

# What the Pandemic is Saying

Humanity, you are all One.

You are one beloved community, and you are one global sickness.

You are all contagious – and always have been,  
unconsciously infecting and yet able to also bless one another.

There are no *higher* and *lower* in this world.

There is no *smart* or *stupid*; no totally right or totally wrong.

The only meaningful division is between those who serve  
and those who allow themselves to be served.

All the rest is temporary posturing.

Many to whom you look for power and leadership  
have shown themselves to have empty hands, minds, and hearts.

We are bereft of all satisfying explanations,  
all ledgers of deserving and undeserving.

There are no perfect answers or absolute heroes.

We must all wear a mask to protect the other from “me.”

Don't play the victim!

Victimhood is always a waste of time—God's time and yours.

Instead, try to learn the important lessons.

We are all in the same *elementary* school now.

Here, we must learn to stand in two different places  
and to change places often.

The served must also be the servants, and the servants must also be the served.

Just stay in the eternal circle of the Suffering and the Servants.

Christians call it *the Body of Christ*.

We are not the first or the last generation  
that gets to suffer and to serve on this earth.

— Fr Richard Rohr

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***“A worldwide tragedy like the Covid-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once more we realised that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together.”***

~ Fratelli Tutti - Para 32