

# M I A S M

## A MODERN CONCEPT

### INTRODUCTION

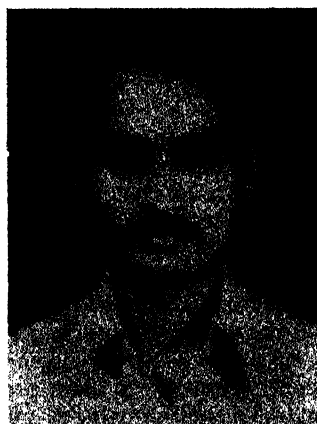
*Dr. S.C. Mishra is explaining Miasms including Dr Hahnemann's evaluations on the root causes for the failure of certain treatment and quoting some of the opinions of Dr Hahnemann, Dr. B.K. Sarkar, Dr Harimohan Choudhari on the three fundamental poison, psora, syphilis and sycosis which stand in the way of an effective cure of diseases. He supplements his idea with a comparative study of chronic miasm.*

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After 30 years practice of homoeopathic medicine Hahnemann met with an embarrassing phenomenon that inspite of the best medicinal treatment some of his cases could not be fully cured. Even in the case of strong robust constitution the disease appeared recurrently, to laugh at the Physician. But his indomitable inquisitiveness, and untiring quest of truth did not fail. He stood face to face with the following questions to find out the cause of his failure in healing the patient permanently. He asked himself.

1. Is it not correct that the law of similar is the law of universe? Is it not applicable to every individual?
2. Are the drugs so far discovered not sufficient to cover all sorts of ailment?
3. Is there any flaw in applying the law of similar?
4. Is there any omission in the picture of symptom-totality?
5. Or, there is some obstacles present in the patient itself which is detrimental to permanent cure.

Critically analysing the above said points in the light of his experience he discerned that the fifth point is the root of all failure. Being endowed with a magnificent power of intuition Hahnemann discovered the existence of 3 types of fundamental poison in the human organism namely psora, syphilis and sycosis which are creating obstacle in curing the disease permanently. According to him psora is a universal poison, syphilis and sycosis are venereal poisons. (Now AIDS is another venereal



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poison which is the panic of modern age). He coined the term Miasm to imply all these 3 poisons "Although Hahnemann had no microscope, more than 50 years before Koch's discovery he was the first to perceive, teach and discover the parasitical nature of all infectious disease and the Chronic disease in general in the year 1827 before publication of his famous book 'Chronic Disease'. It is all the more significant that Hahnemann recognised the presence of Bacteria in epidemic and acute disease in 1818, more than sixty years before Koch isolated the tubercle bacillus. But the irony of the medical history is that his name was totally omitted from the history of bacteriology. Alas;

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this is probably the best reward of this ungrateful medical world". (\*1)

So basically Miasm means germ, bacteria or virus of modern times. In Hahnemann's own language, "All chronic diseases mankind --- show such a constancy and perseverance, that as soon as they have developed and have not been thoroughly healed by the medical art, they evermore increase with the years, and during the whole man's life time, and they can not be diminished by the strength belonging even to the most robust constitution. Still less can they be overcome and extinguished. Thus they never pass away of themselves, but increase and are aggravated even till death. They must therefore, all have their origin and foundation constant chronic miasms, whereby their Paracritical existence in the human organism is enabled to continually rise and grow". (\*2)

According to Dr. B.K. Sarkar. "He (Hahnemann) used the terminology of his day which he qualified to suit his purpose and thus made it clear that by the word 'Miasm amplified by descriptive terms' infections, contagious, excessively minute, invisible, living creatures as applied to cholera poisoning agent he must have meant precisely what we mean today when we use terms of modern Bacteriology to express the same idea. In fact, the idea of "Contagium vivum" originated with Hahnemann and he can be hailed as the father of Bacteriology". (\*3)

The spiritualist homoeopath does not believe in germs theory of modern materialistic homoeopaths. According to them the germ can grow and thrive only on rotten matter. The matter is rotten first and then the germ or bacteria grows thereon just to prevent the matter from rotting further. In tubercular lungs the bacilli grow just to eat up the pus formed in affected lungs and thereby trying to make the lungs free from further decomposition. If you kill the bacilli alone, you can not cure the tubercular patient. According to them psora, which is the universal morbid agent capable of producing thousands of disease (Hydra headed monster) is manifested first in the mental plane of human being and then it appears in the body as itch. Psora is ill thinking which results in manifesting as itchmite in the gross physical body. Because, mind is the man. A healthy spiritual mind bears a sound physique as the mind shapes the man.

Ill thinking is psora  
Ill doing is syphilis  
and suppression of ill doing is sycosis.

But if we agree to this spiritualist or idealistic theory of miasm, we cannot explain other miasms e.g. Tuberculosis, Cancer, Aids and Mini Miasm like Typhoid, Plague, Cholera, Tetanus etc. Some say that these are mixed miasm. But it is not correct. Because bacteria & bacilli of each of these diseases have been isolated separately and as such they can not be called mixed miasm.

"As there can not be any psora without psoric pathogen itch mite, any syphilis without syphilitic pathogen treponema pallidum and any sycosis miasm without sycotic pathogen gonococcus, so there can not be any Tuberculosis without Tubercular pathogen tubercle bacilli. Hence we can no longer define Tuberculosis as the resultant effects of mixed miasm. It should be treated as separate miasm". (\*4)

All sorts of bacteria, bacilli & virus thrives on the fertile soil of psora which is a universal organic poison prevailed very much in this universe. Ill thinking is not psora. Due to ill thinking man becomes susceptible to Psora. Ill thinking is, thus, the precursor of Psora. Psora comes after a man poisons himself by ill thinking making him vulnerable to the attack of psora, and when psora invades once the organism, the effected person become susceptible to all sorts of disease force present all round him in the universe. Mind makes a man susceptible to the basic universal poison - psora and therefrom he starts declining in the functional plane of his physique. It is edifice of all disease in the world as it prepares the soil in the human organism to entertain other disease force.

Psora is a specific germ full of immense possibilities of disease world. It is a fuel to the flame and that's why no disease can settle in the individual without the sanction of Psora.

Had Hahnemann lived upto the microscopic age, he would have definitely accepted the germ theory in more clear language and modified his version accordingly in the organon in more clear terms.

Therefore, based on the aforesaid views we can define Miasm as a TOXIN which is inherited from parents or acquired by way of inoculation of poisonous substance or after suffering from some infectious diseases or by using some particular drugs for a longer time.

The predominance of miasm in the subtle physical determines the diathesis or constitution of an individual.

Apart from the infection with bacilli, germ of bacteria it is found that after ingestion of certain drugs for a long time, the patient starts developing some iatrogenic disease peculiar to the drugs used. Dr. R.P. Patel has elaborately described about this in his book 'What is Tautopathy'. The iatrogenic or drug disease may also be treated as mini miasmatic disease.

A bird's eye view of the Miasmatic drug picture is given in the statement appended.

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## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF CHRONIC MIASM

PSORIC (Carbo-nitrogenoid)	SYCOTIC (Venereal bacteria Hydrogenoid)	SYPHILITIC (Venereal bacteria Oxygenoid)	TUBERCULAR (Psora + Syph)	CANCER (Psora+Syco+Syph)	AIDS (Venereal virus)
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### 1. KEY WORDS :

#### CONSTIPATION

All. Hypo Blue cold colour Deficiency, insufficiency, want lack or scanty.

#### DIARRHOEA

All Hyper. Yellow, loud colour, living Barometer.

#### DYSENTERY

All Dyses, Red colour

#### ASTHMA

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Cafe-au-let skin Blue sclerotics.

### 2. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS :

#### OVERACTIVE

Bright, active, quick in performance and movement. Tendency to suffer long from slightest illness. Slight injury=erysipelas (Hyperaemia) Ochymoses and fever. Excessive or lack of sweat cracking of joints.

#### MALACTIVE

Extra finger extra growth of various size and colours, fleshy growth. Hydrocele. Emaciation of any part. Head sweating Alopecia or baldness in circular spots. Face greasy dropsical & bloated, cyanotic blue face. Walks much of the time Nail thick ridgy & corrugated.

#### UNDERACTIVE

Slow. Flat or depressed nose, swelling of nasal bone. Head and ears are large in comparison to body. Hair oily Greasy. Hair falling on side & on vertex, Nail spoon shaped & paper thin type.

Head large. Pyramid shaped face round & smaller, eyes sunken with deep blue rings around. Oedematous eye lids. Narrow. Pigeon chest. Forehead high. Offensive sweat in armpit. Adenoids, neck gland, scrofulous. Deep fissured red lips. Excessive gum bleeding. Epistaxis of children. Narrow nostrils. Nail spoon shaped, brittle, thin spotted, anterior edges are serrated or slightly scalloped. Felons. Pulse feeble but rapid. Palpitation.

Numerous moles. Non healing Ulcer. Persisting increasing pain, Palpable mass or lump. Any growth having pain Dysphagia, chronic hoarseness. Unexplained cough, regular bleeding without any rhyme or reason. Sleeps on knee elbow position. Sleeps on back with hand over head.

Weight loss, swollen glands in armpit, neck, groin. Fever, night sweats, malaise persistent watery diarrhoea, Oral or oesophageal candidiasis, Tiredness, loss of appetite, loss of memory.

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## 1. MENTAL CHARACTERISTIC:

## Intelligent

Hyper-sensitive, Restless in thought and feeling. Fearful. Fear of death, illness, Hopelessness and fear of failing business. Always makes mistakes about time, thinks it earlier. Never satisfied with anything. Not satisfied with married wife and seek other women. Self centered. Miser, Anxiety. Tendency to be frightened. Precipitation. Impatient. Inconsistent, fictitious thought. Bright in studies. Sterile philosopher. Full of ideas but no desire to materialise. Memory. Great weakness of memory for correctness. Changeable. Apprehensive. Fearful, Selfish. Restless and untidy.

## Dull

Bad, Mischievous, cruel. Jealous, Tendency for making a secret of everything. Anxious least his secrets are out. Keeps his illness secret, also his family matters. Criminal, selfish to the back bone. No moral teaching can make him good. Thieves. Robbers and murderers are the product of Sycosis. It makes a beast out of man. Very dependent cross. Irritable, absent minded, weeps without cause, mean, liar. A vicious scoundrel, forgetful. Oppression & anxiety on weather change. Memory. Disastrously affected, can not remember names of person, place, dates occurrences. Does not remember anything during illness but remember everything of before and after. Always washes his hands, suspicious. Lack of self confidence, Weakness of memory. Suicidal impulse, anger & dissatisfaction, inferiority complex cheap mentality. Narrow minded. Maladjustment between family member.

## Idiotic Vitiated

Destructive critic, suicidal tendency, Melancholia, depression, Prostration of mind & body. Great in difference to everything. Introvert. Suspicious. Fixed ideas, fixed mood, Obstinate. Slow in reaction. Perversion. Facists. Anarchist woman consents to M.T.P. Hurry in everything. Loss of willpower & self confidence. Can not explain his symptoms. Anxiety, depression, desire solitude, Suicidal impulse. Dulness. Memory weak.

## Dissatisfied

Always hopeful but thinks his disease is incurable. Always builds castles in the air. Plans for future cosmopolitan habit. Mentally keen physically weak. Dreads of artificial light. Dreads of night, long for morning. Fear of dogs. Lack of tolerance. Children wants toys & then rejects & want next one. Dissatisfied. House wife wants new ornaments & garments. Lack of concentration, disgusted.

In somnia Mentally backward children. Dulness. Disinterested. Difficult thinking, Aversion to conversation, prolonged fear or unhappiness. Fastidious Anticipation = vomiting consolation = distress, love for travel combined with reaction to sea air.

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#### 4. ALLIED DISEASES:

Corns, ulceration in between fingers.	Name of diseases end with 'rthoea' i.e. Otorrhoea, Leucorrhoea, Haematuria etc. Fig warts disease. Cancer, Arthritis, Tumours, Appendicitis, orchitis Eczema, Barbers itch. Ringworm, Talipes or clubbed foot. Hyperthyroidism. Rheumatism, Thrombosis, Dropsy, Slow pulse, Feeble.	Gout, Dry gangrene, Copper coloured eruption in groin without itching. Hypertension. Angina pectoris. Irregular pulse.	Whitlow, Herpes, Hernia, urticaria, allergy. Paralysis. Oedematous swelling Anasarca, Abscess, ulcer sepsis. Freckles, Goose flesh. Injury suppurates, Bee and bug affect badly. Leprosy. Worms, Pickets, Marasmus. Infantile cholera, Prolonged diarrhoea. Tuberculosis, Meningitis. Spermatorrhoea, Night fall without dreams.	Tendency to recurrent Inflammatory disease in childhood e.g. whooping, Measles, Pox, Mumps etc.
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#### 5. INCUBATION PERIOD:

6-14 days to appear in skin Malignancy develops at any age.	Several days weeks or many weeks. Malignancy tend to develop at the age of 40.	---	---	---	5 months to 5 years.
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#### OTHER AILMENTS:

##### 6. HEAD:

Vertigo due to anaemia of Brain. Hair Dry, Lusterless, falling Tangles easily, breaks, does not remain in position, has to be combed often. Dryness of the scalp, practically no sweat. Head complaints better by warmth but uncovered. One sided headache. Dandruff, Ringworm on head.	Condylomatous growths of various size.	Headache aggravation by rest, heat, lying down or sleeping.	Moist eruptions of scalp with pus formations. Flashes of heat in head. Profuse perspiration of head with musty odour specially in night. Headache on every rest day, headache with coldness of hands and feet. Amelioration by rest, sleep, eating, headache lasts for days, beating against wall or with hands ameliorates.	-----	-----
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<b>7. FACE:</b>					
Lustreless	Cynotic, blue lace	Hard acne.	Pale, Flashes of heat in face. Profuse perspiration with musty odour.	---	---
<b>8. NOSE:</b>					
Frequent Epistaxis. Running of nose. Stuffy. Crusty. Accen- tuated power of smell. Dryness ulcerated nostril.	Reachess of nose, obstruc- ted. Catarrh in nose throat lungs, stomach, intestine & uterus.	Putrid smell. Loss of Olfaction.	Sinuses, fistula. Nose blee- ding in children Narrow nostril	---	---
<b>9. EYES:</b>					
When diseased is greatly sen- sitive to sunlight. Eyes sunken with deep blue rings around. When conjunctiva is affected, redness borders the lids. Itching, great tendency to rub. Not relieved by rubbing.	Cornea gland is covered with red spots.	---	Photophobia, Chronic dilation of pupil. Otorrhoea.	---	---
<b>10. MOUTH:</b>					
Lips red, Taste sour, sweet or bitter. Burnt tastes at times. Water tastes bitter. Dirty gums. Fetid smell, various type of coating in tongue. Gum bleeding, Tooth ache for slight cause or no cause.	Slowness of speech and reflections. Gouty concretions in the mouth of young baby. Teething trouble.	Deep fissures in mouth & tongue, longitudinal cracks, Gums ulcerated, bleeding, Tongue swollen gets imprint of teeth. Taste metallic, Smell from mouth. Throat affections. Tendency to make mistake when speaking.	Taste of pus and blood. Taste metallic, chronic tonsillitis. Gra- nulation of lids.	---	---
<b>11. CHEST:</b>					
Sudden anxiety & palpitation of heart due to gastric and liver trouble. Weakness of chest when speaking.	Prolonged teasing cough, clearness of mucous and little expectoration rosy or cottony. Bronchitis. Valvular & cardiac changes. Dyspnoea.	---	Bronchitic sounds in the lungs.	---	---

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**12. STOMACH & ABDOMEN :**

Great hunger, Good appetite but easily satiated. Hunger vanishes at the sight of food. Morbid & unnatural hunger. Hunger immediately after eating. Formation of gas in the stomach with rumbling gurgling sound. Sour & bitter eructation. Prefers fried more than boiled, likes food that will do harm. Empty feeling. Repugnance to milk.	All food disagrees & brings about derangement specially to children. Unable to eat breakfast. Food never seems sufficiently salty. Chronic Lumbago, intolerance to spice, wine & meat. Craves bear which aggravates. Can not digest nuts due to gouty conditions. Lying on stomach amelioration Colic in new born baby (Lyco. Arg nit, Rheum, Chamo Mag. C. Colo, Crott, Lauro c & Dulc).	Swelling & tenderness of liver.	Pain in the region of Appendix. Craves unnatural things chalk, lime, slate pencils, potato, meat, fats, narcotics, such as tea coffee, tobacco, bear, wine or hot aromatic things salt. Starches not easily digested. Can not assimilate starch. Dropsy Anasarca, Sauer shaped belly. Hernia. Can not digest Cow's milk in any shape.	---	--
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**13. LIKES AND DISLIKES :**

Craving for stimulants, tea, coffee, tobacco etc. Which only give temporary nerve force which is lacking in psora. Craves chalk, pencil & indigestible thing. Prefers fried thing more than boiled.	---	Abhors meat. (animal food) some liking for milk only but does not tolerate it so well. Desire sour, sweet, chalk, wine, pencil, lime etc.	---	---	---
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**14. URINARY ORGANS :**

Scanty or excessive abnormality in colour & smell	Frequent urination at the approach of storm & rains. nephritis, Urethritis, Orchitis, Epididymitis, subacute & chronic inflammations. All urinary trouble.	--	Bright's disease. Diabetes, Bed-wetting. Nocturnal polyuria.	---	-----
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**15. GENITALS :**

All sorts of menstrual disorders. Discharge scanty or profuse, Offensive and painful. Morning sickness	Prostatitis, Seminal vesiculitis, Salpingitis, Ovaritis, Uterine walls are affected by mucous cysts, Nodular growth on the external walls of the Uterus. Pelvic diseases of woman.	Chancere sore on penis after intercourse with woman. Sloughing of Scrotum. Ulceration & suppuration of inguinal glands.	Hydrocele, idiopathic, Prostatic trouble, Frequent menses. Malposition of uterus.	---	---
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**16. RECTUM & STOOL :**

Obstinate & persistent unnatural constipations. No desire for stool. stool dry like sheep dung. Itching & creeping in anus. Worms.	Bleeding fistula, stricture of rectum. Piles. Sour diarrhoea in children. Infantile cholera.	Dysentery.	Fistula pockets in the rectum. Great weakness over extremities. prolapsus of rectum. Pin worms	---	---
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**MODALITIES : Aggravation :**

Standing, heat of room, after eating, New moon, approach of menses, sunrise to sunset, Suppression of skin disease, After sleep.	Humidity. Approach of rains & Storms esp. mental & Urinary symptom	Sun down to sun rise, night Warmth, rest & sleep, Sweat or natural discharge. heat.	Higher altitude, night aggravation. Children can not endure extremes of heat & cold.	---	---
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**Amelioration :**

Diarrhoea, Urination, Perspiration, Walking, slow movement, weeping, heat application.	Motion, Stomach ailment, relieved by lying on it, menstrual discharge which is green or greenish yellow.	Cold, walking in open air & before sleep. Mental symptom amel. by unnatural discharge.	Nose bleed amel. headache.	---	---
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**COMBINATION OF ALL MIASMS :** Bright's disease, Chlublains, Naevus (birth mark), Elephantiasis. Erysipalatus. Carcinomatous. Epitheliome & Lupus. Psoriasis (mainly Psora+Sycosis) Dropsy. Anasarca. Large Tumours. Various hypertrophies. Ichthyosis. Fish scaly eruption.

**ANTI MIXED MIASMATIC MEDICINE :** ARG MET, AUR MET, BACIL, CALC S, CARCIN, LYCO, MEDO, M. SOL, MERC I F, MERC I R, NIT AC, PHYTO, PSOR, STAPH, SULPH, SYPH, THUJA, TUBER.

Aur iod, Aur mur, Aur sulph, Ben ac, Carbo v, Caust, Clematis, Con, Fermet, Fluo ac, Graph, Hap s, Iod, Kali ars, Kali bich, Kali c, Kali salic, Kali sulph, Lac can, Lach, Mang ac, Merc cor, Mez, Nat mur, Nats, Petrol, Phos, Phos ac, Rad br, Sarsa, Sep. Sil, Silling, Thyr, Tylophin, X ray.

**MIXED MIASM (No Miasm mixes together but the miasmatic states are intermingled)**

Psora + Syphilis	Psora+Sycosis	Psora + Tuberculosis	Psora+Cancer	Psora+Syph+Sycosis	Psora+Syph+Sycosis+ Tub+Cancer
Chronic ulceration, scrofulous, Hypertension & diabetes.	Asthma, Warts, Tumours, Fle-shy growth, Rheumatism, Rheumatic heart disease.	Tubercular tendency	Malignant tendency.	Psoriasis, Hay fever type trouble.	Cancerous disease.

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