



Tubercular Miasm: Yes or No?

In this issue, let us address questions beginning from the general to the specific:
 Are Miasms necessary? Are they a real entity? What is their relevance in practice?
 Do they serve a purpose of understanding the case and help decide the approach
 to a case in Homoeopathy?

In what way does clinical interpretation of Miasms differ from the conventional
 understanding in Homoeopathic Practice?

What is the particular relevance specifically of the Tubercular Miasm?

What is its evolution? And what is the reason for its widespread usage?

Firstly: Miasms are relevant: Yes or No?

If the answer is: Irrefutably. Yes, then why does Miasm continue to be a contro-
 versial subject? Why does any discussion on Miasm *constantly* create contro-
 versy? Why is Miasm a stumbling block? Why is it a bottleneck?

Dr VISHPALA PARTHASARATHY Why is Miasm viewed as an Ogre?

The common refrain of students is: "It is So o o o difficult, I shy away from learning it".

But if we do not learn it, how can we practice it?

If there is NO clear understanding, there can be No proper use.

The Bottom line: If Miasm is not perceived rightly & not used properly, there can be no true Homoeopathic cure.

Let us understand and explain Miasms to our students in a simple, straightforward manner to make it clear and user-friendly. The greatest weakness of Homocopathy is that most practitioners, though committed and even passionate adherents of the doctrines, apply Homocopathy to the patient as a mere therapeutic system founded on use of similar medicine; often treating only the principal complaint with an apparently indicated Rx.

In Hahnemann's time, in the 19th century itself, Hahnemann saw there were constant relapses, in spite of the right similimum. This led to the discovery of anti-psoric. Today we are in the 21st century- 200 yrs down the line; in the frightening era of AIDS, with its vitiated susceptibility, poor immunity and the Miasmatic taint so entrenched, that it is impossible to cure without a clear understanding of Miasm and its application.

To quote Samuel Hahnemann: "The true natural chronic diseases are those that arise from a chronic miasm, which, when left unchecked by remedies specific for them, go on increasing and growing worse till the end of life" Miasm, thus, is an inherited or acquired weakness, which acts as a fertile soil as well as a maintaining cause.

Without adequate handling of miasm, true homoeopathic cure might be elusive.

This is truer of the Tubercular Miasm, the highest net grosser today.



This issue has succeeded beyond my most highly placed expectations, in covering this very controversial subject from several view-points and many authors. Many stalwarts and first-time authors have given more than 1 article, as befits the stature of this topic. It has substantiated and vitiated the stand of The Tubercular Miasm and the



usefulness of its understanding, beyond any reasonable doubt. If, after this too, if any one refuses to, or hesitates to, accept the Tubercular Miasm as a separate entity, then I can only say, that they are wearing blinkers, and no logic and or proof can reach them. They are fixed to thier ideas and are Fixed to the letter (words) of Master Hahnemann, not his thoughts or logic. They are truly in the Sycotic phase, so how can the ethereal Tubercular Miasm, ever find favour?? This group, we will all have to agree, are difficult to handle, as not ready to change. So we will have to let them be.

One author writes in this issue: there is no Tubercular Miasm only Tubercular diathesis! This is either splitting hair or not growing up. Let us take a simple example: In a family, there are many children and they are treated like children. When do they become adults? Not just when they grow up in years, but when they behave like adults. When one of those children, behaves in an adult responsible fashion, starts doing his own work without being told, time and time again takes up his responsibility at every step, then it is acknowledged that he has matured and he has to be given the adult 'darja' or position. He cannot be under his father's shadow for all time to come. He has to become a separate, adult identity.

Thus too, the Tubercular Miasm has time and again not only proved its own individual identity, but it has saved many a case from complete and utter ruin. Today it is the most widely prescribed anti-miasmatic remedy. Just take a look at this issue. Apart from the cases which swamp this issue, I was gratified to read in the Abstracts section, case after case demonstrating the Tubercular Miasm, wherein *Tuberculinum* cures. This issue covers various kinds of cases, but all of which fall under the Tubercular umbrella. It is high time that we give this stalwart its own position, and not keep it subservient to the 3 other Miasms.

The proof of the cake, ie of any theory or hypothesis, lies in the eating. In our context, it means that approach to a case, which gives fast, sure and quick results, based on easily comprehensible principles, which in a rapid and short time, gently lead the patient to cure. This is the Homoeopath's **only true Religion**. The cases presented in this issue are all of this variety. They are real cases, they are difficult cases, they are cases I have seen with my own eyes, they are cases which are impossible to refute. And most importantly, they are cases, which would have been impossible to handle **except** based on a clear and concise understanding of the Tubercular Miasm and its application, on certain well-defined thought processes.

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The issue highlights yet one more important aspect, again a controversial aspect, of uniform diagnosis of the remedy by different Homoeopathic physicians. The cases presented in this issue have been submitted by Homoeopaths from various corners of the country, from differently trained physicians. Yes maybe some were trained under **ONE** banner. That can only prove that a good training programme **CAN** produce standardized and effective results under the most trying circumstances that of life-threatening cases.

Does this not hold out hope for Homoeopathy of the 21st Century, when we will have common thinking? When we will all be able to pick up the Similimum rightly? When we can all meet at a common podium, when instead of spending time splitting hair, can go on to greater things: share and discuss about handling of serious conditions, research projects and how to put Homoeopathy on the World Map as The Therapeutic System of the 21st Century: Truly the New Medicine for the New Age.

I now rest my case. I shall resist from saying, : a La Hahnemann "Try this method and report the failures!"

I cannot see a better tribute to Homoeopathy and Hahnemann than the Tubercular Miasm in all its glory!! Amen!

