

PROFESSIONAL HONESTY IS THE FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE FATHER OF HOMOEOPATHY

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Every year all over the world beneficiaries of Homoeopathy pay tributes to Hahnemann because homoeopathic system of the scientific therapeutics is now recognized by almost all the governments of the countries all over the globe! In the early twentieth century people in India were required to be informed and explained about the efficacy of homoeopathic treatment. Now people of all sections of the society in India are learning to question the plus points and the minus points of every therapy and choose the homoeopathic treatment for its efficacy not only in the acute diseases but also in the chronic and incurable diseases because 'to narrow down an incurability in a patient' is a special discipline in Homoeopathy.

Although Homoeopathy was born in Germany, attained maturity in England and womanhood in America, India is the largest country where thousands of practitioners practise Homoeopathy. Medical mind all over the globe is searchingly examining it as an alternative system of medicine to avoid life threatening side-effects inherent in chemotherapy, hormone medication, cobalt irradiation and immunosuppressive treatments. Patients are realising the danger of purchasing an evil even for alleviation of pain by analgesic like aspirin.

How many homoeopathic physicians can stand up to the tremendous challenge thrown at them to deliver the goods at the right time to the suffering sick? Are we thoroughly equipped to tackle the problems in the treatment is the pertinent question one has to ask oneself. One need not clamour for the recognition and the security for the rank and file in the profession. The searching enquiry is whether one is true to the core of the scientific teaching in Homoeopathy, whether one is honest to the therapeutic approach laid down by Hahnemann, whether one is equipped to summon the therapeutic potentialities inherent in the holistic approach right from the beginning of case-taking to the successful treatment. Is the practitioner thorough with the individualistic propensities of the nearly two thousand wonderful medicaments or at least the one hundred polychrests for treatment of ailments?

Can it be said that the principles of single remedy prescription and similimum (not the similar remedy) to the patient are truthfully and honestly followed? It is doubtful whether the diet of a patient is always according to the patient's disease, homoeopathic remedy and patient himself. The pharmacist has a very significant role to play in supplying dependable medicines to the doctors. How many homoeopathic doctors are using homoeo-

pathic medicines along with the allopathic ones opining in blissful ignorance that the former acts on dynamic plane and the latter on materialistic plane? Hahnemann exhorted to use cnantiopathic drugs only when the patient is in imminent danger wherc his vital force is suspended due to drowning or electric shock. That does not mean homoeopaths should seek shelter under the thirty-seventh aphorism and use allopathic medication indiscriminately!

Who knows the colossal personal sacrifices and the monumental contributions by Hahnemann, Kent and Hering and a host of other luminaries in Homoeopathy? Are we true to the axiomatic utterances of the scientific teaching in Homoeopathy with the pristine honesty to the transparency?

The fitting tribute to the memory of Hahnemann is to pursue truthfully with the dogged will, determination, conviction and honesty his scientific and axiomatic utterances.
