

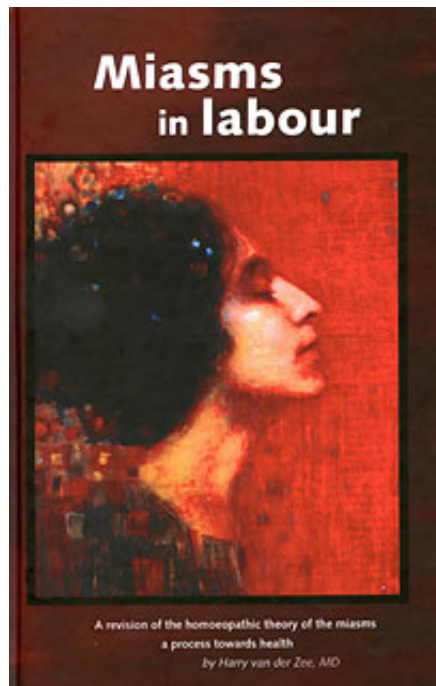
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7.1 Pre-individuation



A good word to summarise the starting point from which we enter the individuation process is Paradise. It can be called our dwelling in the eternal womb. It is a state characterised by feelings of warmth, of being unconditionally taken care of, of oneness with the entire universe. There are no desires or needs to be fulfilled. It is the experience of mother nature providing in abundance.

7.1.1 Jungian psychology

Jungian psychology offers, in the description of the individuation process, a very useful tool to gain deeper understanding of the homeopathic doctrine of miasms. So the miasms describe pathology, and they represent the obstructions and their effects on the path of a normal psychological development.

The more an individual is spiritually developed, the more creative powers come under his conscious domain. Owing to the increase of these abilities of expression and creation the effects of major obstructions in the process can be increasingly serious. The miasms as they have been taught over the last two centuries only deal with the stumbling blocks on our path, making us believe that the path itself is wrong. But the closer to the top the more skillful we will have to be in climbing, and the more serious the results of mistakes will be. The function of these obstructions, of the disease, of the

miasms, is to make us aware that we are losing our way, or that changes are needed in order to continue on this track. We will use Jungian psychology to clarify the track and its individual steps, and discuss the connecting miasm to each of them.

Individuation process	related miasm
persona, personality traits	psora
shadow, exploring the unconscious	sycosis
anima and animus, magna mater and wise old man	syphilis
self realisation	acute

7.1.2 Mythology

Mythology too offers us a helpful tool in understanding the life situation of an individual, and from our position as a homoeopath an entry to finding a simillimum. For instance, in Judaism and Christianity we find an illuminating metaphor for both the birth process and the miasms. The division of the different phases that we will discuss I have named after the corresponding chapters in the life history of the mythological hero: departure, descent, ascent and atonement. All over the world the adventure of the hero follows the same pattern of separation from the world, a penetration to some source of power, and a life-enhancing return.

Before this journey of mankind starts there was Paradise, the pre-miasmatic phase, where everything was in harmony. Man was still innocent, unknowing, and without individuality.

The prince or princess is connected to the pre-miasmatic phase. Everything needed is provided for, there is no hardship and there are no duties or responsibilities.

Mythical journey	related miasm
expulsion from paradise, fallen angel, Lucifer	psora
suffering in hell, underworld, Hades, devil	sycosis
death-rebirth struggle, killing the dragon, crucifixion	syphilis
death-rebirth experience, fenix bird, resurrection, Buddha	acute



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