

Foreword

A COUPLE OF centuries ago, before science began to single-mindedly focus its attention on the purely physical aspect of Nature, homeopathy and allopathy walked hand in hand to serve the health needs of humankind. As the physical sciences became more successful, its tolerance for ideas that could not be tested by the same criteria diminished and homeopathy began to feel the pressures of second-class citizenship. Physical science became more and more quantitative and predictably powerful, and homeopathy began to fall out of favor with practicing physicians. Only a small enclave of physicians faithfully persisted in the practice of homeopathy into this century, but now the number is growing because the serious flaws of allopathic medicine are becoming apparent to us all.

One might say that it was the emphasis on disease rather than on health that split apart allopathic and homeopathic practice. The physical body reveals the obvious materialization of disease while the relationship to the more subtle aspects of man are not so easily discriminated. Conventional allopathic medicine deals directly with the chemical and structural components of the physical body. It can be classed as an objective medicine because it deals with Nature on a purely four-dimensional, space-time level and thus has had much direct laboratory evidence to support its physicochemical hypotheses. This has occurred because relia-

ble sensing ability for both humans and instrumentation presently operates on this level.

Homeopathic medicine, on the other hand, deals indirectly with the chemistry and structure of the physical body by dealing directly with substance and energies at the next, and more subtle, level. It must be classed as a subjective medicine at this time, in part because it deals with energy that can be strongly perturbed by the mental and emotional activity of individuals and in part because there has not been any diagnostic equipment to support the homeopathic physician. That situation is expected to change in the near future.

The present transition toward an emphasis upon *health* and *wholeness* rather than upon disease has enhanced the growing awareness, perspective, and importance of a hierarchy of subtle energies and influences that determine human well-being. Along this line, I have devised a reaction equation connecting the various levels of energy in Nature that influence humankind:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Function} \rightleftharpoons \text{Structure} \rightleftharpoons \text{Chemistry} \rightleftharpoons \\
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 \text{Positive Space/Time} \rightleftharpoons \text{Negative Space/Time} \rightleftharpoons \text{Mind} \rightleftharpoons \\
 \text{Energies} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Energies} \\
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 \text{Spirit} \rightleftharpoons \text{Divine}
 \end{array}$$

This equation expresses that humankind comprise multidimensional beings living in a multidimensional universe and that a disturbance of the energy chain at any level causes ripples of effect to flow both ways along the chain. Complete homeostasis at the physical level requires homeostasis at all the underlying levels as well. If they are out of balance, then complete homeostasis cannot exist at the physical level and disease *must* eventually materialize in one form or another.

If we start at the lower right, with the Divine, this equation illustrates that we are essentially elements of Spirit, multiplexed in the Divine. That Spirit, in order to have a mechanism for experiencing, has mind imbedded within it. Mind is the builder, and, in order to have a learning experience, Mind has imbedded within two interpenetrating frames of reference in the universe which I call the "positive space/time frame" and the "negative space/time frame." Springing from these is substance. Substance, which we associate with chemical components, takes on various structural forms, forms that have function. Physical substance

manifests itself in the positive space/time frame—it is electrical in nature, has positive mass, travels slower than the velocity of electromagnetic light, gives rise to the gravitational force, and is the substance prescribed and utilized in allopathic medicine. Etheric substance is postulated to manifest itself in the negative space/time frame—it is magnetic in nature, has negative mass, travels faster than the velocity of electromagnetic light, gives rise to the levitational force, and is the substance prescribed and utilized in homeopathic medicine.

The human being communicates with his environment via a variety of built-in sensing and response networks functioning over a wide spectrum of relative integrity. The greater the degree of integrity of the networks and the lower the firing threshold for internal signal generation, the more sensitive is the individual to disturbances in the environment. The more organized and coherent we become at the physical level, the more apparent is our disorganization, incoherence and imbalance at more subtle levels. As we evolve and become more integrated, the coherence extends to the more subtle levels, which become more energized, and the individual functions in the physical world under conditions of increased energy flux. Thus, smaller and smaller imbalances in the system scatter the energy flow significantly so that they are detected and diagnosed as disease.

This perspective is remarkably similar to the situation one observes during the development and maturation of many technologies. For example, the semiconductor industry, which evolved from the transistor to integrated circuits, is now working toward large-scale integration, where a million circuits will be placed on a single silicon chip. In the early days, the quality of the silicon material that performed well in circuit applications of that time would fail miserably if tested today. Today's integrated circuits are orders of magnitude more demanding than those of a decade ago, our understanding of materials is more sophisticated, and our ability to sense departures from perfection is correspondingly greater. Thus, the greater degree of coherence of the system means that departures from perfection are more catastrophic to the function of the system and show up more readily.

In the past, we have not had adequate instrumentation to detect these subtle levels of energy that are so relevant to homeopathy. In the present, we are just beginning to develop instrumentation of an electrical nature to monitor physiological responses to a network of skin points. These points correlate well

with imbalances in the body at the physical and at the next, more subtle level. In the laboratory and on the drawing board, devices are being developed that will directly reveal the interaction of mental intention and healing. Thus, our future medicine will proceed toward the development of techniques and treatments that can utilize successively finer and finer energies. A wider range of devices will develop which monitor or perturb at all the key levels.

A rigorous science of these subtle energies is developing. Many new techniques and new procedures will join the present equipment and methods of practicing homeopathic physicians. We must make room for many changes in both understanding and technique. It is to be hoped that adequate testing of these new procedures will be allowed and encouraged by the present homeopathic establishment and that they will not be prejudiced against the "new" in the same way that they, in turn, have been discriminated against in the past by the powerful allopathic medical establishment.

As the tide shifts in favor of homeopathy, I can think of no better leader and teacher of the subject than George Vithoulkas to guide it toward its predestined role of leadership in the health care field. The arrival of this great textbook, which I have thoroughly enjoyed reading, is timely; it provides us with a set of scientific concepts and experimental observations to form a strong foundation upon which to build the science of homeopathy. It is a new beginning—and has an exciting future!

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