

# Kicking Cancer's Ass ~ A 'miracle' called Pau d'arco

On one of her recent programs Oprah Winfrey featured a child "prodigy" who was so intelligent for his ten years of age he was already set to begin college. The young boy's speech was articulate and his goals were laudable.

"I want to get a Ph.D. in medicine," intoned the youth, "so that I can then find a cure for cancer."

That's very sweet and nice but such a statement, as well as other similarly carved strategies to reach additional declared goals, ripped an important layer off the lad's genuine intelligence level.

We don't so much need to find a cure for cancer. And we certainly don't need a Ph.D. to find one. In fact, the last thing we need is another Ph.D. holder who will only join the club of learning what is taught in medical school and shunning everything else there-after that might save lives.

What we need is to get information out to the people about already existent cures for cancer.

This glossy-eyed lad had Oprah and her audience in awe. But I'm afraid the seriousness with which I view the topic at hand admittedly damaged my yearning to give the young wizard a standing ovation. And I likewise have a hard time raining too much praise on everyone's favorite talk show queen. I vividly remember a time when the content of Oprah's show reflected a precursor of the TV trash and perversion that has followed on her heels.

Oprah made her early millions setting an example for Jerry Springer and his cohorts on how to get wealthy while dumbing down the populace. Now that she's become rich enough she's decided to actually engage viewers with quality issues and positive topics. But I wonder if "hero to the people" Oprah has enough love in her heart to take on the same establishment that cringes upon seeing a series such as this one.

It is galling to me that people are dying while experts fiddle faddle with this issue and caring people who know better haven't got the guts to speak out. I will tell you that the powers that be in medical circles, in the drug industry and in the halls of government can work together to make every law they can to scare people off of this issue, but my heart is with those dying without a chance. And I would rather die with them while trying to bring them life than remain alive with a gutless, heartless gang of money mongers who feed off of materialism and selfish, personal power.

I quite frankly am sick of people being scared of everything while pretending to be happy, brave souls, dancing and drinking and laugh-tracking their nights away in a blindfolded stupor.

In a future instalment we will examine the actual laws and restrictions that those in power have placed on others who would like to heal and cure and help people. It is beyond ridiculous what is going on right before our eyes. Just like the two major political parties, coincidentally, those who have become embedded in medical power are rigging the rules so that their power grows and individual freedom is eroded. People are actually being dissuaded, through laws and legislation, from curing people. That is a fact and you will see the proof as this series moves on. But let us now bring something positive to the table and offer hope for those wanting to kick cancer's ass.

In the first chapter of this series I made an introduction to my own first encounter with an herb called pau d'arco. Those wishing to arm themselves with the knowledge and ability to kick cancer's ass should learn all they can about this wondrous natural remedy.

Pau d'arco, also sometimes referred to as "lapacho," is a tree that grows predomi-

## In previous segments:

Especially for those who have been told to go home and die by self-annointed omnipotent medical experts, or who have loved ones being told there is no hope to become healthy again, *Active Voice* Publisher Ron McEntee began his series on cancer:

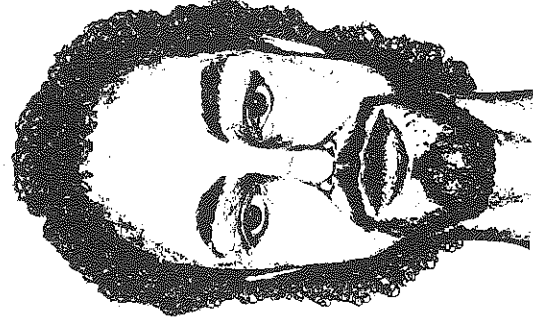
"... One thing I do believe with all my heart is that fear is itself afraid of love. Fear will run from love because it will be destroyed by it. And the first step of being destroyed by cancer is to allow fear to pervade rather than love, and to allow hope to be exterminated rather than nurtured so that it can blossom and grow and bear fruit and heal..."

Part Two of "Kicking Cancer's Ass" included McEntee's emphasis on "The power within" along with a story concerning the history of Essiac called "Ojibwa Herbal Tea: Indian myth or healing remedy?"

In Part Three, "Christine's story" was told, a powerful first-person narrative detailing one teenager's bout with cancer, her subsequent victory, and her message to fellow cancer fighters.

In Part Four, "Let the healing begin," McEntee re-aired his previously pub-

## Ron McEntee Publisher



nantly in Brazil and other warmer sections of South America such as northern Argentina, Paraguay and Bolivia.

About two decades ago *The Spotlight*, a weekly national newspaper out of Washington, told the story of pau d'arco's curative history in combatting debilitating illnesses. *The Spotlight's* coverage explained that pau d'arco, like other natural plant life that existed long before the intellectual age, was used as medicine by native inhabitants.

Around 1960, when a cancer-stricken young girl was given up on by the South American medical establishment, her family connected with an Indian tribal doctor. He told the family, according to the story in *The Spotlight*, that cancer could be cured with a brew made from the bark of a certain tree.

A summarized version of a much longer account is that the bark was pau d'arco bark, and after the family finally decided they had nothing left to lose, they followed the tribal doctor's instructions and the young girl was eventually cancer free.

Throughout the 1960s as some genuinely caring South American medical practitioners began catching wind of pau d'arco's curative powers, wrangling and debates ensued over the validity of healing claims and the allowance or disallowance of the tree's "official" usage.

*The Spotlight* story reported that since the early 1960s pau d'arco bark has been used regularly in Brazilian hospitals, and carried in both Brazilian herb stores and pharmacies.

In the Spring, 1982 issue of the *Cancer News Journal*, it was reported that pau d'arco "is one of the medicinal plants discovered in 1977, and was known earlier by the Indians. It was re-discovered about twenty years ago by two physicians into the

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whiteman's medicine...who have been treating and using this herb with fantastic results."

The article, written by Louise Tenney, also claims that pau d'arco "is said to give the body greater vitality by strengthening its organic defenses. It revitalizes the body, helping to create new normal cells. It increases resistance to disease...creates a feeling of well-being...(and) also seems to help in elimination of pain."

Indeed, it is this elimination of pain that I alluded to in the first part of this series ("Kicking Cancer's Ass," *Active Voice*, August 1999), when I offered my own first cancer-related, personal observational experience with pau d'arco.

Further in-depth testimonials and the most thorough reports on pau d'arco or "taheebo tea" (yet another name it's known by), at least that I have seen, come from a health researcher out of Burbank, California named Karl Loren. One such special report, published in March of 1990, begins: "Taheebo Tea cures cancer for some people. It may work for you! Even if it *doesn't* work for you, it cannot hurt, and I can assure you that the slash, burn and poison technology of the orthodox approach *will* hurt you."

Loren's essays on cancer go well beyond pau d'arco's curative capabilities. In one section of his special report ("More People Earn A Living From Cancer Than Die From It!"), he wakes the reader up with numbers and statistics involving cancer and its treatment, examines games being played by cancer "institutes," and digs some holes in the American medical establishment's foundations. He also uses, refreshingly, a very common sense approach to strip away the technicalities and the fear that are often used together to intimidate disease victims (the consumers) into subservience in matters dealing with their own survival.

Finally, Loren also unveils a common practice entertained by our authorities who are supposed to be working *for us*:

"The bark of the Taheebo Tree is routinely used for cancer treatment in many South American countries. Extracts from that bark are routinely saving lives in America. And, just as routinely, the Food and Drug Administration has targeted Taheebo Tea for a covert attack to drive it from our shores."

Loren goes on in his report to explain how the FDA sets up "private" front groups to investigate Taheebo Tea and other alternative therapies, and how drug companies make attempts to monopolize nature for their own profits.

For example, says Loren: "The Charles Pfizer drug company obtained a patent on the anti-tumor effects of lapachol (the laboratory-tested curative substance in taheebo tree bark) more than 20 years ago - you (See *Kicking Cancer's Ass*, page 8)

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Tea... God gave herbs and plants to man for his use, not to a few greedy drug cartels to gouge sick people with."

Loren and the Loren-affiliated "Vibrant Life" organization were both listed in the resource directory of part two in this series ("Let the healing begin," *Active Voice*, November 1999). It is not my wish to repeat existent testimonials here but I urge anyone who takes this issue and this series seriously to research all they can on their own about

Before purchasing any pau d'arco I would suggest you learn about it first, and research the various "brands" and consider the stores and outfits that carry it. Vibrant Life, for example, sells Tahebo Tea in capsule form, at much higher costs than other "brands" you might find at local department or homogenized health food chains.

I cannot speak against those brands I am not familiar with but I can say the people at Vibrant Life sell the legitimate product that offers genuine results. You as a consumer should and must research, study and decide for yourself.

I must add here that in my growing collection of related research materials and books on herbs, alternative medical therapies and cancer, many so-called reputable names give only scant notice to pau d'arco, and some avoid its existence entirely.

There are too many people writing herb books and telling you all about battling the cold and flu with garlic and echinacea. There are not enough people willing to put their ass on the line and tell you things that might save your life.

Michael Tierra, in his book, *The Way of Herbs* (1990), summarizes pau d'arco effectively and concisely, and also alerts consumers to be aware.

"The quality of the bark can influence its effectiveness," writes Tierra. "The most potent part of the tree is the inner bark, which must be aged after harvesting to

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The United States of America, at its idealized best, is also the world at its idealized best. That is, men and women of all races, creeds and colors living together as equals, perhaps with differing interests and priorities, yet all sharing in the most sacred possession - freedom.

Obviously reality is still a far cry from the ideal America. Despite institutional changes that aim at giving an equal opportunity to all, many will forever brainwash themselves to believe that sex, skin color, religious beliefs and bank accounts make some better than others.

Thankfully, however, we live under a system dominated not by self-proclaimed leadership or self-appointed superiors, but by a Constitution that reaffirms the belief that the people should govern themselves and hold powers for making needed changes.

We all hold keys to participation in the selecting and criticizing of our government. These are very important, but we are empowered with other keys as well; keys that can help open new doors and bring us

maximize its effectiveness. Many companies, however, try to sell the outer bark or harvest it from immature trees."

Tierra also takes a step few others seem, for various reasons, to want to take. He writes: "Pau d'arco is used for slowing and inhibiting the growth of cancers and tumors."

One comrade in arms who is unafraid to at least mention pau d'arco in a published work is C. Norman Shealy. In his *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Natural Remedies* (1998), Shealy writes of pau d'arco: "Traditionally used for cancer. Recent research has shown that the herb may be helpful for breast, liver, and prostate cancers. May be taken in conjunction with orthodox cancer treatment."

You may go to a local bookstore and look in the index of several books on herbs and/or cancer therapies. You may find that more often than not pau d'arco is not even mentioned.

If you begin to think like I have after much research in this area and some limited personal experience, you will view such omissions as negative reflections on the publications rather than negative reflections on pau d'arco.

For such omissions do much in telling how strong of a stranglehold and partnership the material powers that be have even on matters as sacred as individual choices in health and healing, and life and death.

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Serious problems arise, however, when opportunities for the citizenry to utilize certain keys become restricted. One such padlock that is becoming more and more difficult to open is on the channel of mass communication.

The powers of money, advancing technology and an increasing centralized mass media have joined forces to create a startling development - people are finding it harder and harder to communicate with others because there is no doorway left open; no channel left unobstructed for informal opinion, creativity and sharing.

*Active Voice* is Greater Cleveland's key to the padlock on communication. It's time freedom of expression by the people takes precedence over auditioning and editing sessions by media landlords.

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