

PLACE OF HEREDITY IN HOMŒOPATHY

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Heredity has an important place in the treatment and cure of chronic diseases. Even in acute cases we have to take the family history. Our main guide for the treatment and cure of diseases are the miasms—the Psora, the Sycosis and the Syphilis. But the modern science ignores the truth hidden in the miasm and bases treatment mainly on the physical plane, the body, the organs, the cells, the tissues, etc. It takes no account of the man, individuality with peculiar characteristic symptoms, craving, aversion, idiosyncrasy, etc. It fails to observe that diseases are nothing but an outcome of the underlying causes which exist in the very man himself with his heredity on the background in the form of Psora, Sycosis and Syphilis. It is also observed that the symptoms of diseases differ according to the different constitutions and characteristic individualities of the patients. It is gratifying to note that the modern scientific world is taking keen interest in the heredity of man, its mechanism, variations and the importance and effect of environment.

By mechanism we mean, "Within the cells of all the animals and plants are minute thread-like bodies known as cromosomes, which securely harness the essential units were termed genes, are now known to be complex protein molecules with the power to grow and to reproduce themselves as well as to perform all the intricate functions of building up the bodies of animals or plants according to their kinds."

This mechanical process is going on with every plant and animal. But it varies with individual constitutions. So, variability is one of the most important factors in heredity. "Just as no two leaves on a tree are exactly alike so no two humans are just alike. Even the so-called identical twins, who arise from the same fertilized egg are

not exactly alike as an inspection of their finger prints will show". The same is the case for the treatment with Homœopathy. We have to discriminate. We have to know the difference between one man and another. There is no doubt that our body is composed of cells, tissues, ligaments, muscles, nerves, blood, etc. and they have a use. They function not as a master but as a servant. The man—his will and his understanding are prime factors. So each man on earth is different from another in will and understanding, though in physical appearance most of us are almost alike. So the fact of essential difference between man and man is to be regarded as an important factor in treatment. As far as a disease is concerned which is reflected on the physical body it is one and the same, but the disease differs from man to man according to different constitutions. The disease also vary with familial trait. "In crowded communities the germ passes rapidly from one individual to the next and an extensive and fatal epidemic may ensue. But it must not be overlooked that individual is also variable"—so an attacks of a disease depends on the individual constitutions and vitality of the patient.

But as a homœopath we are not concerned with mechanism, cells, tissues, chromosomes, gene, etc. In the treatment of the diseases we are always guided by the 'man', the mind, the intellectual side. Men live by generation and homœopathy depends on heredity based on miasms. The miasms are present in each and every family in some form of Psora, Sycosis, and Syphilis. But every one is psoric, every one is susceptible to disease and it is the psora which pollutes the mind, the man and the generation. Since the beginning of the world psora has affected the human race and came as the greatest scourge of the mankind; As Psora affected the human race there was birth of disease. "For it goes to the primitive wrong of the human race, that is the spiritual sickness for which the first state race progressed into what may be called the

true susceptibility to psora which in turn laid the foundation of other diseases."

So the birth of psora means susceptibility to disease which come as a result of mental pollution. So if there was no psora, the other two diseases would have been impossible. So, as long as there was no psora, the world was in a state of order ; there was mutual love and friendship, people used to think good of their neighbour, there was no selfishness and malaise and as long there was no separation from the rest of existence there was no disease. "Whenever an individual has become separate from the rest of existence then immediately disease, decay, and death begin to act upon it". This is the birth of Psora and when it affects the human race it stealthily wrecks the mind, the spirit and his morality and intellect. In the present world, man walks on the face of earth like a ship without a rudder. He is always swayed by sentiments and emotions and lacks in self-control and is sensual. In this unbalanced state of mind he becomes an easy prey to perversion, impure sexual connection and as a result of impure action there is birth of Sycosis and Syphilis.

So, it is natural that when the mind loses self-control and becomes easy prey to his sensuality, Sycosis develops as a result of physical action—the impure sexual connection. When dealing with the hereditary complaints it is quite needless to discuss about the acute type. In all hereditary complaints, chronic Sycosis plays a very important role, especially in cases suppressed by external means and mal-treatment. As a result of suppression warty growth develops here and there over the body or there is marked affection of the blood—anæmia, waxiness of the body. In some cases blood is not affected but sycosis affects the mucus membrane and soft tissues with marked inflammation of the affected parts. There may be Catarrhal affection of the eye, the ear, the nose, the throat, etc. If the catarrhal condition is suppressed it affects the

more vital organs as stomach intestine, liver, lungs, kidneys, testis, etc., generally the soft tissues. It may affect the joints—rheumatic and gouty symptoms are very common. The bones are not affected by sycosis. At this stage if the patient does not undergo treatment homoeopathically on a real sycotic basis with sycotic medicines but if he marries a healthy woman previously with no sycotic symptoms, the latter becomes liable to menstrual diseases as dysmenorrhœa and affection of the ovary, tube, etc. It may also be that she may not be affected in her generative organs but may be affected in blood, with marked anæmic symptoms, waxy and pale appearance. A wife is generally infected with the same character and form of the diseases which the husband generally suffers from. So the woman is the worst sufferer. An innocent wife may suffer from organic affection, affection of the blood, catarrhal trouble of the eyes, the ears, the nose and the throat, affection of the joints, etc. Sterility is common in sycotic woman. In this way a woman suffers from a series of troubles according to the weakness of her organs and tissues peculiar to her individual constitution. Thus the sufferings of her ill-fated life prolong.

Women also contract sycosis from their parents. In such cases they suffer ever since their childhood. So the innocent blooming children inherit the evils of the vices of their parents. "Sycosis very commonly makes the woman sterile or if she has a few children, you will find in her a strong tendency to marasmus in the first year or in the first or second summer strong tendency to constipation or you will find a withering old appearance of the face." So children with sycotic heredity suffer from rickets, infantile diarrhœa, alternate diarrhœa and constipation, finally withering of the whole body. If no sycotic treatment is done and the child survives it will be seen that the dentition is late, the child is late in learning to walk and to speak and has developed a dull and idiotic face.

There may be enlargement of the glands in the neck, axilla, groin, etc. and enlargement of the tonsils with marked susceptibility to cold. Of course, this condition of health varies with individual constitution. You may not find all the above mentioned complaints in all cases. In some cases you find that the children are very precocious, over-active, susceptible to bronchitis, pneumonia, meningitis, etc. Otitis media is very common in sycotic children. Polypus growth and bad teeth are also common in sycotic children.

Puberty in sycotic girls come late. The menstruation is late. There is mental dwarfishness. Physical signs of puberty is not marked even in the late years. In certain constitutions precocious character is also marked especially in girls of sycotic parents. These girls may suffer from menorrhagia, leucorrhœa, profuse white discharge which debilitates them. They may suffer from aching of the limbs with marked dysmenorrhœa.

Now I shall deal with the mental side of the sycotic heredity. The present generation is dominated by Sycosis. We see how people are generally mean, shrewd and fault-finding. They want to conceal their real self. Suspiciousness, enviousness and malice are the three facets of the sycotic mentality. A sycotic patient is very nervous, over-anxious, and dipped in hopelessness. Sometimes he thinks of committing suicide but lacks in courage. There is disposition in him to cheat people. Sycosis unusually prolongs the life. A sycotic patient lives only to suffer. He is as if born to suffer. He suffers till the last breath of his long life.

Another miasm which affects the mankind in the same manner as Sycosis does is Syphilis. It also comes as a result of impure sexual connection. Man is affected by it practically with consciousness. In heredity, syphilis occupies a very important place. According to the science of allopathic treatment it is also a hereditary disease. The

child born with syphilitic manifestation. A man with the history of syphilis without any treatment marries a healthy wife and infects her. As a result of the marriage she suffers from repeated abortion or if any child survives he or she is black with syphilis. Syphilis infects the child in its embryo. The allopaths will declare a syphilitic patient as cured when after some sort of treatment it is demonstrated that the blood is free from bacteria and when abortion has been checked, and there is birth of healthy (?) children. But in homœopathy, syphilis is a state which infects the very nature of the man himself. It is not in the blood, not in the tissues, not in the organs, not in the bones, not in the spinal chord but it lives in and affects the very man himself. It goes to the inner nature of the man in his intellect, will and understanding. An allopath's task is over the moment he shows you that the blood is free from bacteria and that there is birth of children. At this stage allopaths advise safe marriage. If he marries, his wife may give birth to healthy (?) children—fat, flabby children but weaklings, with defect in the bone, softening of the bones, enlargement of the glands all over the body, susceptibility to cold, etc. Mentally such children are dwarfish, idiotic and dull. They are late in every respect—to talk, to play and in perception. They do not know how to talk, how to walk, how to play. Such is their mental dullness. Rickets is the most common disease at the time of their teething. They may suffer from epilepsy, infantile liver, etc. When they pass the childhood they may grow up to be born idiots. Sore throat, bad teeth, enlarged tonsil, chronic hoarseness and a dull memory. They are very precocious in sexual matters, are impulsive and emotional and have a suicidal tendency leading to a marked state of hopelessness and despair.

Now about the treatment, whether the disease is acute or chronic we should hunt for the hereditary history. It is not that only a few diseases have got the hereditary

causes but all the diseases that have come into existence on the earth till the present day have worked up some hereditary causes in the forms of Psora, Sycosis or Syphilis. Thus diseases are nothing but the results of some causes originating from Psora, Sycosis or Syphilis. There are scores of diseases and these are nothing but results of something else. But the removal of the 'result' is not the removal of the cause. If anybody suffers from any lung or liver trouble, simple disappearance of the disease from the lungs or liver will not remove the cause. It is not the cure. The treatment of the 'result, does not remove the susceptibility to diseases. There is every chance of their recurrence. So treatment should be done from the very internal to the external, with the very man himself, when not only the local disease will be removed but the whole man will be free from diseases and regain his former health. So, the main point of the treatment is not the removal of the disease, simple disappearance of the disease, but the removal of the true susceptibility to disease both physically, mentally, spiritually.

So, to make the radical cure possible, we have to take keen interest in studying a case and obtain the full history of patient, his present complaint—both physical and mental, his surroundings, his preference for a particular climate or climates, his craving, aversion, sexual condition, and his hereditary history of Psora, Sycosis, and Syphilis, of both paternal and maternal side and of brothers and sisters, etc. In this way our work will be complete when we have known the peculiar nature and constitutions of the patients. To prescribe a constitutional remedy means a good deal of thinking and labour. Such a remedy removes the disease both from the body and the mind and helps spiritual up-liftment of the man.

The modern scientific world, the governments of all lands and even the common people are taking keen interests to set men on the right path and to put them away from all

vices. We see posters on the wall of the great cities describing the bad effects of V.D. and trying utmost to educate people in this respect. But are these all? Will these be able to set people right mentally, morally and spirifually? No. surely not. If that would have the case the world would not have come to a stage of destruction. We see today how people have lost their self-control, how malice and selfishness are rampant everywhere. The conflicts among mankind in villages, in cities, and in all countries, are all one due to Sycosis and Syphilis, which wreck the mind from generation to generation. Before and after the birth of Christ many prophets and reformers of the East and West preached the creed of non-violence and peace. But has any country faithfully followed their sayings or acted accordingly? On the other hand, malice and envy have mounted so high that people have grown irrational, cruel and ferocious. Sweet relations among human beings, finer sentiments of love, affection and kindness have completely been wiped away from the very heart of hearts of men. The last Great War and the communal riots are the burning examples. The other day the greatest saint of the present century Mahatma Gandhi dedicated his life for the cause of non-violence and peace but what have we gained? What the people of India and the world realised from his teachings? None. The present world is passing in a cloak of civilisation, which teaches us to be artificial in every respect. We live artificially, and we talk artificially. In every walk of life we have no earnestness, no sincerity. Falsehood is the main-stay of life. We have become too much emotional, and irrational. We talk nonsense and indulge in idle gossips. Truly we have become mean and low. We have forgotten to behave politely. We are quick-tempered and irritable at the slightest provocation. Today most of us are keenly interested in sexual matters and derive great pleasure from sex stories, poems, novels and sex magazines. The present day producers and Directors

of the Cinema world are also taking full advantage of the situation. They are producing books of cheap enjoyment and sensuality. People are much fond of these books which excite nothing but sex sense. Such men are now everywhere found in all strata of society.. They are all victims of sycosis and syphilis which they have inherited from generation to generation.

As a true homœopath we should treat people on strict miasmatic principle of our Master so that the mental condition may truly be changed. It is a pity that modern world in a cloak of civilisation sneers at the doctrine of homœopathy. But there is nothing in this world that can save this ailing humanity but homœopathy. "If homœopathy does not spread, if it does not establish its doctrine upon the earth so that sick folks can be headed under its principles, this threatening state and condition will increase". The modern scientific treatment cannot cure men from the interior, cannot turn people right, cannot remove Psora, Sycosis and Syphilis.

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THE SCIENCE OF HOMŒOPATHY

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The science of Homœopathy dates back from the very period of Vedic Age. In Atharvaveda we find a vivid elucidation of this science which will be clear to the readers from the following Vedic Mantras, as translated.

"O medicine, Be thou a thousand fold powerful and effective remedy to remove all the ailments of suffering humanity."

"I make you as container of different potencies for the sacred purpose of benefitting the ailing humanity in the world."