

MEDORRHINUM AND ECOLOGY

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Ecology, in one of its aspects, according to Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary Unabridged, Second edition, 1960, page 574, deals with the relations of living organisms and their environment. Grossly, this problem is easily manifest in this everyday living world which we inhabit and it is adequately handled by many writers and certainly is well publicized. Minutely, and microscopically, the same problems and principles exist, as may be vividly illustrated by the increasing incidence of the spread of the medorrhinum gonococcus.

Qualitatively, the gonococcus may well be increasing its virulence, but certainly quantitatively the environment is aided and abetted by the pill rendering the vaginal orifice so much more available to easy access. The social role of the disease not only gives it a "ping-pong" character but ready co-operation increases the number of players, thus quantitatively increasing the total gross areas for the organism.

This enlarging environment in turn not only has its organic-somatic results but also end-products of increasing socio-pathological aberrancies equally deep-seated and scarring in effect, so adequately described chronic pelvic disorders in the female, chronic rheumatism with intolerable tensive pains, often with collapse sensations that are intense, and oedema of the extremities may develop. Offspring of infected females may be dwarfed and stunted, with chronic catarrh, dirty noses exuding thick yellow mucus, with adenoidal and tonsillar adenopathy.

In the head area burning may occur in the occiput and headache may occur from exhaustion and hard work. The scalp may itch, be full of dandruff, and the hair crisp and dry. The eyes may ache and the lids become irritated. There may be partial deafness, and nasally there may be chronic nasal and pharyngeal catarrh with intense itching. The face often presents pallor, acne and reddish blotches, and in the female may have numerous small boils during menstruation. The mouth may have blisters and the tongue may be brown-coated and thick.

Breathing may be oppressive with dyspnoea and difficulty in exhaling, with incessant dry night coughing. The larynx may feel sore, with pain and soreness through the chest and mammae.

Generally, there may be eructations as of sulfurated hydrogen, with canine hunger and great thirst. There may be a great appetite for alcohol, salts, sweets, and warm drinks. Hepatic and splenic pains may make lying on the abdomen the most comfortable position. The rectum may ooze fetid moisture and the anus may itch intensely.

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in the legs may make it difficult to keep them still, the ankles tend to turn easily while walking, the soles may be sore and burning, and the heels and balls of the feet tender. The hands may also burn and the finger joints tend to be enlarged, puffy, and have gouty concretions. Copper-colored spots may characterize the skin which often tends to be yellow.

Painful tenesmus may occur when urinating with a slow flow of urine. Renal colic and nocturnal enuresis may also occur. In the male impotence and urethritis may occur with prostatic hypertrophy.

The female may have sycotic warts on the labia and mammae, and intense pruritus, with a sensitive spot near the os uteri. Leucorrhoea is thin, acrid, excoriating, with a strong fishy odor. Menses tend to be clotted, dark, offensive, and profuse with staining difficult to wash out. Metrorrhagia with colic may occur, and ovarian pains may go from ovary to ovary, or worse on the left side.

Mentally, there may be melancholia with suicidal ideations, with fears of going insane because of hopelessness of recovery. Thus often time passes slowly with lack of concentration so that the thread of conversation may be easily lost. The female especially may weep with conversation. Conversely, there may be an exaltation of senses, with resulting nervousness and restlessness.

A modern picture? Yes, as may often be seen in the modern hippy-rebellious, self-determinate seekers. An old picture? Yes, the clinical description of the old masters of Homoeopathy, from Hahnemann on, have never been excelled: the total picture of a clinical entity that deserves our entire armamentarium before our civilization crumbles.

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