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## EDITORIAL

### IS A VACUUM GOING TO BE CREATED IN THE FIELD OF THERAPEUTICS AND IS HOMOEOPATHY AS IT STANDS TODAY PREPARED TO EFFECTIVELY OCCUPY THAT VACUUM?

Mechanical materialism is of course leading the surgical field of traditional medicine into areas of apparently impossible prospects and seeming to revive the techniques of ancient Ayurveda when the head of a human baby could be replaced by that of an elephant, as in the case of Ganesha, without any way disturbing the talents of the individual; but so far as the field of therapeutics is concerned, it is seeming to have brought the same to a dead end, beyond which nothing is visible except a stark vacuum.

Up to only three or four decades ago, in the traditional medicine dominated by mechanical materialism, treatment of cases of disease depended mainly on nature, using only superficial palliatives for alleviating the symptoms. They had very few specific weapons to fight out an insignificant number (5 or 6) of the myriads of disease conditions identified and named by them as distinct entities. But the situation has changed with unforeseeable speed in last few decades. Now they claim to have discovered effective specific weapons for a vast number or even all of the diseases identified by them.

But very unfortunately another paradoxical phenomenon has been running all along ahead of the progress of their mechanical materialistically oriented drug therapeutics. The more they advance in vanquishing one identified disease, the more they find out some other diseases taking the place of the same. The more they go to antidote those new ones, the more some others come in their place. Thus they have fallen in an ever-expanding and ever-deepening vicious whirlpool. The goal of eradicating diseases is running further and further away from them. They are of course prolonging the life span of individuals but at the same time further and further crippling the health and working capacity of all of them. This fact will be easily obvious if we compare the working capacity of the younger people of the present

generation with that of their previous generation, even with comparatively backward hygienic conditions.

This overbearing phenomenon is pestering the mental peace of the conscious and conscientious section of the so-called modern school (the latest phase of the traditional school of medicine). They are crying at the top of their voice to put a halt to this destructive progress of mechanical materialism in the field of drug therapeutics. Many such voices from medical men of authority and responsibility are heard today from various forums and journals, even from non-medical newspapers; a few of which have been reprinted in our journal also.

In the field of economics this phenomenon is creating heavy repercussion. The ever-increasing fantastic amount of money spent for investigation and identification of the real nature of the various internal disorders is only creating wider and deeper gulfs of the unknown; inexorably alluring the investigators to run after them with further multiplication of monetary budget. All the money has ultimately to come from the pocket of poor people which itself is ever-increasingly fleeced by the different trends of modern civilization.

Repugnance of the people: People would not have minded this formidably heavy expenditure of money, even beyond their capacity, if it really brought back any even smaller return for them. They are ever-increasingly realising the futility or rather danger of falling into the various channels of fruitless investigation. They are also realising how the drug industrialists are taking the fullest advantage of situation by sucking them only to benumb their sensation of disease at the cost of their real health.

Falling in such a situation people in general, all over the world today, are desperately looking out for any way out of this crippling vicious cycle. They are tending to be enamoured of any system of medicine other than the modern Allopathy, and an ever widening vacuum is going to be created in the field of the dominant school of medicine. And as nature abhors vacuum, various other systems of therapeutics like, Naturopathy, Yoga-therapy, Physiotherapy, Chiropractice, Acupuncture, indigenous medicine and Homoeopathy which are tending to come forward to occupy the field, being cordially hailed by the people.

But, can anyone of these isolatedly fulfil all the medical purpose and necessities of the people? It is of course an irrefutable fact that, for radical *cure* homoeotherapy, in its real sense, is the only line of choice. But what about incurable cases? In such cases the interests of the ailing people can be served only by alleviating their sufferings most salubriously without engendering any form of damage or additional trouble.

We should not forget that Homoeopathy as a complete system of medicine (as bequeathed to us by Hahnemann) covers in its purview the tasks, not only of curing the sick but also of tackling incurable cases, removing the obstacles of cure, and maintaining health. From this point of view, it is only Homoeopathy which can rationally co-operate with and effectively utilise

all the methods of treatment mentioned above, including even the up-to-date developed surgery, as aids in the process of treatment and management in removing obstacles to cure or tackling incurable cases. Whereas, any of the above lines of treatment, if allowed to move isolatedly without the co-operation and guidance of Homoeopathy with its holistic, individualistic, dynamistic principles, is likely to cause immense and nay often irreparable damage to the individual patients.

But, is Homoeopathy, as it stands today fit to take up this huge and multifaceted responsibility of taking up the hegemony in the field of medicine? Is it not a fact that the overwhelming majority of homoeopathic practitioners, particularly the leading ones, as they exist today in the world, are tending to reverse the essence of Homoeopathy to the forlorn paths of traditional medicine, and all that in the name of making it easier for the busy or lazy practitioners and dullards, and thus further vitiating the oncoming vacuum, instead of advancing and developing it to make it adequately fit for taking up full-fledged hegemony in the medical field?

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