From Ancient Priest to Contemporary Witch Physician: A Road from Health Care to Hell Care?
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Learning Goal:
The goal of my presentation offers a new inside in how to effectively help Psychiatrists on one side and patients and their family members on the other side. I do so by systematic explanation of scientific facts on which I propose useful implications for contemporary neuroethics.

Abstract Text:
No chemical imbalances have been proven to exist in relation to any mental health disorder, no independent objective biological marker exist to date in support of any psychiatric diagnosis and last but not least no biological causes exist for the majority of "invented" psychiatric disorders. Given the above facts, psychiatric diagnostic manuals such as the DSM and ICD are school examples of what evidence-based science is not and represent nothing but a failed attempt to provide the legal road from Health Care to Hell Care by over medicalization and suffering of human and non-human animals. Furthermore, psychiatric drugs can have long lasting effects on the brain and central nervous system, withdrawal from them can cause a range of severe physical and psychological effects, psychiatric drugs are extensively prescribed to children and adolescents even though they produce altered mental states, are very harmful and do not 'cure' diseases. There is a clear scientific evidence that many of psychiatric drugs do no better or little better then placebo pills and all the major classes of psychiatric drugs demonstrate little additional long-term effect, and some patients show significantly worsened long-term outcomes. Psychiatric drugs can have effects that mimic the original symptoms of distressed person, which are difficult to distinguish, this lead to misdiagnosing as new psychiatric issues, for which additional drugs prescribed produce overmedication (intoxication) and livelong use of harmful multiple psychiatric drugs. It seems that medicine/pharmaceutical industry in general and psychiatry/psychopharmaceutic industry in particular are caught in a trap, and they cannot find the way out. In order to resolve that puzzled situation and unnecessary suffering we propose some practical solutions that could have positive implications on both healthcare professionals and patients.

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