



## Can Homoeopathy Conquer Death?

If anything in life is real and sure, it is death. No one can escape it. People die not due to diseases and accidents but because of reasons beyond the meager knowledge of mankind. How do you define Death? Death is suspended animation marked with an imperceptible pulse and apparent or real want of action of lungs. It may be called clinical death, brain death, and persistent vegetative state death, suicide death or accident/murder death etc. But to a layman, no breathing means death. Death is a dreadful eventuality. There is weeping, crying and mourning when death occurs in a family. Until death, he was a loving person with a 'name'; the moment death occurs, people enquire

about the time of cremation of the 'body'. Carrying the 'body' away from home is done at the earliest. Death that is not mourned seriously is natural death. This occurs at matured age with no diseases. Only great saints and the fortunate ones, satisfied with life, get natural death. 15 to 20 days before natural death, such persons refuse food and have no bowel movement. 8 to 10 days before, they feel weak, cannot stand and prefer to lie down. 4 to 6 days before, they do not accept any food. 2 to 3 days before, they do not drink water. If forced to eat or drink, they vomit. They wish to listen to religious recitals and shower blessings on the people surrounding them. A day before death, their voice is lost but they listen to everything said. They look happy when they breathe their last peacefully. During all these phases, such persons have no bodyaches, no change in pulse or blood pressure rate and no restlessness. Now examine the phases. Anorexia and



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constipation is dysfunction of liver and inactivity of intestines. Debility is there but it is not anaemia. Thirstlessness and loss of voice are inactive kidneys, liver and vocal cords. How is it that such persons feel well, do not complain of any disease and over and above declare in advance that they are going to die? Natural deaths at matured age are very few. Leave aside natural deaths, no one can predict the time of probable death. Does death occur all of a sudden or takes time to occur? An American cardiologist Michael Sabom says, 'It is impossible to determine the precise time of death, scientifically and medically. It was thought in the past that death occurs at a single moment in life but death is a process, not a single moment'. If death is a process, we have to rethink and align it with homoeopathic principle. We will take this up later\*.

Here is another kind of temporary death called near death experience or NDE. We have been reading in newspapers about persons being declared clinically dead but return to life after some hours. There are varying statements of persons who experience temporary death. Flying out of their bodies, meeting angels and dead relatives, bathing in bright light after crossing deep dark tunnels, seeing their family members crying over their dead bodies are some NDE experiences. Is it a reality or illusion, nobody knows. Scientists have been experimenting on such cases, argue that there exists soul or some extraordinary force in the body. Due to some unknown reason, the force leaves the body and the person is declared dead. After some time either force returns or is accumulated in the body returning into life. A study by British medical researchers published in the journal 'Resuscitation' found that eleven percent of the NDE cases had memory recall of the unconscious period and six percent of those resuscitated after cardiac arrest reported NDEs. These findings suggest that consciousness could be in the non-functioning brain, otherwise how could they narrate the happenings when their bodies were dead. This study further compared the brain with TV set. TV program is not built-in but it is relayed to it. So, consciousness is

not in brains when the whole body is dead, it is relayed from body cells. Every day billions of cells die and new ones take birth. There is communication between the body cells and the brain. New cells taking birth in the body, just at the time of death, make NDE a possibility. Even when the brain is not working, life exists in newly formed body cells. After death, the body does not become cold or dead immediately. Some heat or energy in the form of new cells remains in the body for some time. Homoeopathy can relate this energy as vital force. At this juncture if cells relay part of this vital force to brain, it gets activated and makes NDE a possibility. NDE is partial extinction of vital force, if homoeopathic principles are believed in. According to homoeopathy, death is a process and this process is gradual loss of vital force, diminishing day by day and finally, total extinction resulting in death. How, when and where does the vital force enter through which part or organ of body and how or why it leaves the body, is unknown?

Dr Hahnemann says that material organism without vital force is capable of no sensation, no function and no self-preservation. It derives all sensation and performs all functions of life solely by means of immaterial being (vital principle or vital force) which animates the material organism in health and in disease. In its interpretation, he further says that body is dead and now only subject to power of the external physical world; it decays, and is again resolved into its chemical constituents. (Aph 10- The Organon, sixth edition)

Dr J N Kanjilal, a reputed homoeopath says, "Hahnemann always and everywhere wanted to impress that material body and the vital force of a living being is perpetually inseparable and both together make the unitary living being. The physics also asserts that matter and energy are inseparable unity, they are only two aspects of the same object; and that one is subject to the ordinary laws of physics and chemistry, the other is subject to some additional laws pertaining to the science of biology, over and above those of physics and chemistry. What force maintains the continuous activity of heart as well as the nervous system and



circulation and what happens when the force is extinct?" he questions. (Book, 'Writings on Homoeopathy'). He agrees to the commitment of Hahnemann that vital force and material body are unitary living beings. This means absence of vital force in the body amounts to death.

Dr K C Bhanja says, "Vital force is a continuous flow of energy called 'Prana' or 'Sanjibani sakti' coming from sun. Our atmosphere is at all times surcharged with this force though it is especially active in brilliant sunlight. It is for this reason that very few people breathe their last in the daytime. Death generally occurs at the dead hours of night when the vital force is at its ebb-tide in the atmosphere and when the stock of vital force at the disposal of the patient absorbed during the day nears exhaustion." He is sure that death occurs when vital force is exhausted. (Book 'Homoeo Prescriber') The basic unit of life is 'cell'. Within the cell is its nucleus and entities called chromosomes. Chromosomes carry all types of organized activities of body and this is what we call life. The cell is smallest unit that displays life. One can assume that vital force exists in every cell of the body and when it is completely exhausted, death occurs. Homoeopathy has capability to recoup vital force through its law of similars. A medicine given according to law makes body free of ailments and longevity can be achieved following this ritual every time

the body falls short of vital force. Averting death by homoeopathic medicines is also possible if we can find location of the organ that produces vital force in the body. If we know to keep every cell of body healthy, death can be averted. Cells are not constant and they divide into two (most of them) during growth. The body parts that are prone to trauma (like skin or intestine cells) continuously lose cells. On the other hand brain cells do not die. We have a body system that is still not fully understood. We have no answer to many queries about body system. In our ignorance, we leave every thing to the Supreme. We convince our meager knowledge by excuses and leave everything to Him. Today we do not know many things about our body. We do not know how to keep soul imprisoned in our body so that death does not occur? **This not knowing will not be forever.** At the start of twentieth century, we did not know fully about TV, computers, space shuttles, mobile phones and life saving medicines. Future can usher in new knowledge and achievements. Hope it is homoeopathy that can solve the mystery of death. (*Editor: I do hope, that you, Shiv Dua, are right, but I can promise that each soul has to leave the world, otherwise the earth will sink under the pressure of all living beings.*)



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