Myth Dispelled

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The flu vaccine cannot give you the flu, I tell him.
It’s dead virus, there’s nothing alive about it.
It can’t make you sick.
That’s a myth.
But if we bury it in the grassy knoll
of your shoulder,
an inch under the stratum corneum, as sanctioned by your signature
in a white-coated ceremony presided over by my medical assistant and then mark the grave with a temporary non-stick headstone, the trivalent spirit of that vaccine has a 70 to 90 percent chance of warding off the Evil One, and that’s the God’s honest truth.