

# HOMOEOPATHY CAN NOT STAND WITHOUT GENERALITIES

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The generalities signify the total deranged state of the patient. Conversely saying local symptoms are the part of the patient's illness. Any one may put question; what is the necessity of mental and physical symptoms to treat a case of simple headache? Can't we treat it on the basis of local symptoms?

In nutshell, a symptom is the abnormal sensation of a patient caused by deranged vital force.

A pain (if not vague) has its distinguishing features e.g., Starting at a particular part of the body, may remain localised or radiates/spreads from a particular part to other; peculiar feeling or sensation; modalities of various types; may have concomitant symptoms.

Moreover careful observations show that the nature of pain of a particular patient may completely differ from the other patient suffering from the same trouble.

As the patient feels a pain (due to deranged vital force, other than accidental cases) so during the period of his sufferings his mental and physical conditions also differ from the healthy state viz. A patient may try to commit suicide, whereas the other has desire to live more; one patient may feel better from songs, while the

other is sensitive to it; one patient feels insecure when he or she is alone, on the other hand other desires solitude; one patient becomes calm and quiet and desires to stay in rest and the other becomes restless, furious and mad upto the extent that he/she tries to kill any person and so on and so forth.

According to the physical generalities it is seen that during one diagnosed state—a patient becomes excessively thirsty for ordinary cold water another becomes thirstless or takes water in sips or large quantity of ice cold water; A patient craves a particular type of food while the other has aversion to it; one patient is sensitive to cold weather while the other is sensitive to hot weather; Some one desires cold or heat internally and externally simultaneously and the other may desire internally heat but externally cold or just the reverse of it. Our Materia Medica is full of such lists of peculiarities.

So it is seen that the suffering of the same nature changes a patient as a whole i.e. locally, mentally and physically based upon susceptibility of affected individual.

Homoeopathy is based on nature's law. The symptoms of the patient are the nature's cry by which the vital force demands some aid from a physi-

cian who on the basis of the symptoms prescribes the remedy to restore the sick to health, to cure.

Prescription based on local symptoms by ignoring the totality of symptoms (including the underlying miasm) of the patient will palliate the case and it may cause the patient's condition grave including the local symptoms in future. During this period of suppression the disease will attack more vital organs leaving the external surface. Side by side, due to repeated use of medicine, the vital force will be weaker by and by due to its secondary action along with addition of medicinal symptoms with the patient's original symptoms, which in turn will make the disease more complicated.

In Materia Medica we see many drugs by complete picture and are enriched with the symptoms of mental sphere as well as of all parts of the human body. Though a large number of medicines are partly proved and these are risky to rely upon, incomparison to the well proved medicines, yet they (specially nosodes) are of prime importance in every day practice so they should be proved properly to enrich our knowledge further.

Unless a medicine is not proved on provers of different age, constitution, sex and seasons we can not get de-

pendable symptoms and we can not rely upon them properly.

Till we get a complete picture of a remedy it is not possible to compare it with the basic essence of the other drug pictures and the totality of the patient. Naturally it becomes impossible to make a homoeopathic prescription. So any progress of the patient towards cure becomes absurd.

Similarly if the medicine is selected on the basis of partial symptoms but not on the basis of generalities, the case will be the same as described in Aphorism 38. Which reads as : "Or the new dissimilar disease is the stronger. In this case the disease un-

der which the patient originally laboured being the weaker, will be kept back and suspended by the accession of the stronger one will the latter shall have run it's course or been cured and then the old one reappears uncured..."

We know the medicinal force is more powerful than the disease force and if the selected medicine on the basis of local symptoms does not cover the generalities it's repetition in same or in higher potency suppresses the local symptoms. As soon as the effect of medicinal force will perish the former disease force as local symptoms again will furnish it's presence. The patient will deteriorate more due

to original disease feature along with medicinal symptoms caused by injudicious use of various drugs and their repetition which may go beyond our reach.

According to this fact in case of chronic diseases if the fundamental cause either inherited or acquired is ignored, the characteristics of the patient will be in dark. In this situation as we can not get a general feature of the patient so actual similimum is impossible to arrive at as a result any effort to cure the sick will go in vain.

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