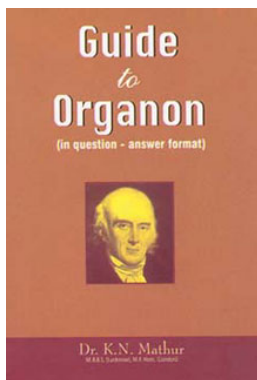


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# Dr. Hahnemann

Q. 1. Who was the founder of Homoeopathy ? What do you know about his life and discovery of Homoeopathy ?

Ans. Homoeopathy was discovered, elaborated and worked out by DR. SAMUEL CHRISTIAN FREDRIC HAHNEMANN, a German physician during his life from 1755 to 1843.

HAHNEMANN was born in an humble home at Meissen in Germany in the night between 9th and 10 April, 1755. His father was a porcelain painter who trained his son to work systematically.

HAHNEMANN studied Medicine at Leipzig and other medical institutions and qualified as a physician in the Orthodox medicine.

He took the Doctorate of Medicine from Erlangen University in Germany at the age of 24 and the subject of his thesis was *Aetiology and Therapeutics of Spasmodic Affections*.

He was interested in many allied medical subjects like Mineralogy, Chemistry, Botany, Pharmacology and Pharmacy.

He was very fond of learning languages which were used in Europe in those days c. g. Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, English, and Arabic besides German.

mentally. Even those physicians who thought that it was quackery became converted when they treated patients according to Homoeopathic principles. Millions of homoeopaths since HAHNEMANN all over the world have the same experience.

Hence it will not be wrong to say that HAHNEMANN changed the Medicine of Speculation into Medicine of Experience.

Q. 3. What is HAHNEMANN'S distinctive contribution to the therapeutic portion of medicine ?

Ans. DR. HAHNEMANN'S distinctive contribution to the therapeutic portion of medicine are :

1. HAHNEMANN was the first physician to point out the importance of the perception of the Sickness to be cured in the patient.

Sickness to be cured depends upon the Dynamic Complex of the patient, the Causative Influences and the **Totality of Characteristic Symptoms**.

2. The second problem for the cure of patients was to find out the properties of medicines on account of which when applied to appropriate patients cure occurs.

HAHNEMANN found out by proving of medicines the medicinal force existent in drugs and even in substances which were never thought of as medicines, e. g. Gold, Platinum, Common salt, Vegetable carbon, Lycopodium etc. The medicinal force resembles the Dynamic Force and the Disease Force hence it can produce and remove the sickness of the patient.

3. The third problem for the cure of the patient was how to select the curative medicines for the patient.

(d) Isopathy means treatment of diseases on identical or similar principle. For example, burns are relieved by app.. heat to the part. Chills are relieved by bathing in very cold water. Vaccines and serums of the same pathogen give relief in small pox, diphtheria, Tetanus etc. Although the principle of *Similia* is applied in Isopathy but it is a crude form of Homoeopathy and may produce shock, anaphylaxis and death in patient having low vitality and alleigy.

(e) Tautopathy means treatment of drug diseases by the same drug in potentised form to remove the sensitised state produced by the crude drugs. For example, the bad effects of Chloromycitine are removed by potentised Chloromycitine, the bad effects of Chloroform are removed by potentised Chloroform, the bad effects of Sulpha drugs are removed by potentised Sulpha drugs etc. etc. This method is based on Homoeopathic Principle. It is mostly used by Homoeopaths to remove the bad effects of crude drugs coming out of the hands of Allopaths.

Q. 8. Discuss fully how Homoeopathy is superior to Allopathy ?

Ans. Homoeopathy is far superior to Allopathy or the so-called Science of Modern Medicine on account of some of the following reasons :—

(i) Homoeopathy is based on the Law of Cure known as *Similia Similibus Curenter* whereas Allopathy is not based on any natural law.

(ii) Homoeopathic remedies are proved on healthy human beings who can express the action of the drug by means of symptoms and signs whereas Allopathic drugs are proved on

Theoretical doctrines like doctrines of Humours. Tempers, *Tridosha*, *Materia peccans*, *Nazla* etc. were in vogue and cruel methods of treatment like blood letting, vomiting, purging and counter irritations were used.

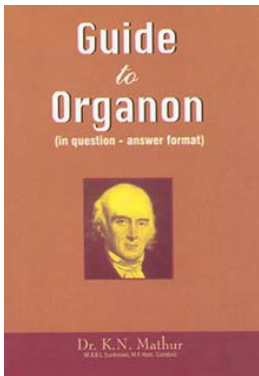
This kind of treatment which was only speculative, gainful and cruel was more dangerous for the patient than even the disease from which he was suffering. HAHNEMANN was horrified with this kind of practice of medicine and therefore he gave such a great importance to the Mission of the Physician and mentioned it in the very beginning of his *Organon*.

**Q. 11. What is the Ideal of Cure ?**

**Ans.** During the times of HAHNEMANN physicians were engaged in speculating, theorising and contemplating about the causation of diseases and their treatment, for example HIPPOCRATES built up the *Humoral System of Medicine*. He believed that there are four humours i. e. Dry, Wet, Hot and Cold and there are four Tempers:-. The external humours act on the internal tempers producing benetic or malefic effects on the person. Human beings were divided according to their tempers i. e. Sanguine, Billious, Phlegmatic and Melancholic.

The task of the Physician according to HIPPOCRATES was to find out the Temper of the patient and the effects of Humours.

Thus Tababat and Asraat Theory of disease came into being and followed by the old **Unani** System of Medicine. They mediated about and noted all kinds of substances and foods, their



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