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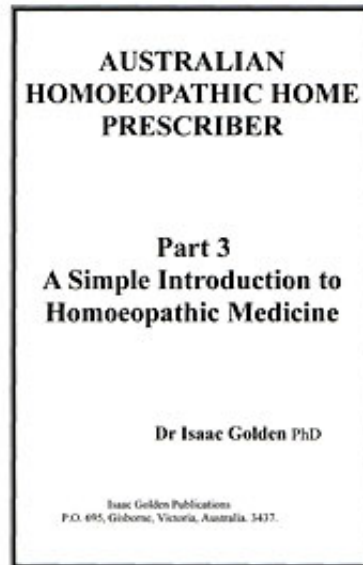
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Chapter 2 - The Advantages of Homoeopathy

All the traditional ingestive modalities of natural medicine - herbs, tissue salts, flower essences, nutritional medicine, as well as homoeopathy, have much to offer.

Homoeopathic medicine has some special characteristics which differentiate it from the other modalities. The main differences are:

1. The Law of Similars

Homoeopathy is the only healing modality that intentionally and systematically uses the *Law of Similars* as the foundation of its method. Other therapies occasionally use the *Law of Similars*, either deliberately or unintentionally (for example, pharmaceutical medicine uses Ritalin (amphetamines or "speed"), to slow down hyperactive children). The great advantage of basing the entire healing system on an unchanging Law is that the implementation of the method remains the same over time. This is unlike pharmaceutical medicine, where treatments are based on a continually changing series of experiments, driven often by corporate profits.

2. Individualisation

More than most other healing modalities, homoeopathy requires a very high level of individualisation in order to select the most appropriate remedy. There are over 3,000 remedies in the homoeopathic *Materia Medica*, allowing for precise remedy-patient matching. There is a down-side to this need for individualisation - if the remedy selection is not accurate, the remedy will not work.

3. Provings

This unique method of testing and quantifying the healing potential of a substance can reveal all aspects (mental, emotional and physical) of the remedy, and it provides immensely valuable data for the practitioner. Without provings, the systematic use of the *Law of*

Similars would not be possible.

4. Potentisation

Once again, this unique method of preparing medicines allows for treatment on all levels. It also enables a significant retracing of symptoms. For example, if a 50 year old patient was traumatised when 5 years old, this old wound can be treated using highly potentised medicines.

5. Constitutions

Homoeopathy recognises that there are certain personality characteristics which appear to be unchanging over life. These characteristics form what is called the *constitution* of the patient, and can assist in finding a remedy that eventually will assist the patient to improve every aspect of their life.

6. Miasms

Hahnemann's ground-breaking research into the true cause of chronic disease allows the trained practitioner to understand many of the reasons why a patient is suffering their health problems, and then do something about it by using special remedies which can remove these chronic impediments to health.

As you can see, there are many positive aspects of homoeopathic medicine. This is not in any way suggesting that there is something wrong with other natural healing modalities - they all have wonderful and positive aspects which can contribute greatly to our quality of life.

But in homoeopathy you have a modality which is safe, effective on all levels, and inexpensive. A great blessing.

Chapter 3 - The Real Meaning of Health and Disease

The main conceptual difference between natural medicine and pharmaceutical medicine rests with opposing concepts of health and disease.

Pharmaceutical medicine is essentially designed to remove the symptoms of defined diseases. It is not based on unchanging natural Laws, but upon ever changing models of how the body works. The disease and its symptoms are seen as being the problem, and the body is chemically or surgically influenced to remove the symptoms.

Natural medicine in general, and homoeopathy in particular, sees symptoms as signs of a deeper disorder. Medicines are given to assist the natural self-healing force to do the healing. Artificial suppression of symptoms is seen as something which can worsen the true inner disease.

Hahnemann had a challenging experience early in his homoeopathic career. He began working with the *Law of Similars* with great initial success; however he then found that many patients, who had apparently been cured, returned in 6-12 months time with similar complaints.

Hahnemann realised that there must be a deeper disturbance or cause that the similar remedies were not treating. He then spent 12 years of his life researching the history of disease. Because he was fluent in seven languages, this meant studying records in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, English, French and German.

At then end of this time, Hahnemann produced his great work *Chronic Diseases*, in which he introduced the concept of *Miasms*.

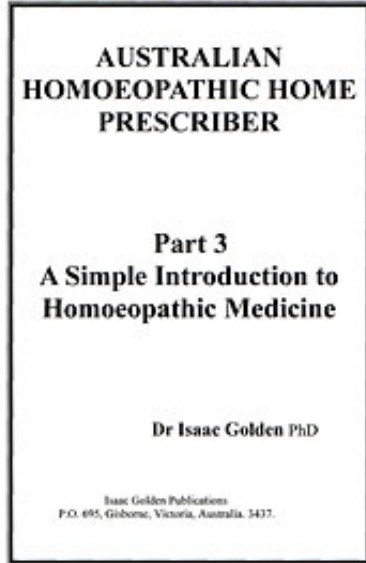
He saw Miasms as the true cause of chronic diseases. They were energetic disturbances which prevented the body's self healing power, the *Vital Force*, from doing what it always will do if allowed to act freely - to rebalance disturbances on the physical, mental and emotional levels.

So homoeopaths see the patient's disease symptoms as being the results of the *Vital Force* trying to expel the true causes of ill health, the *Miasms*. and their related problems.

If we define "disease" in orthodox terms - i.e. a collection of symptoms/pathology called asthma, or diabetes, or nephritis, etc, then disease is the result of the patient being deeply unwell, rather than saying that the patient is unwell because of the disease.

To summarise:

1. We all have a God-given self-healing energy which homoeopaths call the *Vital Force*. If allowed to act freely, it will always return the patient to balance on the mental, emotional and physical levels when they become unbalanced by external stressors.
2. The *Vital Force* is prevented from acting freely by chronic disturbances called *Miasms*, which most homoeopaths see as being the true cause of chronic disease. Disease symptoms are actually the results of the *Vital Force* attempting to remove the *Miasms*, they are not causes.
3. The purpose of homoeopathic remedies is to remove the *Miasms* which are blocking the free action of the *Vital Force*. If successful, the *Vital Force* then returns the patient to balance on all levels.
4. It is always the patient's own *Vital Force* which produces the healing, not the remedy. The purpose of the remedy is to remove those things which impede the free action of the *Vital Force* (i.e. to remove the *Miasms* and related disturbances).



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