

Philosophy Personified: A Dialogue with a Difference

Abstract: A unique brawl between the siblings of Philosophy. Each one trying to prove their own supremacy. The neighbours especially Mr Allopath and Mrs Ayurved were laughing at the state of affairs of our Homoeopathic Philosophy. Presenting here the dialogue.

Dr SATISH P KANOJIA DHMS

Assistant Editor, Team NJH

1 Mangela Wadi, Juhu Tara Road, Santacruz (W), Mumbai -49

Email: satishp@yahoo.com



CONCOMITANT SYMPTOM: I am the one who exists with the dearest and the pampered Chief complaint that is of little consequence in chronic ailments. I am the one whom BOENNINGHAUSEN cherished and treasured.

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Okay, okay enough! I can't take it lying down. If you feel that I am not at all important then why do the Homoeopaths start the case with me? Why do they go into such detail with me?

ELIMINATING SYMPTOM: Hey guys! Just chill. I think I am superior to rest of you.

CHIEF COMPLAINT: (In a soft tone) How?

ELIMINATING SYMPTOM: That is because I am the one who filters the main symptom. Then all the rubrics and the remedies revolve around me. They must include me if they want to give a rapid and gentle cure as the Master conveyed us.

COMMON SYMPTOM: You mean I am of little significance? I am the one whom you can expect in a patient suffering from a particular disease. I am the symptom of the disease. Without me the Homoeopath can't diagnose the disease.

UNCOMMON SYMPTOM: That's all. That is your role. It is so meager. You only help in diagnosing the case but not in evaluating and analyzing the case.

COMMON SYMPTOM: Gesturing towards Uncommon Symptom in an unprintable manner, then What is your role? Can you relate it to us?

UNCOMMON SYMPTOM: I am the one whom you do not expect to find in a patient, and therefore when you do find me..., I become very important.

GENERAL SYMPTOM: (Interfering) How silly! You say that we won't expect you to find in the patient and

in the same breathe you have the cheek to say that you are important. Ridiculous!

UNCOMMON SYMPTOM: Yes! That is because I am the symptom of the man and not of the disease. The Homoeopaths can easily individualize the case if I am present. I can also differentiate the race of the person.

GENERAL SYMPTOM: I am predicted by the patient himself. I affect the whole man. I come from him!

The symptoms of man and the symptoms of physical being which constitute me are very important for prescription. Ha! Ha! Ha! I am superior to all of you.

PARTICULAR SYMPTOM: (Sitting in a corner, not ready to talk, because he was too embarrassed) I relate to particular organs. I am very important in acute diseases.

GENERAL SYMPTOM: That is your level. You are not at all important in chronic cases.

MENTAL SYMPTOM: The entire Homoeopathy revolves around me. When an individual falls ill, his mental symptom is deranged first and then the physical changes occur. When the medicine is chosen taking me into consideration, the disease disappears quickly and health is restored gently.

ORGANON, the Grandfather, was disheartened and wept seeing the fight between his offspring. He tried to pacify them and find a solution. He said, "My dear children, you are all equal. No one is inferior. You all have equal importance, depending upon each individual case. I request you all to stop quarelling and help in betterment of Homoeopathy, because without all of you, I cannot prosper in this world.



Philosophical Crossword

Dr SATISH P KANOJIA DHMS

Assistant Editor, Team NJH

1 Mangela Wadi, Juhu Tara Road, Santacruz (W), Mumbai -49

The following crossword is based on the prescribing symptoms for which a Homoeopathic Prescription is made. Unfold the maze with the help of the clues given below.

Across

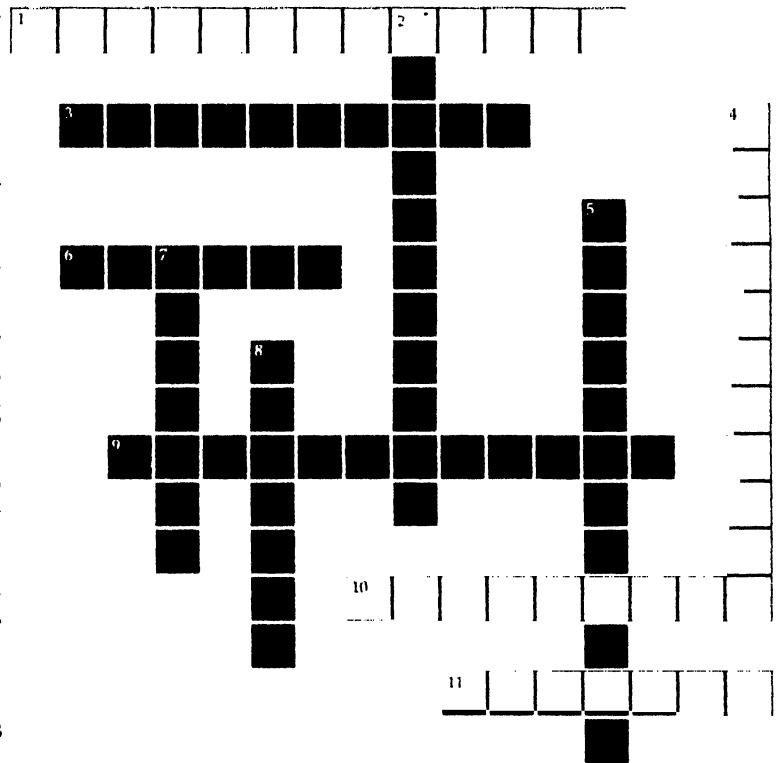
- 1) Here prescription is made on the basis of laboratory _____, when no cause or any symptom calling for prescribing are presented (13)
- 3) Potentized form of the modern drugs like Penicillin are administered to those patients who have been harmed by the same drug (10)
- 6) Prescribing when outward manifestations are treated with topical application thereby driving the disease deep in the system (6)
- 9) Certain medicines have affinity to certain organs of the body, if prescribing is made On these remedies (12)
- 10) Prescribing on the basis of cause (9)
- 11) Prescribing when the suitable remedies fails.(7)

Down

- 2) When the prescription is made by potentizing any material from the body of the patient like kidney stone, urine, blood etc.(11)
- 4) Prescription is made when a disease is checked giving rise to a disease at different location (11)
- 5) Prescribing on the basis of general symptoms of

- the patient (12)
- 7) Prescribing the potentized substance to which the patient is allergic (7)
- 8) When the action of the previous medicine continues or has not yet started _____ is given to please the patient and he know that he is taking the medicine (7)

Answers on page 60



- 94. *Vidyavardhi*: God of wisdom
- 95. *Vighnahara*: Remover of obstacles
- 96. *Vignaharta*: Demolisher of obstacles
- 97. *Vighnaraja*: Lord of all hindrances
- 98. *Vighnarajendra*: Lord of all obstacles
- 99. *Vighnavinashanaya*: Destroyer of all obstacles and impediments
- 100. *Vigneshwara*: Lord of all obstacles
- 101. *Vikat*: Huge and gigantic

- 102. *Vinayaka*: Lord of all
- 103. *Vishwamukha*: Master of the universe
- 104. *Vishwaraja*: King of the world
- 105. *Yagnakaya*: Acceptor of all sacred and sacrificial offerings
- 106. *Yashuskaram*: Bestower of fame and fortune
- 107. *Yashvasin*: Beloved and ever popular lord
- 108. *Yogadhipa*: The lord of meditation

The End

NAME OF BOOK : *Staphysagria*, The wounded hero
AUTHOR : Dr BIPIN S JAIN
PUBLISHER : Dr M L DHAWALE Memorial Trust, Mumbai.
PAGES : 80
PRICE : Rs 125/-

This book by Dr BIPIN JAIN, Head-Academics, Dr M L DHAWALE Group of Organizations, is based on the actual clinical experiences of the author and others, through which he evolves the conceptual portrait of the remedy.

This is an excellent book, worth pondering. The book begins with 'Core clinical experiences,' After the initial writings, there is Editorial comments and Introduction (the detailed case is, however, given at the end of the book). Had the core comments been given under each case and not separately it might have helped the reader digest the author's analysis in a better way.

The author then integrates beautifully the plant and Materia Medica through 'The Doctrine of Signature'.

TO ILLUSTRATE: "The plant appears erect and stately against a fence as well as modest and delicate in the beds of the other flowers...they are called 'the garden aristocrats". *Staphysagria* patients are also like the plant, "elegant, haughty, with a delicate sensitivity and are too dignified to show their true feelings, thereby suffering from reserved displeasure. "The stems appear to be sturdy but are extremely vulnerable from within, being hollow. Patients, too, though seemingly adequate, are very fragile and vulnerable to any insult to their pride and dignity.

CHAPTER 4 deals with 'Pathogenesis' of *Staphysagria* where the author gives some clinical conditions of a remedy.

CHAPTER 5 deals with the mind of the remedy, through evolutionary understanding ie through the transitional phases of childhood, adolescence and adulthood and later years. This is a good presentation but avoid addition of correlation in terms of clinical conditions and repetitive sentences..

CHAPTER 6 deals with comparative study of *Staphysagria* with other related remedies. This chapter is superficially presented eg while differentiating with *Pulsatilla*, the author writes, "*Pulsatilla* is also sensitive but the depth and intensity of emotions is missing. They are yielding people and easily weep at the slightest hurt."

What is required from the author is defining the pride, yielding and weeping in both remedies and then trying to differentiate.

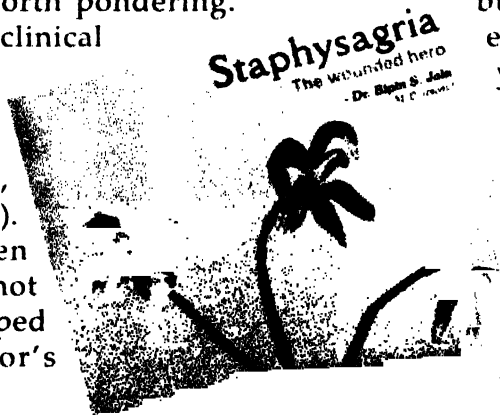
Note that *Staphysagria* is also given under 3 marks for yielding. The use of body language would have helped to perceive the comparison in a better way. "*Sepia* also comes close but they soon turn indifferent to the surrounding environment."

Note that *Staphysagria* is also given in the rubric 'Indifference' for 3 marks. The reader needs explanation of genesis and presentation of indifference in its depth and extent.

CHAPTER 7 is on collective totality ie conceptual image under the 5 headings

1. Ailments from
2. Aggravation and Ameliorations in general
3. Sensation and complaints in general
4. The Mental state
5. The characteristic particulars

This chapter is given through miasmatic cleavage and it is related to the cases in the book. It looks more like a dissertation. I am





confused why the author wants to categorize many cravings viz. sweets, butter, salty things, pickles, potatoes, sour, milk, fish, chicken etc under psora. Does the author wants to convey that patients of other miasms have no craving for these substances? Many physical generals and physical particulars categorized into miasmatic cleavage need a serious thinking. The life space table of each case through Event key, Onset, Life space, Characteristic expression, Precipitating factors and Interpretation is a commendable logistic solution offered by the author.

CHAPTER 8 is on Summary and Conclusion. This chapter only repeats what has been presented earlier. Then follows the holistic structure of *Staphysagria*, which is very nicely presented. Author's efforts in building up the structure are appreciable.

Appendix: A covers 11 chronic cases and Appendix: B covers 7 acute cases. Every case is elicited and documented in an elaborative way and this is the strength of this book. **Lacunae:** No repertorization and no differential diagnosis in the workout.

Overall, the book has many colors- based on clinical experiences, pedantic, no direct reproduction of original data-base and hence more conceptual, useful insights into logistic solutions and a nice print-out.

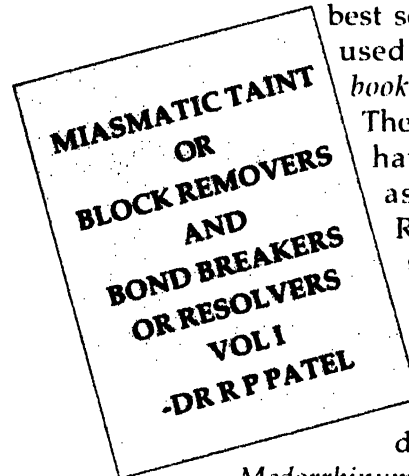
Book Reviewed by
Dr AJIT KULKARNI, TEAM NJH

EDITOR ADDS: The book is the first one on HMM from the ICR stable and in that, it is very appreciable. The understanding and analysis of Staph is very well done. Every aspect of Staph is nicely covered.

But, I for one, would like the whole case to be done together which makes for impactive and absorbing reading and assimilation. Breaking it up thus, makes it more analytical and not so suitable a form for a BOOK on HMM. Maybe the author should ponder on this and modify the 2nd book from this viewpoint.

TITLE : Miasmatic Taint or Block Removers and Bond Breakers or Resolvers Vol I
AUTHOR : Dr RAMANLAL P PATEL
PUBLISHER : Dr RAMANLAL P PATEL, Director
Pages : 312
PRICE : Rs 500/- US \$ 25

We all have grown up reading Dr R P PATEL'S book. For decades he has been a guiding force to many of us- Senior and Junior Homoeopath, for both alike. His book on Repertory is the best sought after and we used to call it *Red wali book*.



The book's Title should have been Repertory as it describes a Repertory more than the Miasms. Each and every s y m p t o m pertaining to the 3 anti-miasmatic drugs *Psorinum*,

Medorrhinum and *Syphilinum* in the Kent's Repertory are described in great detail. This is the only instance where the miasms has been described otherwise the whole book impresses only on Repertory. There are many instances where references are given in numbers which should ideally be superscripted. The highlight of the book is, 'How do you recognize Psora, Pseudo-psora, Sycosis and the Syphilis', on the spot, in sketch.

The cover page of the book is very dense leaving no space to breathe. Apart from the title the other material written should have been in the inside pages. The inside of the cover page portrays a very beautiful statue of Master Hahnemann.

The book illustrates the situations and problems in the development of Homoeopathy and their solutions step by step.

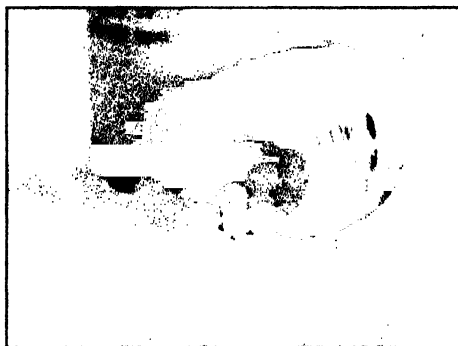
Review by
Dr SATISH P KANOJIA, TEAM NJH



Homoeopathy not a Cure, says WHO

Abstract: *This is the attack on Homoeopathy recurring once in three years. (My answer to it follows this original Article - Editor)*

Homoeopathic remedies often contain few or no active ingredients. People with conditions such as HIV, TB and malaria should not rely on homoeopathic treatments, the World Health Organization has warned. It was responding to calls from young researchers who fear the promotion of homoeopathy in the developing world could put people's lives at risk. The group Voice of Young Science Network has written to health ministers to set out the WHO view. However practitioners said there were areas where homoeopathy could help. In a letter to the WHO in June, the medics from the UK and Africa said: "We are calling on the WHO to condemn the promotion of homoeopathy for treating TB, infant diarrhoea, influenza, malaria and HIV. "Homoeopathy does not protect people from or treat these diseases. "Those of us working with the most rural and impoverished people of the world already struggle to deliver the medical help that is needed. "When homoeopathy stands in place of effective treatment, lives are lost." Dr Robert Hagan is a researcher in biomolecular science at the University of St Andrews and a member of Voice of Young Science Network, which is part of the charity Sense About Science campaigning for "evidence-based" care. He said: "We need governments around the world to



Homeopathic remedies often contain few or no active ingredients

recognise the dangers of promoting homoeopathy for life-threatening illnesses. "We hope that by raising awareness of the WHO's position on homoeopathy we will be supporting those people who are taking a stand against these potentially disastrous practices." 'No evidence' Dr Mario Raviglione, director of the Stop TB department at the WHO, said: "Our evidence-based WHO TB treatment / management guidelines, as well as the International Standards of Tuberculosis Care do not recommend use of homeopathy." The doctors had also complained that homoeopathy was being promoted as a treatment for diarrhoea in children. But a spokesman for the WHO department of child and adolescent health and development said: "We have found no evidence to date that homoeopathy would bring any benefit. "Homoeopathy does not focus on the treatment and prevention of dehydration - in total contradiction with the scientific basis and our recommendations for the management of diarrhoea." Dr Nick Beeching, a specialist in infectious diseases at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, said: "Infections such as malaria, HIV and tuberculosis all have a high mortality rate but can usually be controlled or cured by a variety of proven treatments, for which there is ample experience and scientific

"THIS IS JUST ANOTHER POORLY WRAPPED ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT HOMEOPATHY"
PAULA ROSS,
SOCIETY OF HOMEOPATHS

"THERE IS NO OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE THAT HOMEOPATHY HAS ANY EFFECT ON THESE INFECTIONS"
DR NICK BEECHING,
ROYAL LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL



trial data. "There is no objective evidence that homoeopathy has any effect on these infections, and I think it is irresponsible for a healthcare worker to promote the use of homoeopathy in place of proven treatment for any life-threatening illness." However Paula Ross, chief executive of the Society of Homoeopaths, said it was right to raise concerns about promotion of homeopathy as a cure for TB, malaria or HIV and AIDS. But she added: "This is just another poorly wrapped attempt to discredit homoeopathy by Sense About Science. "The irony is that in their efforts to promote evidence in medicine, they have failed to do their own

homework. "There is a strong and growing evidence base for homoeopathy and most notably, this also includes childhood diarrhoea." The UK's Faculty of Homoeopathy added that there was also evidence homoeopathy could help people with seasonal flu. Dr Sara Eames, president of the faculty, said people should not be deprived of effective conventional medicines for serious disease. But she added: "Millions die each year as those affected have no access to these drugs. "It therefore seems reasonable to consider what beneficial role homoeopathy could play. What is needed is further research and investment into homoeopathy."

Bash Homoeopathy campaign is back again



Dr VISHPALA PARTHASARATHY MD (Hom)
 Milan Clinic, Saraswati Road, Santacruz (W) Mumbai-400 054
 Tel : 26492762 / 26482749 • E-mail: drvishpala@gmail.com

Today I woke up to the disturbing news that a Defame Homoeopathy campaign starts again. And I said OH NO! Not again.

Why does this happen periodically? Does suddenly someone wake up somewhere in the world feeling completely bored out of his skull? And then he says to himself: 'What shall I do to erase my boredom?'

He surveys options and said, 'Let me look at the world of news and see what made the greatest impact in the recent past... and he found that there was a lot of fire created when the last time Homoeopathy was bashed up. So he decides, 'Let us do it again!' It is already 2-3 years now and it will be fun to re-ignite the fire.

Thus one more slap is given. It is not a slap which will go unnoticed because there are a lot of people in the world who are pro-Homoeopathy in one capacity or other and they will not take such an onslaught lying down . . . thus starts the battle!!! And it is fun and games for those who started it just for *masti* and hell for those

who have given their lives for Homoeopathy. Every time this happens, I too am rudely woken up from my world of ecstasy of healing, caught up in this war in one way or the other. I ask myself "What will finally convince them of the trueness of Homoeopathy?" For people like me, who are practicing for 33 years and see the beneficial effects day in and day out, this attack seems so baseless and so palpably false.

In the old days, say 20 years ago, I used to get really depressed and spend sleepless nights. Now I don't. But I cannot truly say it does not affect me at all. I feel really sad within me. In our own way we have been building up all data and following the EBM- evidence based medicine system. Eg just at this moment I am treating a very difficult urinary tract infection and get the urine reports done on a daily basis which shows the pus cells reducing from 50 → 20 → 1 in 5 days- as fast or faster than any other system of medicine. And the patient in only on Homoeopathy. What I ask myself, what will

