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Beware of Your Friendly Dentist!

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In February, 1997, the reader's Digest published an article written by William Ecenbarger, winner of the George Polk Award for Investigative Journalism. The article revealed that in 28 states dentists examined the same set of x-rays and the same set of pearly whites, and then recommended widely differing treatments, with price tags to match: \$500.00 to \$29, 850.00. It was a clear indication of not knowing what to do or how much to charge for it.

Unfortunately, the article barely scratches the surface with regard to dishonesty. For decades, the American Dental Association has worked hand in glove with industry to cover up the toxic properties of fluoride, causing untold pain and suffering among an unsuspecting population urged to trust their dentists, trust their government, and trust their political leaders, no matter what. Recently, here in Hawaii, with a chance to pass a bill (SB 1038) that would prevent chemicals from being added to our water supply to treat a medical condition, many of our so-called “representatives”, afraid to openly vote no on this bill for fear of not getting re-elected, simply had it deferred and not go to a vote. Imagine that, concern for career political jobs rather than “representing” us. Unheard of!

In the early 1930's, when American Dentistry was becoming aware of the damage fluoride can cause during the development of our children's teeth, there was a great call to remove fluoride naturally present in water supplies. Communities in sixteen states had observed disfiguring stains and pits in their children's teeth. In 1940, the Journal of Dental Research contained a report describing a survey of the inhabitants of St. David, Arizona, where water supplies contained 1.6 to 4 ppm of fluoride with no apparent benefit from the chemical. In fact, more than half the people in all age groups over the age of 23 had artificial dentures. With this new awareness came fear.

Industries necessary for the production of electricity, aluminum, refrigerants, pesticides, etc., were facing costly litigation due to an emerging environmental consciousness. The Country was facing a great dilemma: impossible choices involving survival. Our military forces could not function without the tools of war – tools that could simply not be made if we were going to restrict the release of fluoride into our environment. Emissions from smoke stacks, and in wastewater could not be limited beyond a certain degree, and laborers could not be given the benefit of an absolutely safe workplace.

Today, there are near daily news reports covering past mistakes – not because of conspiracies, but with good intentions – the pavement they say, on the road to Hell. Today, as then, we are being led by persons with a hidden agenda. The promoters of water fluoridation who speak through the mouth of the American Dental Association are not isolated from those whose concerns are manufacturing costs. Instead, they are one!

Aloha!