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TOPIC : THE UNITY OF MEDICINE

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To Realize that the patient should be treated as whole
- To Recognizing the essential unity of medicine and the vital relation
- To Study the Individual Susceptibility to medicinal action.
- To know the nihilistic method in pharmaco – therapeutics.
- To Evaluate the quality of Medical Sciologists.

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THE UNITY OF MEDICINE

INTRODUCTION

- "As our studies in medicine penetrate deeper, problems of each individual branch or specialty stands out with ever-increasing emphasis.
- The medicine is a unit and incapable of real division into specialties.
- The man who is known for his studies in metabolism, or gastro-enterologist or neurologist or surgeon, or his knowledge of diseases of the heart and arterial system or of the lungs, should recognizes the fact that the patient should considered as whole which appreciates the unity of medicine.

- The expert specialist will be one who in his field of study considered relationships to the body as a whole."
- Mistaken ideals, wrong theories, wrong practice, materialism, commercialism and selfish competition, have led to the disappearance of the general practitioner and the springing up of "non-medical" cults and fads.

THE GENIUS OF HOMOEOPATHY

DEFINITION:

- Genius means an exceptionally intelligent person or one with exceptional skill in a particular area of activity.
- Very clever/ ingenious
- It is a characteristic of homoeopathy that all of its practical processes are governed by the principle of **Individualization.**

- The question of individual susceptibility to medicinal action must be considered. **Susceptibility** to medicinal influence varies in different individuals according to time and circumstances, as well as to different drugs
- There is an old saying: "It takes nine tailors to make a man." Now the condition is: "It takes nine specialists to make a physician," the nine would not be enough to make all-around physician in old school.

- Medicine includes very broad field. It is too great to be compassed by the activities of any individual, except in a broad way.
- Man can successfully do the work of department by recognizing the essential unity of medicine and the vital relation of his chosen department to every other department.

INDIVIDUALITY OF EACH DRUG

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- There are no "succodanae" in the homoeopathic materia medica.

- Study of materia medica is the characteristic of homoeopathy that all of its practical processes are governed by the principle of **Individualization**.
- The study of the Materia medica compiled from drug provings; its examination of a patient and study of a case; its selection of the remedy and its conduct of whatever auxiliary treatment is required, it seeks always to individualize.
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- **Drug proving** is the method of testing or "proving" drugs upon the healthy human beings for the purpose of bringing out the symptomatic individuality of each drug so that its full powers and relations may be established.
- There are no substitutes in the Homoeopathic materia medica. A given drug is symptomatically indicated in a case or it is not.

- The entire examination of a patient is conducted with a view to discovering not only the general or common features of the case by which it may be classified diagnostically and pathologically.
- The special and particular symptoms which differentiate the case from others of the same general class.

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In the case of Homoeopath, the individual who devotes himself to curative medicine, who is legitimately a specialist under the same rules as govern any other legitimate specialist.

- The science of medicine exists only in order to the art of medicine from effectual in the prevention, amelioration and cure of disease.
- The specialties in medicine can be who views and treats every case as a whole.

- Now cure relates to the case as a whole, not merely to a part or an organ.
- A Human being is some total of eyes, ears, nose, throat, lungs, etc.—organs, treat as if they were independent of each other.
- They are assembled according to a wonderful plan made by The Designer of The Universe for the purpose of utilizing the divine power of life into an organic whole.

- Each part depends upon every other part, and all act together as one, in health or disease. All diseases originate as a disturbance of the life principle.
- It is only necessary that the remedy should be correctly selected, properly prepared and administered by the natural channels in appropriate dosage in order to get its curative effects.
- Treat the patient individually -the case as a whole.

- It recognizes the fact that no two cases or patients, even with the same disease, are exactly alike, and maintains that a true science of therapeutics must enable the practitioner to recognize these differences and find the needed remedy for each individual.
- That a patient ought to take or avoid a certain article of food does not always mean that he can do so. Frequently he can not do so.

AUXILLARY MEASURES

- In the auxiliary treatment the same principle is applied as far as possible.
- In dietetics, for example, instead of laying down rigid rules and making up a diet list composed of articles selected solely for their supposed chemical or physiological relation to the case, the patient's idiosyncrasies, his likes and dislikes, his aggravations and ameliorations, as revealed by his symptoms, are considered and allowed.

INDIVIDUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MEDICAL ACTION:

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- In health one may be susceptible to the action of a medicine at one time under certain circumstances and not at other times and under other circumstances.

- Age, sex, temperament and constitution; occupation, habits, climate, season, weather; the nature, type, extent and stage of the disease.
- Infact all the things which modifies the psychological, physiological, or pathological status of the individual patient, at the same time, the susceptibility to medicine, increasing or decreasing it, in health and disease.

- All these modifying factors must be observed, considered, weighed, and their influence estimated in conducting a proving, or treating a case.
- One will react only to a high potency, another only to a medium potency, or still another only to a low potency or tangible doses of the crude drug.
- Success in homoeopathic treatment largely depends upon
 - The ability to measure the individual patient's degree of susceptibility to medication
 - Select the most appropriate potency.

THERAPEUTIC NIHILISM

DEFINITION:

The Nihilism literally means nothing., nihilistic tendency has carried for almost to the point of complete avoidance of medicine, indicate the absence of a general principle of therapeutic medication.

Hahnemannian principles is increasingly perceptible as time goes on. By long, tedious, circuitous routes medical science appears to be approaching the goal attained over a century ago by Hahnemann.

- The main subjects of controversy in the past have been:
 - ❖ The idea of a general principle of curative medication;
 - ❖ The doctrine of potentiation and the minimum dose,
 - ❖ Proving medicines on the healthy, and
 - ❖ The single remedy.

Therapeutic Nihilism explained by various medical professions:

- But in pharmaco-therapy this nihilistic tendency has carried them almost to the point of complete avoidance.
- Osler, writing in 1901, said: "He is the best physician who knows the worthlessness of most medicine."
- Barker says: "The death blow came first to polypharmacy Today with many pharmacotherapy as a whole is almost moribund."
- President of the American Medical Association, says: "Drugs, with the exception of quinine in malaria, and mercury in syphilis, are valueless as cures."

- Musser, of Philadelphia, two years later, says: "One sees less and less of the use of drugs."
- Cabot In his address before the Boston Homoeopathic Medical Society, said: "I doubt if you gentlemen realize how large a proportion of our patients are treated without any drugs at all, and how little faith we have today in the curative power of drugs."
- These extracts indicate the absence of a general principle of therapeutic medication.

- The dominant school as a whole has ignored the principle instructed by Hahnemann about this.
- Some of the leaders of old school comment that, the use of drugs in the treatment of disease, but except in minimum doses and in accordance with the law of similars, that it is both useless and injurious.
- One of the most important truths taught to homoeopathic students is that drugs, in crude form and ordinary - physiological doses, have the power to make even well people sick.

- **APPLICABLE TO HOMOEOPATHY**

The homoeopathic principle, tends to show a more tolerant spirit toward the idea of a general therapeutic principle governing the curative action of all drugs in all diseases by medication.

- As considering Therapeutic Nihilism Homoeopathic treatment is much better than that.
- Research and discovery in the fields of biology, physiology, pathology and bacteriology, have revealed to confirm the essential principles of homoeopathy.

- Modern biological science has confirmed that in homoeopathy they have not only the basic law of therapeutic medication, but also of all tissue reaction.
- They confirm "The same agent which in relatively large quantities damages or destroys activity, will in relatively small quantities stimulate it."
- The homoeopathic therapeutic medication formulated by the methods of pure experimental science by systematic experimentation with drugs upon healthy, living subjects to determine their natural tissue relations and organic affinities and the kind of reactions.

- In the case of human beings, they may be felt and intelligently observed, described, measured and recorded both subjectively and objectively.
- Under this principle and by this method have our homoeopathic provings been conducted, and from these provings our materia medica is constructed.
- Tests are conducted with doses only sufficient to arouse characteristic reactions without endangering or destroying life, since to do otherwise would defeat the end in view.

- By a study done by biologist, Systemic reactions to morbidic influences, pathogenic organisms and drugs alike are all manifested by perceptible phenomena or symptoms.
- All diseases are produced by morbidic agencies or poisons of some kind, primarily or secondarily generated, and the symptoms of disease are precisely similar to the symptoms of drugs.

MEDICAL SCIOLOGISTS

DEFINITION:

SCIOLOGISTS means the practice of optionating on subjects of which, one has only superficial knowledge or a few understanding about the subject.

- Entrance upon the profession of medicine has been so easy and unrestricted, that a large proportion of matriculants and the equivalent of a modern grammar school education come in it.

QUALITIES OF MEDICAL SCIOLOGISTS:

Without any thorough knowledge about homoeopathic medical field, they criticize homoeopathy.

- Little or none of the cultural and less of the scientific training as well as well less educated man, they have been permitted to take a course in medicine and enter upon its practice.

- All true sciences are interrelated. They touch one another at many points. Each is dependent upon the others in many respects. They often "exchange works" as well as words.
- So such sciolists to the practice of medicine, according to their lights, much could be forgiven.
- They invaded the literary field and began to write of matters which they knew little or nothing, and make critics of men whom they did know.

- **HOMOEOPATHIC APPLICATION OF MEDICAL SCIOLOGISTS:**

A striking example of the misunderstanding and misuse of words is found in the the word "spiritual," used by Hahnemann in aphorism 9 of the Organon, which reads as follows:

- "In the healthy condition of man, the spiritual vital force (autocracy), the dynamis that animates the material body (organism) rules with unbounded sway, and retains all the parts of both sensations and functions, so that our indwelling, reason-gifted mind can freely employ this living, healthy instrument for the higher purposes of our existence."
- Hahnemann had permissibly used the word "spiritual" as the opposite of the words "material" or "tangible," failing to see this, the word been criticized and place their skull in it and proceeded to, make the feathers fly.

- Unfamiliar also with the word "dynamis," and unknown of its derivation and meaning, they assumed that, Hahnemann refers to some mystical, "spiritualistic" sort of a thing which to their half-educated and crudely materialistic minds had **no existence**.
- Much ridiculous and cheap as well as invective, were wasted upon Hahnemann and Homoeopathy.
- If they have any sort of knowledge they might have refer to any good dictionary and learned that dynamis is a Greek noun meaning power or force; the power or principle objectively considered applied by Hahnemann to the life principle.

REFERENCE

- The Genius of Homoeopathy –
Dr. Stuart Close

VIVA QUESTIONS:

1. Differentiate old school expert specialist with homoeopathic physician on the views of Dr. Stuart Close?
2. Define non medical cults and describe the circumstances of increasing non – medical cults?
3. Describe the unity of medicine in homoeopathic therapeutics?
4. Define individual susceptibility and explain its role in homoeopathic therapeutics?
5. Factors which leading for the success of homoeopathic treatment?
6. Define therapeutic nihilism and its importance in clinical practice?

7. Write a short note of medical scientists explained with an example?
8. Describe the methods used in old school practitioners for the treatment purpose which is explained by Dr. Stuart Close in the utility of medicine?
9. Explain dynamicity of medicine in the view of Dr. Stuart Close?
10. What you meant by Unity of Medicine?

ESSAY

1. Explain Genius of Homoeopathy in detail and correlate it with the Hahnemannian treatment protocol?

SHORT NOTES

1. Define Unity Of medicine?
2. Explain genius of homoeopathy in short?
3. What you meant by Therapeutic Nihilism?
4. Define Medical Sciologists?

QUIZ QUESTIONS

- According to Dr. Stuart close unity of medicine means.....

to consider the body as a whole.

- Genius of homoeopathy literally means.....

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