

An Extensive Examination Of The Relationship Between Pathology And Concept Of Miasm In Homoeopathy

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
	Miasm, also referred to as a contaminate, toxic effluvium, or emanation it is a sign of the heritage being passed down from one generation to the next. The homoeopathy theory of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, which addresses psora, syphilis, and sycosis, is generally associated with gonorrhea, syphilis, and scabies. The transmission of chronic diseases is caused by these three miasms. The antecedent of modern germ theory is miasm. Miasmatic understanding causes the case to open up. For a useful assessment of disease, homoeopathic miasmatic gaps in basic clinical research should be closed. For the purpose of logical miasmatic therapeutic practice, one should be developed scientifically and rationally. This groundbreaking discovery about the idea of miasm aids in assessing the genesis of all chronic illnesses in which the antecedent signs of miasm will be restored by the appropriate similimum prescription. Keywords: Homoeopathy, Latent Psora, Psora, Tubercular, Syphilis, Miasm, Homoeopathy in Pathology

Introduction-

The Greek word miasma, which mean contamination or waste, is where the word "miasm" came from. It has a connection to the term mianen, which means to contaminate.

Hippocrates used this term for the first time when discussing the concept of water. It's thought that miasm is in charge of transmitting infectious illnesses like leprosy, cholera, malaria, dysentery, and so on—thus identifying it as a deathly force or omen. The antecedent of modern germ theory is miasm. Following the lack of progress in treating acute illnesses, homoeopathy's founder, Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, put out a tentative idea known as miasmatic theory.(29)

The following are the main hypotheses on chronic diseases:

1. All chronic diseases result from contamination, which is an acute infection left untreated.
2. The three infectious diseases are syphilis, psora, and sycosis.
3. Almost every person in the cosmos had been impacted by Psora. A lot of contamination happens after a baby is born or while a baby is being breastfed.
4. The afflicted vital force on the body's surface caused the infection's initial sign. Psora causes itching and skin eruptions; syphilis causes chancres; and sycosis causes discharges.
5. The general signs that show the sickness impacting the entire person were cutaneous discharges and eruptions.
6. In addition to the underlying chronic illness, the patient's symptoms may fluctuate from time to time. It's separately treating the local symptoms is also detrimental.
7. To treat a more serious chronic illness, the disease's roots must be addressed.
8. The extent and depth of a chronic illness must be taken into account in order to treat it.
9. There is a noticeable manifestation of symptoms during the dynamic cure, with the possibility of similarity.

James Tyler Kent, a famous American homoeopath, defined vital force as a basic substance or life force. He proposes that an individual's surroundings and immune system function define the organism's overall tendency. Kent claims that miasm is a tendency towards moral violation. (10)

Hering's Concept of Miasm: Hering states that the healing process will proceed from the head to the toe. The

time frame and this are referred to as Herings Law of Cure.

John Henry Allen's concept Allen claims that the etiology of Psora and the other miasms were connected. At that time, almost 80% of the population had a genetic predisposition to Sycosis. According to his idea, gonococcus is the cause of gonorrhoea.(9)

From a vitalistic-substantialistic perspective, or from the perspective of the substantial philosophy, which sees all forces and things, including life and mind, as substantial entities with a real, objective existence, homoeopathic medical science approaches the facts of the universe in general and medical facts in particular. According to homoeopathic philosophy, the universe's essential truths are life and thought.(10,11,12)

Objectives – A comprehensive analysis of Miasm in Homoeopathy

Methods-Search Strategy:

Identification and examination of full text, abstracts, and titles n–35



Articles related to Homoeopathy and Miasm n- 6 Books related to Miasm n- 29



Full length articles n- 6 Articles with information – 5

Selection Criteria: The literature review had been collected from various books and Databases namely Scopus, PubMed, Google Scholar with the ensuring keywords - Miasm, Psora, Tubercular, Syphilis, Homoeopathy in pathology, Latent Psora

Relationship between pathology and miasm in Homoeopathy

Although the majority of medical schools accept the findings and conclusions of modern pathology as the common foundation for therapeutic practice, there are enough variances and distinctions, especially in general pathology, that result from considering the topic from a homoeopathic perspective to support the establishment of a distinct field or department known as Homeopathic General Pathology, particularly in relation to Chronic Diseases.

With the development of his "Theory of the Chronic Miasms," Hahnemann accomplished for pathology what he had previously accomplished for therapeutics: he brought a vast amount of disorganized data under order by classifying it according to broad principles.(1,2,3,4,6)

This categorization of the phenomena of disease produced the most comprehensive generalization in pathology and etiology in history, as well as a significant simplification and clarification of the entire topic.

Hahnemann's broad generalization was founded on his groundbreaking finding that the majority of real diseases are caused by living, distinct, infectious microorganisms.

Bacteriology and homoeopathy's Relationship This leads us to discuss Hahnemann's groundbreaking discovery that some living microorganisms cause infectious diseases like cholera and sexual disorders, as well as the connection between bacteriology and homoeopathy.

Because Hahnemann's Theory of the Chronic Diseases has never been fully comprehended, its enormous practical significance has never been properly recognized.

Due to Hahnemann's exceptional foresight, his teachings in their advanced stages could not be fully comprehended until science had confirmed and clarified the truths that formed its foundation, a task that science has accomplished with extraordinary efficiency.

About the nature and etiology of some diseases, modern bacteriological science has gradually come to the same conclusion as Hahnemann did more than 50 years ago thanks to extensive independent research. Despite the fact that the profession as a whole has not followed his logical and practical deductions regarding the healing of these diseases or found a solution for itself, it has made significant progress in the areas of prophylaxis, sanitation, and hygiene through the application of that knowledge. In this regard, modern medicine is no more developed than it was in the time of Hahnemann. When pushed to the brink, it has to admit that it cannot reliably treat any illness. In fact, it does confess.(28)

The parasitic nature of infectious or contagious diseases, such as syphilis, gonorrhea, leprosy, tuberculosis, cholera, typhus, and typhoid fevers, was first recognized and taught by Hahnemann. He was also the first to recognize the parasitic nature of chronic diseases in general, excluding occupational diseases and those brought on by drugs and unhygienic living—the so-called drug diseases.

According to Hahnemann, there are three main infectious parasite origins of chronic

Illness. "All chronic diseases," according to him, "show such a constancy and perseverance as soon as they have developed and have not been healed by the medical art, that they cannot be diminished by the strength (resistance) belonging even to the most robust constitutions, and they evermore increase with the years and during man's lifetime." (3,6)

Every infectious disease is different, spreading throughout the person it has afflicted and capable of spreading to different areas depending on the type of illness or the susceptibility of the object exposed to it.

He discovered the reason to be an ancient, nearly globally dispersed, infectious, or contagious principle encapsulated in a live parasitic microorganism with an amazing ability for growth and multiplication after many years of case history and clinical examination. He called this bacterium Psora (Greek for "psora-itch"), as well as the illness it caused. He did not come up with the name; rather, he chose it for two reasons: first, he noticed that the disease initially only affected the skin and other external organs; and second, the cutaneous manifestations of the diseases caused by this cause were initially accompanied by Contact is the means of transmission for all of these diseases. Studies revealed that the big fundamental disease thus recognized and called is the world's oldest, most pervasive, most harmful, and most misunderstood chronic parasite disease. "For thousands of years," Hahnemann stated, "it has disfigured and tortured mankind; and, during the last centuries, it has become the cause of those thousands of incredibly different, acute as well as chronic non-venereal diseases with which the civilised portion of mankind becomes more and more infected upon the whole inhabited globe." 'Excruciating itching and burning'.

The doctrine of latency states that psora, like syphilis and sycosis, can lie dormant over extended periods of time "until" circumstances awaken the disease slumbering within and thus develop its germs." This was taught by Hahnemann.

He claims that although the skin disease was extremely bothersome to its victims in the past, overall health was quite good for the rest of the body. However, in some ways, the condition got worse. In addition, the lepers' repulsive appearance made them more despised and shunned, and the infection's spread was inhibited by their isolation in colonies. This sense of security was shattered as the illness took on a softer, itchier appearance without losing any of its communicable, infectious qualities. The sickness was disseminated by the infected fluid from the scratches, which contaminated everything it came into contact with. (28)

Metastasis

Numerous people have expressed pessimism over the potential for chronic external or skin Diseases to spread, which has had disastrous consequences. The possibility of the same kind of outcomes from the metastasis of a chronic eruption would seem to be unavoidable for a doctor who understands the gravity of a "repercussion" or metastasis of acute measles or scarlet fever, given its well-known serious and frequently fatal consequences in the brain, kidneys, or lungs.

Science tells us that our understanding of embolism informs our understanding of metastasis. "Embolism is primarily based on Virchow's anatomical and experimental research and teachings," according to the "American Textbook of Pathology." "Embolism," according to this reference, is the impaction of any undissolved material carried by the blood circulation in a particular area of the vascular system. An embolus is the material that is moved using this technique."

The spread of a disease from one area not directly affected by it to another is known as metastasis. Driven from the skin by local therapy, the infectious, parasitic, primary, and typical Psora microorganism readily enters deeper tissues, structures, and organs via capillaries, the lymphatic and glandular systems, and the nervous system. Here, it takes on its secondary distinctive form and character based on its location, the person's environment, and predispositions, leading to an abundance of secondary symptoms.

Leprosy, such a great flood of numerous nervous symptoms, painful ailments, spasms, ulcers, cancers, adventitious formations, dyscrasias, paralyses, consumptions, and crippling's of soul, mind, and body were never seen in the past, when the Psora mostly restricted itself to its horrifying cutaneous symptoms. (28)

Conclusion-

It is clear to us that damage to the genetic and epigenetic codes within the human body results in a propensity to various diseases, which is the very deep basic cause of chronic diseases that Hahnemann attempted to find in his studies. In this context, we might better refer to the theory of miasm as "The Theory of Chronic Diseases," as Hahnemann originally penned, in order to better explain it to modern medical professionals. According to Teixeira (39), we may refer to the burden as "hereditary burden" or "burden of underlying pathology" in place of the term "miasmatic burden." This might most likely serve as a foundation for future discussions among us to get an understanding of the idea of miasm.

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