

Vaccine Injured and Labeled Autistic



By Linda Demos

It is still very painful for me to talk about Steven's vaccine injury. It's only by the grace of God that I have survived. At first all I could do was cry; I had held my son down to be poisoned, used as an accessory to harm what I love most in the world; he would never be the same, we would never be the same.

Steven received all his vaccines according to schedule. No one had ever warned me of the dangers of vaccines, and I was sure not to miss any of my children's "Well Baby Visits". The boys had a Pediatrician who we trusted. She was a Mother and a Doctor, who would always make time for our boys whenever they were sick so we appreciated her and had a great deal of respect for her.

While I had been concerned about adverse reactions to vaccines I was assured that they were safe and that I was doing "The best thing I could do to protect my children from disease". When I asked for information what I was given was a sheet of paper outlining what to do in an event of an adverse reaction, nevertheless; I was told that reactions were very rare. I do recall the nurse handing me an insert once, but the print was so small that I was unable to read it. I believed in the knowledge and integrity of the medical profession and I believed that vaccines were thoroughly tested for safety. I was about to learn the awful truth about vaccines.

In August of 1998 my son received his 15-18 month recommended vaccines. I watched carefully as the nurse practitioner removed the vials from the refrigerator and placed them on the examining table next to my son. She picked up the first vial, shook it briskly and loaded the syringe. The contents were thick and silvery/gray. I questioned the nurse about the contents. "Is that the way it is supposed to look?" I asked. It was the last dose in the vial and I was concerned that the color might indicate a tainted vaccine. I had a sick, gripping feeling in my stomach. She looked at me and told me that it was fine and not to worry. I stretched out my hand to prevent her from injecting my son but it was too late, all I could do was watch as she emptied the fluid into my baby's thigh.

*Oh my sweet darling what did I do?
I was led to believe I was protecting you!
When I held you down firmly, I should've known!
No one warned me the jabs could send you to a world all your own.
You cried. Oh, how you cried.*

Steven could not be consoled. His fever rose to 105.4 and his cry escalated to high pitch screams as I phoned the doctor's office and was instructed to give him Tylenol for the fever. Steven regressed losing language and social skills. The beautiful eyes that use to follow my movements turned to the corner. He began having self injurious behaviors and would have moments of high activity for prolonged periods of time. Hand flapping, spinning, gastrointestinal problems, unorthodox methods of play and frequent ear infections plagued my son.

*He doesn't call me Mama anymore.
He rocks from side to side and stares at the floor
I've been robbed of my choices and my dreams
Denied the awful truth about vaccines.*

*He hits himself, he bites himself, and he doesn't feel the pain
Yet I feel it magnified- it eats me up within.*

At 35 months Steven was diagnosed with severe autism by a team of specialist at the University of Miami. I felt a shrinking feeling as the doctor gave us the diagnoses. It echoed in my ears and the walls seemed to pulsate; I felt so insignificant. How could I help my son when I didn't even know what autism was...

*They looked at me with compassion.
I hadn't a clue why.
Then they told me my son was challenged
And I began to cry.*

*Your son may be Autistic,
Or have some related disease.
I've never heard of it, I said.
Explain it to me please?*

Autism is said to be a lifelong neurological impairment that affects the ability to speak, play or socially interact. It occurs four times more often in boys than in girls, and affects families of all racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds. According to the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities Fact Sheet, "Nobody knows what causes autism. Some Scientist believe there is a biological cause that affects the working brain," but they stress that it has not been proven. We were instructed to enroll Steven in an Early Intervention Program along with other programs that would target communication, social and behavioral areas.

I awakened one morning about 3:00am to find Steven sitting on the floor next to his Little Tikes bed with his diaper unfastened, and covered in feces. I stood frozen in the doorway trying to determine whether I was still dreaming. I caught a glimpse of the little boy I once knew as his eyes met mine. "Oh, God!" I cried. "I want my baby back!" I whisked him up, ran to the bathroom and lowered him into the tub. I quickly rubbed at the foul smelling excrement that hid my son. After his bath he fell fast asleep. He looked so peaceful; I would not give him up without a fight.

*Don't think I will forget the little boy that I once knew
Or that I will give up on bringing him back too
My love will be the open door and God will be my guide
He has the answers to retrieve the little boy inside.*

I began reading everything I could about autism when one day I came across an article by Lyn Redwood RN, MSN, CRNP, "MERCURY and AUTISM Coincidence or Cause and Effect" In the article Lyn describes how she felt when she discovered when she learned "that the FDA had just determined that infants who received thimerosal containing vaccines at several visits may have been exposed to more mercury than recommended by the Federal guidelines for total mercury exposure." Her son Will who "had been a perfect baby" regressed losing speech, eye contact, and social skills after a series of infections shortly after his first birthday. The article

outlined the similarities between mercury poisoning and autism; they were shockingly similar. My mind flashed back to the silvery gray liquid in the vile.

Thimerosal is 49.5% mercury by weight. Mercury is the second most toxic element on the planet. Minute amounts can cause brain, nerve, gut, bone marrow, and kidney damage. A research study done by The University of Calgary School of Medicine in Canada used live snail brain tissue to perform a study. Snail brain tissue is made up of the same materials and proteins and is indistinguishable from human brain tissue. The video displays how mercury strips away the myelin sheathing from the nerve. None of the other metals tested (cadmium, lead, manganese and others) had this effect on the brain. The five-minute video can be viewed online at <http://movies.commonscalgary.ca/mercury/>

Congressman Dan Burton was the Chairman of the Government Reform Committee and has been leading the fight because two of his grandchildren were injured by vaccines. He discovered that there **are 50 vaccines** being used with thimerosal levels that exceed the safety levels set by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and he requested that all 50 be recalled. Burton also states, *“Our children are the future of this country. As a Government we have a responsibility to do everything within our power to protect them from harm, including ensuring that vaccines are safe and effective. Every day that mercury-containing vaccines remain on the market is another day HHS is putting 8,000 children at risk. . . .”*

Dr. Mark Geier is one of the latest private geneticist who has discovered how contaminated these vaccines are and he states, “When a baby goes into the doctor’s office for their well baby check-up, that child will receive 62.5 mcg of a very lethal heavy toxic metal.” Remember, children get booster shots so we multiply that by 3 and a fully vaccinated 6-month-old child will get a total of 187.5 mcg. Even single dose vials contain some thimerosal, according to Dr. Geier. He also stated that because of the mandated flu shot a child in 2004 will receive more thimerosal than ever before.

In 2002 pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly, manufacturer of thimerosal, flexed its power at the highest level of the U.S. government. The event was the signing of the Homeland Security Act, praised by President George W. Bush as a “heroic action” that demonstrated “the resolve of this great nation to defend our freedom, our security and our way of life.” Soon after the Act was signed, New York Times columnist Bob Herbert discovered what had been slipped into the Act at the last minute and on November 25, 2002, he wrote, “Buried in this massive bill, snuck into it in the dark of night by persons unknown. . . was a provision that incredibly will protect Eli Lilly and a few other big pharmaceutical outfits from lawsuits by parents who believe their children were harmed by thimerosal.”

*Lilly shares her poison- it's in our children's brains.
She thought we wouldn't notice but we recognize her sin.
She offers up her recipes and tells us they're good
Enticing those in power to mandate them if they would.
Her purse is large Her scruples few
Many have obtained great wealth for pushing her toxic brew.*

Measures have been taken in some states to remove thimerosal from children’s vaccines, yet no thimerosal containing vaccines were recalled. Sadly some other unsuspecting family will suffer injury or death. We cannot continue to allow medical experimentation on our children! A fully informed consent must be obtained by parents and should be welcomed

by our medical community. It is unethical to violate public trust by intentionally allowing injury by promoting a product that has no independent scientific validation.

*Since vaccination breaks the skin, it is technically a surgery. All surgeries by law require informed consent. Informed consent is rarely attained before vaccines are administered.

*Doctors vaccinate the unwitting and uninformed. The vaccine manufacturers' package inserts which contain biased industry claims and the bare minimum required by law to reveal are not routinely made available to consumers so that they can make a more informed choice.

*Double-talk and unethical enforcement such as threats, intimidation and coercion are used to ensure vaccination compliance.

Other vaccine ingredients include: antifreeze, phenol (used as a disinfectant), formaldehyde (cancer causing and used to embalm), aluminum (associated with Alzheimer's disease and seizures), glycerin (toxic to the kidney, liver, can cause lung damage, gastrointestinal damage and death), urine, fecal matter, lead and cadmium, sulfates, yeast proteins, antibiotics, acetone (used in nail polish remover), neomycin and streptomycin. These vaccines are grown and strained through animal or human tissue, like monkey kidney tissue, chick embryo, dog kidney tissue, calf serum, human diploid cells (the dissected organs of aborted fetuses), pig blood, horse blood and rabbit brain. The problem with animal cells is that during serial passage of the virus, the contaminating animal RNA and DNA can be transferred from one host to another. Undetected animal viruses and genetic material may slip past quality control testing procedures, as in 1955 through 1961 with SV40. This stands for simian virus #40, meaning the 40th monkey virus found.

*Have I failed you as a mother? Have I let you down my son?
Do you blame me for not doing all the things I should've done?
You can't begin to know, how much I am in pain:
Having to watch you suffer, and being denied help time and again.*

I waited four months to see one of the top Neurologists in a neighboring county. I had high hopes that quickly diminished after discovering how little he knew about treating autism. He said he didn't know about the "DAN Protocol." When I asked him about the benefits of the "Gluten, Casein Free Diet" he told me, "It hasn't been proven." I asked him if he would test Steven for mercury poisoning and he said, "Steven doesn't exhibit any symptoms of mercury poisoning" and went on to tell me that he didn't do mercury testing, that I would have to "Ask my pediatrician for that." He did however order a lead test. Then came the final blow: "I cannot help your son unless you are prepared to put him on drugs." To which I replied, "My son is toxic and you want me to put him on drugs?" I think the doctor who was shadowing him that day shared my disbelief.

*Don't you worry my sweet child I will do the things I must
To help unlock this mystery, in this my darling trust.
For like so many parents who will leave no stone unturned,
I will continue seeking until you health is returned.*

In March of 2001 I learned there was an office “Vitality Health & Wellness” in Aventura, who were practicing the “DAN” (Defeat Autism Now) Protocol, developed by Dr. Bernard Rimland, director of the Autism Research Institute. The treatment was not covered by insurance but it was a sacrifice we would have to make to help our son. Coupled with an Early Intervention (educational) Program, intense Speech, Occupational, Physical and Music Therapy we embarked on a journey to retrieve our son from a world we could not enter.

On one of our visits I handed the receptionist a poem and she handed me a website “www.CasiQuest.org”. I didn’t know it at the time but my prayers for the answers I longed for were about to be answered. “Casi’s Quest” (the Florida Chapter of The Autism Autoimmunity Project) was started by April and Ronnie Oakes in honor of their daughter Casi who passed away on June 13th, 1999. They realized Casi was vaccine injured before Casi received the “label” of autism. “I say labeled because we believe this is what mainstream professionals want us to call these “vaccine injured” children. It implies that their condition is a **causeless, cureless, random** happening. Autism is ***I in 150*** children today; 1 in 68 families and this doesn’t include other vaccine related disorders such as ADD and ADHD. We have dedicated the rest of our lives to doing WHATEVER is necessary to help these innocent victims and to protect healthy children and children yet to be, from the autism epidemic!” I was humbled. I never realized until that moment how very fortunate we were to have our son. The Oakes family had paid the ultimate price and still found it in their hearts to fight in order to preserve the health of others and to make a difference for children affected autism and related disabilities.

*God heard our prayers and he answered one day when
by chance, we did find, a few heroes still left on our side;
not afraid to speak out or to take an alternative route.*

It wasn’t long before I joined with April and became secretary of Casi’s Quest. In 2002 Ray Gallup, Founder of TAAP (The Autism Autoimmunity Project) handed the reins over to April in order to focus his attention on his son Erik who was severely injured by the MMR vaccine. TAAP has since continued to fund Independent Research and supported the brave and committed Researchers, Doctors, and Advocates who are proving the vaccine/autism connection. Amazing Doctors and Researchers like Vijenda K. Singh, PhD, F. Edward Yazbak, MD, FAAP, Bernard Rimland, PhD, Andrew J. Wakefield, MB, BS, FRCS, W. John Martin, MD, PhD, Harold Buttrum, MD, Boyd Haley, PhD, Mark Geier, MD, PhD, and many more are bringing the truth to light. Getting involved and becoming a voice for our children brought me up close and personal with those who could provide the answers to so many needed questions.

In March of 2003 I had the opportunity to travel to Washington with other parents and organizations for a fully funded rally by TAAP to demand a repeal to the provision slipped into the “Homeland Security Act” that protected Eli Lilly and other large pharmaceutical companies from liability to lawsuits by parents who believe their children were injured by vaccines. Our efforts, along with thousands of letters from parents and other organizations, resulted in the repeal.

In the past TAAP focused its efforts in research and education in order to empower parents with the facts so that they can make a fully informed choice. Meanwhile pharmaceutical companies continue to evade responsibility to countless vaccination injuries. Conflicts of interest and special agendas continue to surface; meanwhile there is STILL no informed consent prior to vaccinations. Some doctors will refuse to treat unvaccinated children claiming that they “put the vaccinated at risk for diseases”.

In a special report by Crusador Magazine titled “Mercury: The Unsuspected Killer” Greg Ciola interviewed John Moore, a leading Mercury/Dental Health Researcher, Who Exposes The Hidden Dangers of Mercury, “The 2nd Most Toxic Material Known To Man”. John Moore states that “schools get between \$50 and \$100 by Health & Human Services per student at every school that makes sure the children get all their vaccines.” Moore also said that according to Dr. Jonathan Write’s Newsletter, “\$1,000 is paid to the school district for every child that gets on Ritalin, again paid by Health & Human Services”. Meanwhile many schools display a sign promoting themselves as “A DRUG FREE SCHOOL”.

There are Federal and State programs that provide vaccinations free of charge to many children, but detoxification of mercury and the other heavy metals and toxins in vaccines are NOT covered. Programs like “The Med Waiver” in Florida have thousands of children on waiting list, some of which have been waiting in excess of 5 years, and still have not received assistance. Schools provide limited services for children with autism but in my experience services are denied unless a parent is willing to fight for their children’s rights to obtain them. Psychological Therapist who evaluate children in schools will often refer to the autistic child as “Mentally Retarded” and recommend medication for children with no physical whatsoever, yet disregard instructions from qualified and licensed Neurologist. The sad part is they actually feel they are helping but for the most part are unaware of the biological issues causing autistic behaviors. Parents whose children are able to obtain services in the schools quickly discover that therapies in the schools aren’t enough to address the needs of their children. Schools just aren’t equipped or funded to address the escalating autism epidemic.

Today Steven is 7 years old. Speech, physical, and occupational therapies along with biological interventions have enabled him to communicate once again. While his speech is still in repetitive stages, I am happy to report that Steven won the award at Camp Dimensions sponsored in part by “Dimension’s Achievements in Therapy” for “The Best Singer” last summer. Dr. Robin Besson, Founder and Director of Dimensions has joined with TAAP’s Team of Treatment Specialist as Director of Therapies. We eagerly anticipate funding to be able to address the needs of so many who continue without the services that could enable them to communicate and enlarge the quality of their lives.

*I have seen Dimensions Woman seize the moment -
To bring forth utterances from a voiceless child
That blossom into song for all to hear.*

*I’ve seen her reach into the shell of the tormented
To find a cocoon- not a tomb
Then witnessed its precious soul emerge
To test its untried wings.*

If you are a parent of a child with an autism spectrum disorder you have come to understand and appreciate the difference that our united efforts have made. We must continue to move forward and demand informed consent, services, treatment, and accountability for autism

and autoimmune related diseases. The doctors and researchers who are acknowledging the cause are discovering the cures. Congressional Hearings continue to investigate conflicts of interest and thousands of parents continue to file lawsuits in spite of the stalled cases across the country because if we are not the voice for our children, then who will be left to speak?

*Protect our children! Join the fight!
Make it your business to know their rights.
Don't let them be victimized, we have a choice.
Love our children, be their voice!*

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Lilly's Poison

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Sweet Little Child of Wonder

See the Child

Dimensions Woman

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