



Tubercular Miasm: An Understanding

Today there are hardly any Acute disease, but only exacerbations of the chronic state. So let us come to Miasms- an understanding, with emphasis on Tubercular Miasm and *Tuberculinum*.

THE PLAN OF THIS PAPER WILL BE:

1. Introduction
2. Brief understanding of Miasms
3. Tubercular Miasm
4. Tuberculinum
5. Cases all to be done in 4 pages...! Whew! Huge task.

INTRODUCTION:

BRIEF UNDERSTANDING OF HAHNEMANNIAN

UNDERSTANDING:

PSORA: Hypersensitivity. Deficiency. Less. Weakness. Psoric individual is timid, reserved, lax, indifferent,

drained, anxious

SYCOSIS: Excess: hyperplasia, ostentation, tumour, gluttony, drinking, orgy. Selfish & covetous. Dread & fear. Prevents elimination

SYPHILIS: Deformed rhythm. Perversion. Worst exterminator of human vital force. Destruction & degeneration.

Between the sycosis and the syphilis stage, there seems to be a gap. It is not a natural smooth progression. There has to be another stage linking sycosis and syphillis in natural progression, which is the Tubercular miasm, coined so by Kent and which till then was called pseudo-psora by Hahnemann.

HAHNEMANNAN CHART OF COMPARTIVE STUDY OF MIASMS: From Principles and Practice of Homoeopathy by M L Dhawale pg 449-455.

FEATURE	PSORIC MIASM Psora=a Groove or a Fault Attributed to suppressed 'Itch'	SYPHILITIC MIASM Attributed to suppressed Syphilis	SYCOTIC MIASM Attributed to suppressed Gonorrhoea
LOCATION : Tissues affected and the Type of Change	Functional Disorders ONLY No structural change with uncomplicated Psora Neuro-Vegetative. + Endocrine System → Functional Disorders Sensations as if and valuable characteristic Concomitants Skin : dry, scaly, itching Suppression. Eruptions Wide-spread internal disorders	Destruction Deformation Suppuration Ulceration Skin : Squamous, Coppery eruption Suppuration. Ulceration Fissures. Glands Bones. Blood-Vessels	Overgrowth of Tissues Fibro-muscular affections: "Rheumatism" and Arthritic conditions Tumours (simple, benign) Warts Gouty Diathesis
MODALITIES : CAUSATIVE ('ailments from')	Suppressions : 1 Emotions, Excitement, Grief, Sorrow, Fear 2 Skin eruptions 3 Normal discharges i.e. Perspiration	Suppressions: abnormal discharges	Suppressions — abnormal discharges

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<p>II AGGRAVATIONS</p>	<p>Standing Motion Exertion Morning New Moon Sun (pains) Menses, before Odours Touch</p>	<p>Rest Exertion Storms Cold and Heat Artificial light Night Natural eliminations : Sweat, Urine, Stools</p>	<p>Damp; Wet, getting Day Change of Weather. Meat Natural eliminations: Sweat, Urine, Stools.</p>
<p>III AMELIORATIONS</p>	<p>Rest. Lying down. Quiet. Heat (Pains) Free Eliminations : Perspiration, Urination, Diarrhoea Return of skin Manifesta- tions (Suppressed)</p>	<p>Motion Cold applications (Pains)</p>	<p>Slow Motion Lying on abdomen Dry weather Return of suppressed normal discharges (Menses)</p>
		<p>Pathological Elimination : Leucorrhoea, Ottorrhoea, Fistulous discharge, Nasal discharge.</p>	
<p>MIND</p>	<p>Hypersensitive. Emotional. Anxious. Fearsome. Restless. Concentration poor. Fatigue Anticipation < Hysteria. Moods, alternating Melancholy. Irritability (no Violence)</p>	<p>Dull, Stubborn, Morose Guilt-Complexes, Fixed Ideas Comprehension – Slow Anger → Violence (Destruction) Rage</p>	<p>Mean, Suspicious, Jealous Self-condemnation – Fixed ideas Anger → Violence (Destruction)</p>
<p>SENSATIONS AND COMPLAINTS IN GENERAL</p>	<p>Dryness Hot waves, orgasms, flushes, ebullitions; Burning – Hands and Feet Alternating states “Sensations as if” Hunger : all-gone sensation Cravings & Aversions Capricious Deficiency Disorders Functional Uterine Disorders</p>	<p>Slow healing (wounds) Perspiration – offensive : Aversion – Meat Marasmus Bone and Periosteal. Pains – Boring, Grinding Restlessness, Physical : Pains drive the patient out of bed : floor-walking Weak joints – easy sprains Glandular affections.</p>	<p>Slow Recovery : constantly Slipping back Discharges : greenish- yellow Acrid Odour – Sour, fish- brine Anaemia. Anasarca Stiffness, soreness, lameness</p>
<p>OTHER FEATURES</p>	<p>Headaches : < Sun < Cold > Heat > Rest Biliousness</p>	<p>Headaches with Vertigo < Night > Cold > Motion</p>	<p>Abdominal colics with mental irritability and acid discharges. Mottling of mucous</p>



	Vertigo Skin : Itching, Dry, Rough < Open Air < Evenings > Scratching → Burning Scaling Alternate Diarrhoea & Constipation Diarrhoea > Urination : Retention with chilling Involuntary	> Nose-bleed Band Sensation Bores the Head into pillow and rolls from side to side Diarrhoea <	membranes Red Nose
REMEDY TYPE (Examples)	<i>Sulphur</i> <i>Psorinum</i> <i>Calcarea</i> <i>Silicia</i>	<i>Mercury</i> <i>Nitric Acid</i> <i>Aurum & Heavy Metals</i> <i>Kali bichromicum</i>	<i>Thuja</i> <i>Natrum</i> <i>Sulphuricum</i> <i>Medorrhinum</i>
NOTE : None of the remedies can be considered as exclusively Anti-Psoric, Anti-Syphilitic or Anti-Sycotic. These terms denote the predominant action of the remedy in question. <i>Lycopodium</i> , or instance, represents well a combination of all the three remedial types.			
MIASMATIC COMBINATIONS (Examples)	PSORA – SYPHILIS Tubercular Diathesis Scrofulous Diathesis Hypertension Diabetes	PSORA – SYCOSIS Asthma Rheumatic Heart Disease	PSORA – SYPHILIS — SYCOSIS Psoriasis Malignancy
MANAGEMENT	Psoric trait gives rise to concomitants. Psora, therefore, presents first. Treatment, therefore, commences with Anti-Psorics and is completed with the remaining remedy-type.		

DEFINITION OF HEALTH: from Principles and Practice by Dr Dhawale:

AN ORGANISM IN PERFECT BALANCE REPRESENTS HEALTH

Illness: disequilibrium. **Disease** results from abnormal susceptibility.

Cure: restoration of normal susceptibility.

Miasm: When imbalance becomes permanent

So health is not only absence of sickness, but physical, mental & social well-being: WHO definition

Miasm from Page 20

CONCEPT OF MIASMS:

Hahnemann saw Miasms as the patterns of response which one inherits.

He, at that time, called it Psora, Sycotic and Syphilis. He also saw glimpses of one other miasm, which he called pseudo-psora.

It took Kent to name it Tubercular.

The Signs +Symptoms of the totality available allows evidence of acquired liability and disposition of the system.

Simple Hypersensitivity = Psora

Slowing even of will = Sycotic

Once again Activity picks up involving the RES, aberrant immune Response= Tubercular.

WHAT ARE NOSODES?

Nosodes are catalytic agents of the Homoeopathic Materia Medica.



They help to arouse the vitality of the sick organism and help body to respond to the remedy, which seeks to heal it.

Nosodes originate from morbid matter of the disease itself.

But for us Homoeopaths, they make the path to healing.

To quote J B Bell:

*"Whether derived from Purest Gold or purest filth
Our gratitude for their excellent service,
Forbids us to inquire or care!"*

WHEN DOES A NOSODE STEP IN?.....

I. Chronicity: defined by the 6 R's

- Resistance: to improvement by well-selected remedy
- Response: poor to similimum
- Reaction: Rx gets no response.
- Rallying: Pt not coming around
- Recuperation: poor
- Repair: process stalls.

II. Sequelae of Infections: graphically described by the patient as '*Never well since* ' some illness.

III. When best selected remedy fails

IV. When Paucity of symptoms.

A Nosode steps in so that the vital reaction is aroused, All suppressed symptoms surface and Both the disease and drug-picture clear up

Then the indicated remedy starts to act, Recuperative power strengthened

- Patient rallies round and is set on road to recovery

So the Nosodes are truly "The Pace Makers" of our Materia Medica!

WHY ARE NOSODES NEEDED?

Disease is a battle: wherein host meets adverse circumstances, which it is not able to contain. It is a System failure due to blocks. Blocks caused by Fundamental and the Dominant Miasm

The battleground is not one-sided. The one who is powerful at that moment, wins.

Homoeopathy has Dynamic forces: viz the acute, the constitutional and the intercurrent and related forces which it needs to use judiciously

First view the battlefield and see how the battle is progressing, before intervening. The least interference is the most sensible way to handle.

WHEN IS THE MINIMUM ASSISTANCE REQUIRED?

When the body is at an advantageous position. Now according to your understanding of the Acute, Chronic and Intercurrent forces you will decide which force is to be released and when. The single most important factor is choice of Timing of Administration of the force Releasing Adequate force in Proper sequence. Eg not to prescribe when the fever is rising. Give the remedy when things have settled or reached a plateau. When the timing is right, just a minimal-maybe single dose will do. For this, the concept of what the intercurrent can do and what you want it to do, must be crystal clear. Then further moves can be planned. This Requires Clarity at the level of the action and the repercussions - ie how the body is going to respond. For this, an understanding of the psycho-patho-physiologic process involved is essential.

Finally, we will illustrate and make completely the idea of the Tub Miasm and the *Tuberculinum* remedy through cases.

"I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day,

a fresh try, one more start,

with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning."

- J.B. Priestly -