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Erudition and Verity

by Mark R. Anderson

You are about to open a buried treasure of education that, for the most part, has been lost to humanity. These lectures are about the manmade causes of malnutrition, deficiency disease, physical degeneration and the progressive genetic decline of the human race. Delivered from about 1954 through 1964, they present much of the original evidence demonstrating the biological cascade by which nutritional deficiencies evolve into dysfunction and disease in the human body and how they are transmitted to future offspring.

To the naturalist health professional, the recovery and restoration of these lost and forgotten audio files might be comparable to a literature professor discovering unpublished manuscripts of Hemingway or Dickens, or a physicist recovering lost works of Einstein or Newton. But, unlike these greats in their field, Dr. Lee's work was actively suppressed and his genius did not have the opportunity to become as widely known. It is time for the works of Dr. Lee to be evaluated, not in the dim light of the era in which he lived, but by the most rigorous standards that current research can illuminate.

As you listen to these long-lost but now recovered and digitally restored *Lectures of Dr. Royal Lee*, you may find yourself simultaneously feeling great joy and profound sadness. Great joy that your common sense and natural intuition is being restored with the power of erudition and verity; profound sadness as you realize how long ago this information was available and how much unspeakable suffering and death has occurred from a deficiency of this applied knowledge.

These lectures also offer some of the very first insights into the theories proposing the process of autoimmune disease. Though virtually unknown outside of Dr. Lee's circle, in these recordings you will hear discussions of this concept that are still ahead of today's ever-increasing interest in the fundamental process of autoimmunity. Even now, authorities on autoimmune disease have failed to connect the origin of this process to the tissue lesions originating through malnutrition. Indeed, textbooks universally confess ignorance of the cause and origin of the autoimmune process. Dr. Lee pleaded no such ignorance. He was the first to recognize and write about the process of autoallergy to the host's own tissues many decades before the word "autoimmune" entered the medical dictionary. Indeed, Lee's original insights into the autoimmune process grew out of his study of the body's reactions to malnutrition.

These lectures are not megavitamin therapy posing as nutrition. Lee thought that approach as unsound as using any other artificial food. Nor are these lectures about food fads or competing diet crazes that sweep the public for a time. That would be no more relevant today than a 50-year-old celebrity magazine. Rather, these lectures expose the ruination of the food chain, from the farm to the home, from the oven to the mouth. They address specific reactions in animals and humans to faulty nutrition and results that follow. Dr. Lee reveals his lifetime of research about the reactions of living cells to ersatz food products that began in the early 20th Century and continue today. Fortunately, he also provides the answers that can alter this tragic trend. What are the primary lesions of starvation? How do they manifest in human beings? Can they be reversed? Can the course of the lesions of starvation

be predicted? What organs are the first to show the lesions of malnutrition? What is the connection between incompetent nutrition and the autoimmune process? What are predictable outcomes of malnutrition? What role does water play in nutrition? How does heat affect various foods? Is flour as perishable as milk? Does nutrition affect heredity? What role does nutritional status play in infectious disease? These are but a few of the questions that are authoritatively addressed in Dr. Lee's lectures.

What came to be known as the *Lee Philosophy* has never been accepted by the mainstream authorities in government, science or industry. Not as a whole. But as you study his approach on an issue-by-issue basis, you will find that his facts have never been disproved and the preponderance of new evidence is, in essence, rediscovering what he taught. But Lee had the ability to see the large picture even as he assembled the pieces into a coherent whole. Dr. Lee's philosophy, heard in these lectures, gives a profound illustration of the maxim "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts."



Twenty-One Predictions by Dr. Lee and Their Outcomes a Half Century Later

The failure of synthetic or purified vitamins and the antioxidant theory of vitamin function. From the earliest days of vitamin research, Dr. Lee asserted that synthetic vitamins function as poorly as synthetic foods. They may have pharmaceutical effects but not nutritional. Every major long-term study on human beings fed synthetic vitamins and antioxidants has failed to show a conferred benefit. Quite the reverse. To the bewilderment of most gray-bearded authorities, significant large-scale studies show a negative relationship to major diseases and synthetic vitamin consumption. Lee accurately predicted that no benefit from these artificial pills would ever be found. He warned and cited evidence that they in fact cause harm. The June 14, 2003 issue of *The Lancet* published this admission after a meta-analysis of 15 major studies (referred to as "key studies") in recent times, involving about 220,000 human subjects with follow-up periods up to 12 years. The Lancet's published conclusion? Far from helping ward off heart disease, the data suggest these various antioxidant pills are harmful and confer no protection. But, they point out, vitamin-rich foods do confer protection. This is exactly what Dr. Lee stated time and again for over 40 years. Natural whole foods, Lee argued, were complexes of synergistic components that function together as a mechanism. "Vitamins are not chemicals any more than brass, steel, and jewels are a watch." This chemical view of vitamins, Dr. Lee stated, is the chemist's trap which has left medicine utterly lost on the subject of nutrition.

The paradox here is that the medical paradigm believes there is no difference between synthetic vitamins and natural vitamin complexes. Therefore, they believe, the studies using synthetic vitamins provide little to no benefit in supplemental form, and are being proved harmful – a stance that Dr. Lee would agree with because he maintained that synthetic vitamins are not vitamins at all. Dr. Lee held the vitamin supplement



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