

Breaking the Spell of the Ivory Tower

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INTRODUCTION

Since the dawn of civilization, a strange and malevolent affliction has stalked humanity; its etiology an elusive mystery.

Like a viper that strikes in the night, its approach is undetectable, its venom invisible, its presence evident only by the long trail of human carnage strewn in its wake.

It is an illness so horrific that one out of ten of its victims will kill themselves to escape it, while the remaining will die three times earlier than the rest of us. Its incidence is increasing.

At present, it is destroying about twenty-three million people a year worldwide.

One of the most frustrating aspects of this scourge is its abject refusal to loosen its grip on its victims. Descriptions of this illness date back to 2000 BC, across several cultures, the oldest being the Egyptian Ebbers Papyrus¹.

Since that time, medical science has searched in vain for a *physical* cure for this malevolent mental illness known as paranoid schizophrenia, the most prevalent and devastating of psychotic disorders.

The World Health Organization has declared it to be among the world's top ten health problems.². Yet, research funding is minuscule. The Wall Street Journal reported the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)³ responded to this deficiency by manipulating the statistics: "With a change of the National Institute of Mental Health website in

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2017, two million people with this illness simply disappeared."4

This disease actually *speaks* to its victims as it slowly kills them. For countless decades, doctors have stubbornly refused to listen to patients who report this. Such might be if the tormentor's tidings understandable unintelligible, but in many instances, this is not the case. Hundreds of patients describe an unrelenting barrage of sinister and malicious messages delivered in complete and coherent sentences.

These relentless assaults, coupled with the refusal of medical providers and others to believe what patients are experiencing, leaves these individuals feeling trapped, alone, misunderstood and desperate. With the realization that no one comprehends what they are undergoing, their anguish mounts.

Desperate for any means to escape their intense suffering, four out of every ten⁵ will attempt suicide. One out of every four will succeed.

Added to the weirdness surrounding this affliction, we find another freakish correlation. The Journal of the American Medical Association published a study⁶ that reveals a suicide rate 5.9 times higher than the general population for doctors who specialize in the treatment of this disorder.

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