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## Editor's Note

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The ferocity of Covid-19 has struck worldwide this year. In the process, all of humanity has been affected. Civilizations and societies, and nations large and small, have responded to the challenge, some with more success than others.

One result of the arrival on Earth of this horrible pandemic, a recurrence of an ancient human problem, has been that it naturally prompts scholars to ponder the impact on civilizations of such tragedy.

So, to gauge this titanic event, the *Comparative Civilizations Review* asked several prominent writers, members of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, all of whom have long been professionally and academically concerned with aspects of this topic, to comment. Here are eight fascinating analyses, each of which has been brutally and artificially restricted by the editor to just a few hundred words.

Finally, this Editor's Note concludes with an on-point university syllabus on Covid-19 and Pitirim Sorokin, a perfect primer for teaching this topic. It was prepared by Prof. David Wilkinson. A scholarly article on the history of pandemics, especially written for this issue by journal editor Dr. Vlad Alalykin-Izvekov, follows.

Readers who wish to contribute their views are invited to submit and we will run the comments in our next issue.

In the meantime, stay safe, one and all!

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