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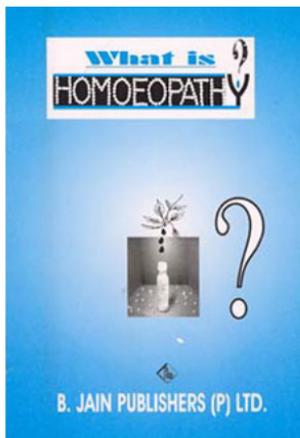
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WHAT IS HOMOEOPATHY

There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. That principle is condemnation before investigation.

— *Herbert Spencer*

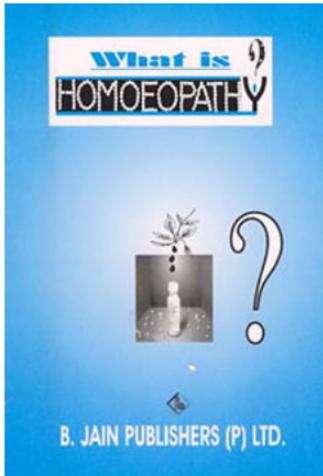
To understand homoeopathy it is necessary to know about the founder of this science — Dr. Samuel Hahnemann. Dr. Hahnemann was born on 10th April, 1755, in Germany. The young Samuel was so extraordinarily bright in his studies that he used to teach his own classmates and elders the foreign languages and earn a little to help his father, a poor porcelain painter. His father would have liked Samuel to take up his work but destiny had decided otherwise. After finishing his school, Hahnemann was encouraged by his teachers to go to a medical college where he obtained his M.D. degree at the young age of 24.

Limitations of homoeopathy

A true homoeopathic physician knows his limitations and he will not venture into the sphere of others where he himself cannot heal. For example, a patient must be referred to a surgeon in case of fracture, serious accidents, burns, etc. A gynaecologist is very often required when there is a narrow pelvis or other structural presentations in the mother. The patient may require urine, stool or blood examination where pathology can be found, or in serious cases, blood transfusion, for which the help of a pathologist will be very necessary. Sometimes the help of a radiologist is required to find out the condition of internal organs which may help in prescribing. A physiotherapist is very helpful when the patient is convalescing after fracture, paralysis, arthritis, etc. Our old ayurvedic system of medicine has some wonder herbs for so many obstinate diseases and help can be taken from this science too. The true homoeopath should have no prejudices : he should keep his mind open and take the help of everything that is essential to hasten the cure of the patient.

What not to do by a patient

There are various absurd and false beliefs in patients who take this treatment, but I advise the following from experience of many years and not from books.



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