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COVID-19 and Learning To Be Human

*Main Points*

- I.
  - a. Medicine is sometimes described as an art or set of arts, often as the healing art(s). Modern medicine is also said to be scientific in the sense that the healing arts are based upon science (for example, knowledge of the human body as explained by biological science).
  - b. Some disciplines explain while others seek to *understand*.
  - c. Where on this spectrum are the humanities found?
  - d. In clinical medicine and in the humanities personal experience is a factor. Should it be part of medicine?
  - e. Medical humanities and “learning to be human.”
- II.
  - a. How is the corona virus perceived?
  - b. Invisibility; our lack of knowledge; fear and awe.
  - c. The war or battle metaphor; healing versus fighting; restoring versus eliminating.
- III.
  - a. How two otherwise dissimilar and apparently unrelated phenomena come together.
  - b. AI
  - c. Xenophobic racism
- IV.
  - a. Rationality and superiority
  - b. The seen and the unseen
  - c. Master and slave
  - d. Self and other
- V.
  - a. Affirming life and the human experience

