

The serpent, then, is passion, jealousy, vital communication, movement, power, libido. But for its deepest meaning we must return to the events which took place in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve, the man and the woman, exist in each one of us; they represent the twin tides of life, flow and ebb, expiration and inspiration, contraction and relaxation, waking and sleep. The serpent, the rebellious libido, came between them, disturbing their unconscious perfection, depriving them of Paradise, and bringing upon them all the ills which men inherit.

That is only the beginning of the story. Without trauma there can be no development of the conscious personality. Without the Fall there could have been no Redeemer. "O felix culpa," sings the Church, "quae talem ac tantum meruit habere Redemptorem." And the fault which enslaved man was also in some strange way the Force which set him free. Moses understood this when he erected the brazen Serpent to save the Israelites from the plague of fiery serpents. Mediæval Christian artists understood, when they depicted Christ as a Serpent in the Communion Cup. That which hurts can also heal; and heal, moreover, so that the last state is better than the first. This is the same truth which inspired Samuel Hahnemann when he propounded the law "Similia Similibus Curentur".

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THE SNAKE VENOMS OF THE MATERIA MEDICA

(Grouped in genera and species with synonyms
and vernacular name)

Family	VIPERIDAE		
Sub-Family	CROTALINAE		
	BOTHROPS ATROX		
	Synonyms Coluber atrox
			... Lachesis lanceolatus
	Homœopathic nomenclature <i>Bothrops lanceolatus</i>
	Vernacular name Fer-de-lance

Family HYDROPHIIDAE
Hydrophis cyanocinctus

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* *Lachesis trigonocephalus* or *Trimeresurus trigonocephalus* is distinct from *L. muta*, being a native of Ceylon, a green-coloured nocturnal tree-climbing snake.

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RED LINE SYMPTOMS

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soon as the feet get warm they go to the other extreme and burn, so that he puts them out of bed.

Burning on vertex which is often present with coldness of forehead, or the whole head may feel cold except a burning spot on vertex.

It is full of congestions.

Discharges are sour.

Legs and feet feel as though they had on damp stockings.

Breathless worse ascending.

Worse after bathing or meddling with water.

Worse morning.

Sinking sensation at any time.

Worse exertion.

Calc. is eminently a sycotic medicine as the early morning aggravation would indicate.

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