tested in the field. They never give 5,000 people the vaccine, 5,000 people a placebo vaccine, and then go tell them to go out and live life. And then go and watch what happens to those people. That never happens.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

The way that vaccines get licensed is that FDA gives people a vaccine or the industry gives them the vaccines, and then they do a serological response. And they see did you develop in your blood antibodies to that target virus. And so the ferrets developed very strong antibodies. So they thought, the science lab, "We hit the jackpot." All four of these vaccines ... I think there were three RA vaccines. One is a protein vaccine. All of them worked like a charm. Then something terrible happened. Those ferrets were then exposed to the wild virus, and essentially they all died. They had body-wide inflammation. All their organs and their lungs stopped functioning, and they died.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Then those scientists remembered that the same thing had happened in the 1960s when they tried to develop an RSV vaccine, which is upper respiratory illness very similar to coronavirus. At the time, they did not test it on animals. They went right to human testing. They tested it on I think about 35 children, and the same thing happened. The children developed a champion antibody response, robust, durable. It looked perfect, and then the children were exposed to the wild virus. And they all became sick, and two of them died. They abandoned the vaccine. It was a big embarrassment to FDA and NIH, et cetera.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Those scientists in 2012 remembered that, and they said, "This is the same thing that happened..." So they looked closer and they realized that the antibodies that were being produced by the coronavirus... There's two kinds of antibodies. There's neutralizing antibodies, which are the kind you want, which are the kind you want, which fight the disease. And then there are binding antibodies. The binding antibodies actually create a pathway for the disease in your body, and they trigger something that's called immune enhance or a paradoxical immune response or paradoxical immune enhancement. What that means is that it looks good until you get the disease, and then it makes the disease much, much worse.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Same thing happened in 2014 with the dengue vaccine, which was Tony Fauci's vaccine. He, in fact, owns the patent on it. There's a vaccine called DENVax. And they knew from the clinical trials that there was a problem with paradoxical immune response. They gave it to several hundred thousand Filipino kids anyhow, and those Filipino kids got great immune response. And then when they got dengue, they got horribly, horribly sick. 600 of them died. And today, the Philippine government is prosecuting criminally a bunch of the people locally who were involved in that decision.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

The question of coronavirus vaccines is they can be very dangerous, and that's why even our enemies, people who hate you and me, Peter Hotez, Paul Offit, Ian Lipkin are all saying, "You got to be really, really careful with this vaccine." The other problem with coronavirus vaccines is coronavirus mutates very, very quickly. In fact, there's a recent study in China that shows in one hospital, they looked at the coronavirus strains. In hundreds of patients, they found I think 35 different strains because it had mutated so fast. Question is, if you give somebody coronavirus to one of those strains, is it going to protect them against the rest? Or it could be like flu where the vaccine will protect you as a narrow band of immune response. It'll protect you against one of those strains but not against the rest of them, and it may actually enhance the injury from those other strains.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Finally, WHO is now saying, and the UK, the British Medical Services are now saying that there is no evidence that even getting an infection from the coronavirus equips you with antibodies that will protect you in the future. They're seeing a lot of reinfection of people who got coronavirus, got better, and then got coronavirus again. If that's true, then it's unlikely that any vaccine will work because of course, natural infection is always one of the ... a wider band immune response than a vaccine. A wild infection cannot give you antibodies and it's highly unlikely that a vaccine ever will.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. Judy has some strong beliefs on that, and she doesn't believe COVID-19 is due to SARS-CoV-2 but in fact may serve to activate a latent XMRV, retroviral infection that's the combination that tends to give this characteristic cytokine signatures, cytokine storm signature that's observed. She documented this 20 years ago or so or even longer, at least that's her contention. So I'm wondering if you had any-

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

I don't know about that, and that's way above my pay grade. Judy has a brain that is ... Let me put it this way, it's a lot smarter than my brain.

Dr. Mercola:

Well, maybe with respect to science, but don't sell yourself short. You're a pretty sharp guy.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

I have nothing but respect for her and her courage and everything else. But she's really, really smart, and I don't have the capacity.

Dr. Mercola:

Okay.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

But it does bring up this other subject that you spoke of before, which is that there's this Pentagon study from January 2020, so this year, and the Pentagon study is actually two years old. The Pentagon was looking at, because for the interest of military readiness, the Pentagon does a lot of work with infectious diseases. And it was trying to do experiments to see whether getting the flu shot would help against coronavirus, and then what it found surprised them, which was actually when you get the flu shot, it makes you more susceptible to the coronavirus. So it raised the risk of the coronavirus 36% if you had a previous flu shot. And that study was not about coronavirus 19 but it was coronavirus. It's a red flag.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

That study is not alone. We've found, and I've posted these on my Instagram about, at least 10 other studies that say, "Yeah, if you get the flu vaccine, you're much more likely to get a non-flu respiratory viral infection." The risk goes up, on some of those studies, about 600%, and on other of those studies, less than that, 200%, 300%, 400%. But virtually all of these studies that we found show that the flu vaccine actually makes you more susceptible to coronavirus, and there may be reasons for that. It's been speculated that there may be coronavirus contamination in the flu vaccines.

Dr. Mercola:

Actually Judy believes it's XMRV in the vaccines.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Yeah. That's what I was going to say. It could be the XMRV. It could be coronavirus.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah, could be.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

You're getting that paradoxical immune response because you've been inadvertently inoculated with the coronavirus when you get the flu vaccine. So we don't know. The observed effect is very well documented.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. It's a very interesting correlation and sad to say. Judy believes also that the more serious nature of the epidemic in Italy was related to the fact that they were culturing their flu vaccines with a much more virulent strains. It had higher concentration or penetration of the XMRV, which is why they experienced what they did. That's her contention.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Yeah. I've seen a lot of anecdotal discussion of the fact that the people, the cohorts that seem to be getting ill are by and large disproportionately cohorts who you would expect to have been vaccinated. So senior citizens are of the highest vaccination rates for the flu are the ones who are dying. And then medical workers ... In that Northern Italy, right before the outbreak of the virus, there was a mass vaccination for that very, very powerful flu vaccine. And you're starting to see it now in kids in this country, and unfortunately we are inoculating a lot of kids with flu vaccines in this country.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

But it's anecdotal. There's no proof of it because, of course, the CDC could look at that very easily and they ought to. As you and I know, they never will because they don't want [inaudible 01:02:55].

Dr. Mercola:

The CDC has a private foundation that essentially is a vaccine company.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Yeah. [crosstalk 01:03:04].

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

On the board of the CDC foundation are the four big vaccine makers, Sanofi, Merck, Glaxo and Pfizer.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. And you did a brilliant exposé of them when you were on RT recently explaining the history and the connection and how it's all self-perpetuating. They're not the ostensibly public health servants that they appear to be.

Dr. Mercola:

Okay. All right. Well, thank you for your time. I appreciate the opportunity to connect, and thanks for everything you're doing.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.:

Oh, thank you so much for having me, and keep swinging out there. You're doing an amazing job. Thank you.

Dr. Mercola:

All right, thanks. Bye now.