



A Dilemma: Delusion, Illusion and Confusion of Beginners

ABSTRACT: This article is beautifully written in the form of a dialogue, where the mind answers all the queries and the dilemma faced by the homoeopath. We are sure many would indentify with the questions. There are definitely situations like this when we ponder over our shortcomings and feel the need for solutions.

EDITOR: A parody, which may explain, why so many new Repertories needed to be brought out...to make up and eliminate short comings of KENT REP.

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**WHAT SHALL I DO WITH THE REPERTORY,
EESPECIALY WITH KENT'S REPERTORY
(6th Edition, American or Re-print)**

1. Kent's Repertory of the Homoeopathic Materia Medica lies on a table of a homoeopath dead! Why?
2. Open up, still it is dead.
3. Can I read it like other books eg Materia Medica, Organon of medicine, Novel, etc. Probably No!
4. So, What is a difference?
5. Let me keep aside for sometime.
6. Let me OPEN AGAIN and go through.
7. Oh! Confusion, chaos in mind.
8. Why? What for?

9. Symptom (Rubric, Why it is called so?) and several medicines against it. What is that?
 10. One symptom (Rubric) and a lot of medicines in different types! Also I noticed in most of the rubrics, alphabetical order of abbreviation is not followed. Why?
 11. So, What to do? Can we give all medicines or only Black and Bold marked? (As one Doctor suggested and wrote a book).
 12. Again, main symptom (rubric) and down below some thing also written as Symptom and other group of medicines. Very few at times one or two! Why?
- And, also some of the medicines which are there,



are not in main symptom (Rubric). Why?

13. More Delusion and confusion?
14. In many symptoms (rubrics) there are more than 10 medicines and some are **Black, italic**, and some in small letters, Why?
15. I cannot use this book. Leave aside. Dead book.
16. Then, How to use? I have spent money.
17. Let me keep on my table to show people and patients that I have gone through this big book! But I do not know how to use it! Is it to impress the patient that I read big books to cure their ailments / diseases?
18. So, Big heavy book is lying dead on the table of a Homoeopath!
19. So, for learned Doctors with DHMS, BHMS, MD Degrees is of no use!
20. How to make this book, ALIVE and USEFUL?
21. Let me try and put some Oxygen into it!
22. Again, open up.
23. Oh! There are 37 section / chapter.
24. How is it arranged?
25. Oh! I have studied Anatomy! So, it is in an Anatomical Scheme arrangement. Now I know!
26. Again, Illusion and confusion! Ah! there is no Mind and Generalities in Anatomy.
27. Where is this Mind / Generalities from?
28. Oh! Again, more Delusion and confusion?
29. What are these Symptoms (Rubrics)?
30. All symptoms look alike, same and similar. All are arranged in alphabetic order in each section / chapter. Any special order or value of all symptoms? Any difference with them? Oh! How can they all be equal? I have read Organon of Medicine only once for my examination, or not read it, or it has not been taught in the college and Dr Hahnemann has mentioned something in paragraph 153, 210, 211. I am now more confused.
31. Again, I see that in many symptoms (rubrics) some cross references in brackets like - see, compares etc are there. I find different wordings without the exact location for the cross reference of the symptoms (or rubrics). Oh! a great problem, delusion and confusion. What to do? A lot of time is wasted in looking and searching

cross references.

Delusion, Confusion and Chaos. I find no uniformity in cross references and in which section / chapter to look for the cross references? Any remedy or solution for that? I feel "Fagged".

32. When I read some sections I found confusion in abbreviations of medicines and names like *Kaol, ill, Chen, Nux-jug*, etc having double names. Which one I have to take and look for? Sometimes I do not find in the list?
33. Oh! No! Again, confusion! Some medicines I found in some symptom / rubric but these are not listed in the list given in Kent's Repertory. There may be several hidden medicines in the body work of the Repertory. What to do? How to find out? I am tired after going through. Let me sleep.
34. No. Wait, wait. There is a list of 594 medicines. Is it correct when there are some hidden medicine? There is 100% delusion and confusion. Some are not having full names of medicines. For examples: (a) *Aloe* which one - *ferox* or *socotrina* (b) *Baptisa* which one - *tinctoria* or *confusia* (c) *Cactus* which one - *opuntia*, or *grandiflorus* or *bonplandii*. There are many such incomplete names of medicines. Are we giving correct medicine? Which one is used for the compilation?
35. Let me stop. Forget. I am frustrated to use this book in Homoeopathy.
36. I am having more Delusion, illusions and total confusion! Can anybody help me?
Let me request the President and the Secretary of CCH not to have this subject of Repertory in curriculum and syllabus. Let them call urgent meeting of CCH and make full-stop of all delusions, illusions and confusion. I do not want to take *Cann-indica*. Dr Ramjee Singh, Vice President, CCH was correct when he said only 50,000 (fifty thousand) are practising Homoeopathy out of 2,65,000. This is the present situation in 2006. Then, what to say about teaching in Homoeopathic colleges, especially the subject of Repertory?
AMEN!