

## Giving up

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I admit that giving up is not my style. But, I have had to in the last couple of days.

A week ago I finally seemed to feel better after Covid and in a burst of energy wrote *Surviving 2023* last weekend.

Now the sinusitis has returned again, I am back on antibiotics and am flaked out once more.

The work does not go away though. But I have finally listened to those telling me I might need to do a little less.

Last December I noted ideas for a new book and by February I had a contract. It was meant to have a late summer delivery, and rather more than half is written, but I have now told the publisher I need to abandon it. There are three reasons. One is that events would now require that it be reframed, even if the original plan survived, and I do not have time to do that. Second, I think that another financial crisis changes the whole question to be asked to some degree. And third, I just have to listen to those telling me I must look after myself.

So, the book is off.

So is most blogging today, although there are some other tasks to do.

I have taken note. And perhaps what I have also decided is something I am a little surprised by, which is that the blog and Twitter are always going to have more impact than a book in situations like the one we are in. But further musing on that is for another day.