

PSORA - Mother of Non-Venereal Diseases

ABSTRACT: A man who cannot believe in God cannot become a homoeopath.

(*Kent-Lesser Writings*, p. 671)

Master Hahnemann emphasized more and more in his later writings that the most important factor both in initiating and in maintaining disease is probably the presence in the tissues of poisons, "miasms" as he called them, toxins as we would say today. He postulated three main miasms as causal in initiating and prolonging disease states. These he named Psora, Sycosis, and Syphilis, then as now a widespread human scourge and responsible for a variety of disease manifestations.

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The word Psora is derived from the Hebrew "Tsorat" and Greek "Psora" which means a groove, a fault, a pollution, a stigma. Psora is especially related to congestive states and cutaneous manifestation. Psora is the most ancient and insidious miasm. It was derived from skin eruptions of various types in the past, such as scabies (Itch), leprosy and psoriasis. Psora was also the most prevalent evil even during the era of Hahnemann. Hahnemann detailed the characteristics of Psora miasm and its treatment in his CHRONIC DISEASES in more than 110 pages whereas only 9 pages were spent for venereal traits (7 for syphilis and 2 for sycosis). Hahnemann held that all non-venereal chronic diseases are Psora.

"Psora is that most ancient, most universal, most destructive and yet most misapprehended chronic miasmatic disease which for many thousands of years has disfigured and tortured mankind, and which during the last centuries has become the mother of thousands of incredibly various chronic (non-venereal) diseases, by which the whole civilized human race on the inhabited globe is being more and more afflicted."[Chronic Diseases, p.9]

Psora spreads very easily by any form of physical contact like shaking of hands, touch of the garments, formats, exposures etc. Dr Hahnemann states that *miasma of the itch, being most contagious of all chronic miasms, needs only a touch to*

the general skin, especially with tender children, for its transfer. It is communicated so easily that even the physician, hurrying from one patient to another, in feeling the pulse has unconsciously inoculated other patients with it. Even newborn babies can receive the infection while passing through the organs of the mother or through the "infected" hands of the midwife.

Master discovered the most appropriate description of Psora and described it as an original disease condition...*which does after the completion of the internal infection of the whole organism as a result of the affliction of an ITCH MITE, announced by peculiar cutaneous eruption consisting of vesicles accompanied by intolerable voluptuous itching.....*

Also states.... *"this primary, non-localized, non-venereal disease condition evolves under different circumstances and concomitant factors into multifarious diseased processes which go by different names...."*

Kent, in his Lectures, then greatly enlarged upon the theory, proposing that Psora was the foundation of all other illness, without which mankind would be pure and healthy both in mind and body, as in the Garden of Eden.

"The body becomes corrupt because man's interior will become corrupt." [Lesser Writings, p. 681]

Psora is the evolution of the state of man's will, the ultimates of sin."[ibid, p. 654]

The Itch is looked upon as a disgraceful affair; so



is everything that has a similar correspondence; because the Itch in itself has a correspondence with adultery....." [ibid, p.137]

Psora is the beginning of all physical sickness...is the underlying and the primary disorder of the human race. [ibid, p.126]

From the above quotes, I think Kent took a very puritanical and moral line about the origins of disease within the human race and he apparently felt that Psora was equivalent to ORIGINAL SIN or the FALL OF MAN.

PRIMARY MANIFESTATIONS OF PSORA-

- The vesicular eruptions on the webs of fingers and flexural areas accompanied by intolerable voluptuous tickling itching. They feel better by lying down, scratching, followed by burning.
- Can be constantly hungry with a desire for hot foods.
- They have a tendency to keep an unkempt appearance.
- The primary manifestations of Psora are self-limiting and along with the death of the itch mite, it also becomes dormant.

LATENT PHASE OF PSORA [SLUMBERING]

When the primary manifestations of Psora are suppressed by local applications, the local vesicular eruptions, voluptuous itching disappears, but Psoric stigma may remain dormant and its presence is expressed mentally, physically as well as spiritually.

- They are mentally alert and quick; easily fatigued both physically and mentally.
- Feel bottled up inside, unable to express oneself.
- Depressed, cannot concentrate.
- Worry. They are highly susceptible to catch cold.
- Dry unhealthy skin.

SECONDARY SYMPTOMS OF PSORA

As a result of excitement of the slumbering Psora (latent psora), due to some exciting or maintaining factor, the indwelling Psoric evil is reflected

on any or all the three planes, spiritual, mental and physical, and produces the following secondary manifestations of Psora-

It produces functional disturbances in all organs of Ectodermal origin viz skin, CNS, Nerves, bones, periosteum and serous membranes like peritoneum, pleura etc.

- Intelligent, indifferent, apprehensive, over sensitive, timid, reserved, restless, easily exhausted, anxiety and fear of criticism.
- They can be stubborn, independent, afraid to take chances and inhibited.
- They may worry a lot about money even though they have plenty of it.
- Burning and dryness all over skin, mouth, lips, eyes, etc. Hands and feet burn. Flushes of heat.
- Itching, skin dry, unwashed appearing with numerous eruptions. They feel better laying down, scratching.
- They may be highly susceptible to bad news, shock or fear, fear of death; those with generally negative personalities or beliefs or unusual beliefs about food, food allergies, growth problems, mal-assimilation due to deficiency disorders like calcium, iron, potassium, etc.
- Other symptoms include nausea, headache, colitis, ringing and roaring in ears and muscle spasms.
- Aversion to acids and sour (during fever).
- Desire for sugar, sweet, cabbage, hot food, indigestible things esp. during fevers etc.

ANTIPSORIC REMEDIES

Hahnemann suggests chief Psoric remedies which include *Natrum-mur, Calc-carb, Ars-alb, Lyco, Phosphorus, Mezerium, Graphites, Causticum, Hep-sulph, Petroleum, Silicea, Zinc and Psorinum* amongst many others.

- Ref Books:
1. Chronic Diseases
 2. Kent's Lecture
 3. A Text Book of Miasms - Dr Kasim Chimthanawala etc