Correspondence

Lies about Radiation

Lying about the level of radiation risk kills innocent people. As Dr. Orient notes, more than 1,600 people died as a result of the too hasty evacuation of Fukushima. About the same number were killed by the tsunami in the Fukushima district, a natural disaster. No one was killed by the released radiation, including the workers who went inside the plant to work on the problems immediately after the flooding.

Moving ill and aged persons from hospitals and other facilities likely resulted in depriving them of needed medications and treatment, and even food.

 Terror propaganda repeated over years has deadly results.

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Politicized Science

Dr. John Dale Dunn’s documentary of his Don Quixote-like experience of tilting at the windmills of the U.S. government is an important and useful contribution.

As the state progressively takes over science and medicine, individual physicians are beginning to identify with the experience of a little boy who was innocently born into a crime family as he discovers his lineage. The business of medicine is to sell legal drugs and approved treatments, and to pad the bottom line. Physicians are kept in line through intimidation by specialty boards, licensure boards and other regulators, and third-party payers.

Protection of the “family” is through alliances and arrangements with the state; and morality is subservient to “codes of conduct” for the good of the business.

The ownership of science by the state is interwoven into the history of power and governance throughout the historical record. The way I see it, science is cultish by nature. Scientists have to eat. Their gift for analysis is not a tradable commodity, so they need benefactors. Enter the state and morality is subservient to “codes of conduct” for the good of the business.

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Erratum

Ludwik Dobryzinski notes that according to the UNSCEAR 2008 report, 19 survivors of acute radiation syndrome (ARS) after Chernobyl died during the period 1987–2006, not 22 as stated by Orient. Seven of them died from non-cancer diseases of internal organs, six from sudden cardiac arrest, and five from malignancy. In one case the death was due to trauma.
