

During the first lockdown I got a message from a friend of mine. She sent me a quotation of a book by a famous author. This writer was supposed to foresee the epidemic as he described how people feared contacting and meeting each other. I found it so astonishing that I forwarded the quotation to another friend.

This person texted me back after some time explaining that the message I forwarded was fake news. This author hadn't written the text. The message went viral because it was surprising but it wasn't reliable at all. I describe it to warn others against fake news that are spread online. Check the source of the information or of the quotation you post or forward to others. Otherwise you may contribute to spreading fake news!