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A credible "fact" book at last!

Published on October 27, 2020, the 384-page book titled Apollo's Arrow: The Profound and Enduring Impact of Coronavirus on the Way We Live, by the deeply-experienced sociologist, physician, and top researcher and scholar, Nicholas Christakis, finally does what no other source has done to date, which is to provide authoritative science-based facts and insights about the U.S.'s rapidly-worsening nation-wide Coronavirus pandemic.

As per *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicholas_Christakis), "**Nicholas A. Christakis** (born May 7, 1962) is an American sociologist and physician known for his research on social networks and on the socioeconomic, biosocial, and evolutionary determinants of behavior, health, and longevity. He is the **Sterling Professor** of Social and Natural Science at Yale University, where he directs the Human Nature Lab. He is also the Co-Director of the Yale Institute for Network Science.

As more fully explained at *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sterling_Professor), the title of "**Sterling Professor**, the highest academic rank at Yale University, is awarded to a tenured faculty member considered the best in his or her field. It is akin to the rank of university professor at other universities."

After reading through the book and other sources about its much-cited author, what I decided was especially appealing about Christakis is his well-grounded, deeply-rooted intelligence and practical experience in the many important topics he discusses in the book. Recent commentaries about his book at *The New Yorker* magazine (<https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/our-brains-explain-the-seasons-sadness>), at *Book Marks* online (<https://bookmarks.reviews/reviews/apollos-arrow/>), The New York Times (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/03/books/review/apollos-arrow-coronavirus-nicholas-christakis.html>) and others, speak for themselves.

The one clear downside of *Apollo's Arrow* (in these harried times of widespread denialism, wishful thinking, entrenched ignorance, 30-second sound bites, plummeting attention spans, and rapidly-declining reading proficiency) is its thoroughness -- which many will see as a fault and so not fully read, because deep "reading means work" and holding groundless opinions is easier.

What will not be so easy to casually explain away will be the well over 1 million deaths in the U.S. caused directly by the COVID pandemic by the end of 2022 and the over 5 million deaths caused by ongoing collateral mortalities, during the neverending debates over opinion-based irrelevancies. This will be true despite any progress that will be made over the next year or so, in attempting to vaccinate the American public, owing to continuing mistakes and Murpy's Law in the face of rooted nation-wide infantilism about how to effectively solve serious problems.

Effective problem solving typically requires getting your facts right, pragmatic plans, and the will power and means to implement them. Tragically, all these capabilities seem to be in short supply when considering the American public and its (so-called) leadership, whose specialty seems to be geared to telling people what they are desperate to hear, not what they need to know to succeed, recover, and thrive.

So, for the next 2 years and beyond, many of us will pay a heavy price.

The way to stop this scenario is to start paying better attention and getting one's facts in order by listening and reading in detail, to the in-depth fact-based insights provided by experienced expert authorities, like Nicolas Christakis, and stop the delaying tactics, the fear-driven hesitancy and the ongoing nonsense routinely served up through online social networking, and by much of the mass-market new media, which focuses heavily on immediacy and sensationalism -- rather than getting constructive things done both in the near and long term.

Sometime within the next 5 to 10 years, nearly all the world's top economists expect the still fast-growing economy of China (which quickly managed to get control of its pandemic) is expected to surpass that of the U.S. The same economists -- like the scientific community -- are being largely ignored by the majority of Americans, too -- and will most likely continue to be until the facts hit home and a long-predicted economic collapse in the U.S. economy follows devaluation of the U.S. dollar in the international money markets. Such occurrences are highly predictable.

They are the kind of thing that happens when people ignore the lessons of history.

Stay safe (and best wishes) for the remainder of the Holiday Season and next year.

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