Atlanta (WNN) Scientists at the Center for Disease Control have noticed an interesting phenomenon. The COVID-19 virus is now mutating into "variants," to which the World Health Organization is assigning Greek letters. However, the vaccines that are already devised seem to be capable of acting against the variants as well. This happens so often that a theory has been proposed that the vaccine adapts to handle the mutations.

"We did not intentionally build any kind of artificial intelligence into the vaccine," said Herman Gottlieb, an epidemiologist and biochemist at Modena Laboratories. "We have no explanation for this, only theories, and I don't like them."

Gottlieb refused to discuss theories with the WNN. Other scientists were less reluctant.

"The virus itself is an artificially designed intelligence," said Alex Jones, and not the one you are thinking of, from his office at the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California. "The vaccine derived from it also has intelligence. Both of them are in the environment and they interact, playing a game, if you will, with the lives of human beings."

A researcher in artificial intelligence, Mr. Steve Jobs, and not the one you are thinking of, said, "I think there must be a way to make money from this, if I can convince some people that a proprietary vaccine variant can counteract a virus variant. It won't be more useful than the ordinary vaccine, but it'll cost more."

The self-proclaimed Shaman of the Church of Apollo, Dion "Apollo" Fortune, said, "I welcome our vaccine overlords. I/It have/has now scientific proof that the occult leads to science, and science leads to the occult. They may rule us without our knowledge and we are made better by it."

A random person on the street, asked about his experience after receiving the vaccine, said, "I saw the colors, man... wow, you wouldn't believe the colors. And when I wave my hand like this, it leaves image trails in the air. Did you see that?"

Mrs. Felina Garfield, when asked for her opinion, said, "My cats are so smart that they have been preparing me for this epidemic for years. I let them roam freely, as cats should and dogs should not, and they have sneezed in my face countless times. There are many coronaviruses out there, and I have been exposed to a lot of them and I have built up an immunity to them." Mrs. Garfield says she doesn't know how many cats she supports because she's never counted, but said "I can name them all." She did so, and the WNN count was 36.

"This is all the most arrant nonsense," replied C. J. Clifton-Hyne, Dean of the Oxford Medical School. "The vaccine is effective against variants of the virus. That's all it is. It is certainly as effective as your cat sneezing in your face, and it doesn't matter how smart your cat is." Dr. Clifton-Hyne then blubbered his lips with his fingers and made faces, and looked for his next vaccine shot.