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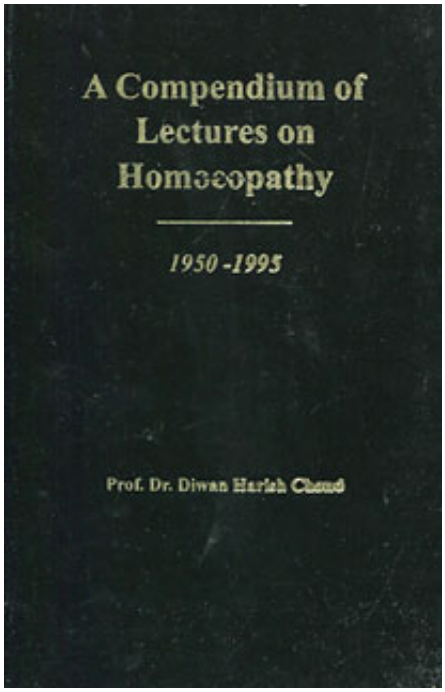

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HOMOEOPATHY : A PROMISING REFUGE FROM THE SCOURGE OF AIDS*

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AIDS - ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME — has the potential to be the scourge of this and the next century and possibly further.

"The world is in the grip of virtual epidemic of venereal disease". This is not a sensational news item but a statement of the facts bearing the authority and the seal of W.H.O.

Sexually transmitted diseases (STD) remain the commonest communicable diseases found in the world today and the number of patients treated for them continues to increase year by year.

The most modern among the STD, the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) — the four letters that are becoming the most dreaded in the medical lexicon, has now assumed pandemic proportion, threatening millions of lives in over 154 countries in the world. With poor surveillance in some of the remote areas it is possible that some of the remaining countries may also be within its net.

It has been rightly called: "The worst epidemic in history", "The gravest problem for centuries", "A threat to human species".

INCIDENCE AND SPREAD

From small beginnings in 1981 with thirty one cases in one country, the reported cases with W.H.O. by Feb.

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28, 1990 was 222,740. The spiral of this logarithmic increase has been so rapid that in last four years the number of cases reported have increased eighteen fold and number of countries increased by one hundred. Even more than the other STDs it is likely that it is considerably under-detected, under-recognised and under-reported. It is also possible that in many cases the diagnosis is missed as the clinical picture is so variable. Then there is reticence on the part of some countries in reporting AIDS cases. Therefore as against the cases reported it is estimated that the actual number is at least three times (W.H.O. estimates the number at beginning of 1990 as over 600,000). *Dr. Jonathan Mann,* Head of W.H.O. special programme on AIDS believes *only 10% of cases are detected or reported.* Added to this is the one million or more ARC cases. Taking everything into account the W.H.O. estimates that as of now upto 10 million people are infected with the virus. Many of them will develop the full blown disease in course of time and in any case even the "healthy carriers" are a greater danger as potential infective agents. It is for these reasons that one fully agrees with Dr. Mann, that "... today's cases are only the tip of the iceberg since they tell us about infections that occurred five or more years ago". They are likely to increase precipitously in years to come. It is estimated that 5000 HIV infections occur every day.

Dr. Mann also warned at the Montreal Conference on AIDS in 1989 that "The HIV/AIDS situation in the nineties will be more serious, and perhaps much more serious, than what we have experienced during the eighties. In particular the number of people with AIDS will increase greatly and needed health and social services must be developed and provided now".

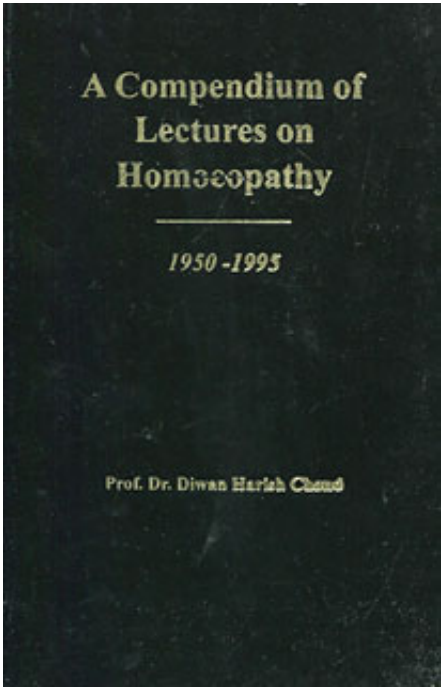
About 3 times more HIV cases and 9 times more AIDS cases would occur than in 80s. So by the end of the century we are likely to have ten times the present number.

The incidence in innocent infants and the younger generation is also alarming. In Africa 250,000 babies already born are infected and there is no hope for them and in Brazil probably 140,000 children. In New York 85,000 children are expected to get orphaned in the next 10 years. In Zaire 14% of children under 4 tested positive and in Zambia 6% of secondary school children and 10% of college students showed positive test. In Rwanda 22% of AIDS victims are children and in any case over 20% of urban adults are HIV positive. A substantial number of women of childbearing age in Africa are HIV positive as checked during hospital visits in pregnancy.

The maximum number of cases reported so far has been from U.S.A. but there is already an explosion of the disease in parts of Africa, and Asia may be on the verge of an epidemic. It is being felt that AIDS is capable of producing "a lethal pandemic throughout the crowded cities and villages of the third world of a magnitude unparalleled in human history". A present estimate is that 15% of Zambia's 6 million people carry the virus and in its capital city Lusaka it is 23%. In S.W. Uganda already entire villages have been decimated by AIDS.

It has, therefore, been said in relation to AIDS that humanity is sitting on a time bomb and unless a vaccine or a drug is found to defuse this bomb soon the holocaust could surpass our imagination.

This background has been given to highlight the problem to which we have to seriously apply our minds to offer, if possible therapeutic solutions from the homoeopathic field.



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