

THE PANDEMIC OF SYNTHETIC POISONING PREVAILING TODAY

The history of medicine accords little recognition to Hahnemann and his ideas. It is granted that he contributed to medical progress by drawing attention to the appalling over-treatment current in his day, which probably killed as many or more than were killed by disease. Of his profound, subtle, elusive revolution in medical thinking, practically nothing is to be found outside the strictly homœopathic literature, and the over-treatment practised in his day is exceeded by the pandemic of synthetic poisoning around us. The situation is worsened by the ever-increasing destruction of living nature engineered by modern methods of agriculture which is littering the countryside with the corpses of birds and animals and insects. A fundamental undermining of the health of Man and Nature is going on under the direction of an economic system which makes financial profit its sole guiding principle. Greed and fear of one's neighbour are the inner meaning of this situation, and a terrifying psychosomatic world experiment on the social organism is presented to our gaze.

The guidance of medicine has fallen to the forces of scientific materialism, with its one-sided emphasis on the measurable and techniques of measurement. But we are not only measurable—we are also the measurers. This measuring, calculating mentality of modern science, the attitude of the bourgeois writ large, despises everything coming tenderly into existence. It wants the dead, finished corpse of the living to pull to pieces and measure, and so it furnishes us with terrifying nightmare phantasmagorias of a dead, meaningless cosmos, and a blind, chance-directed nature. It admits only its abstract measurements as real and dismisses imagination, inspiration, intuition, the forces of the heart, as useless for probing the mysteries of existence. That such one-sidedness, such overweening pride of the mere male intellect has produced a world torn and divided, has produced in the unconscious a dangerous and volcanic situation already manifest in two world wars, is undeniable and evident.

Modern consciousness is intensely limited. It has become white hot and brilliantly focussed on an extremely small field. All the realms of experience not contained within this field of observation are denigrated, and, thrust into the unconscious, become atavistic. Whoever is aware of this explosive situation will take little comfort from the present medical techniques which serve only to block yet further the communication between the realm of the conscious and the unconscious.

The meaning of the word "symbol" is to unite, and whatever unites the realm of consciousness and unconsciousness is symbol. The symbol is

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about the first of September, it is advisable to book rooms as soon as possible, i.e. not after the 30th April.

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Those who intend to give lectures are asked to announce them to Dr. V. Petzinger, 325 Hamein/Weser, Kaiserstrasse 39, by the 30th April. In order to give the respective interpreters the chance of proper preparations all manuscript should be forwarded to Dr. V. Petzinger in duplicate by the 30th June (if possible earlier). Please attach a summary of the lecture to the respective manuscript (if possible in all three Congress languages). Further letters and enquiries to be addressed to:—Dr. Diwan Harish Chand, National Vice-President for India International Homœopathic League, 1, Hanuman Road, New Delhi-1.

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both thinkable and perceptible, and these divided aspects of our experience are in it again united. We can intuitively grasp in the symbol the undivided, the whole, and symbolic thinking can penetrate into the ways of nature far beyond the power of abstract intellection. The homœopathic drug pictures are graspable as symbols and the homœopathic remedies are real living symbolic powers which heal and unite the divided functions. In saying this, one runs the danger today that one is implying that a homœopathic remedy is only eye-wash, and acts only, as placebo also acts, as a medium for the symbol-dominated doctor-patient relation. If, however, Nature herself works imaginatively and her forms are living, real symbolic powers, then the remedy becomes when intuitively chosen a perfect medium of the healing forces.

This method of approach still so much in its infancy surely needs the utmost support and encouragement, so that from its healing influence can grow succour not only for individual patients but for our whole human situation which is rent and divided by the force of dead intellect. The new living thoughts which are found as germs in Homœopathy need to grow up into strong forces to meet the challenge of our coming times.

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