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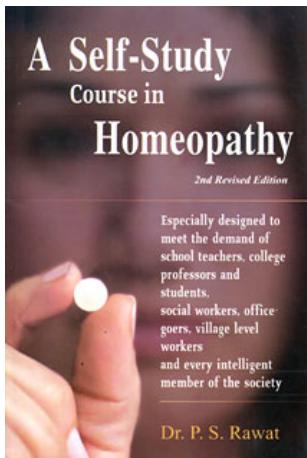
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Homoeopathic Philosophy at a Glance

HOMOEOPATHY AND HAHNEMANN

The word Homoeopathy is a Greek derivation, in which "Homoios" means *Similar* and "Pathos" means *Sufferings or Disease*. This system of medicine was discovered by a German Doctor named Samuel Christian Frederick Hahnemann in 1790. It is based on a natural law of cure known as *Similia Similibus Curentur*, which means "Let Likes be Treated by Likes."

Dr. Samuel Hahnemann was born in Meissen on 10th April, 1755. At the age of 24 he did his Doctorate in Medicine from the Erlangen University. He had been a gifted personality throughout the period of his adventurous life. Apart from being a Doctor of Medicine, he had a vast knowledge of other subjects like Mineralogy, Chemistry, Botany, Pharmacology and Pharmacy. Besides German, being his own language, he also knew Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French and other Arbian languages.

Master Hahnemann was a very kind hearted man of his age. He had great faith in his religion and in the mercy of the God. He was the worshipper of truth and was not used to accept the saying of others until he himself could verify the truth in it,

He was a keen observer and that is the reason that he could succeed in the discovery of the homoeopathic system of medicine.

During the days of Hahnemann the practice of medicine was a pretty crude affair, consisting mainly of bleeding, purging and blistering which had a basis of the speculative principles of orthodox medicine founded by Hippocrates. Having obtained his degree in medicine, Hahnemann remained in busy practice in various states of Germany for about ten years. During this period he had adequate experience of the miserable condition of the practice of medicine. He was very much depressed and felt that he was doing his patients and his family more harm than good by treating them according to the accepted medical practice of his days. Consequently, he bade good-bye to his practice and decided to earn his livelihood by translating medical books from one language to another. In a short time he began to earn both name and fame and his income also started increasing day by day.

It was in the year 1790, when he was translating Cullen's *Materia Medica*, he came across Cullen's definition about *Cinchona* (Peruvian Bark) that it has the properties of curing Ague'(malarial fever). How the master-mind Hahnemann could readily accept this definition ! He wanted to know exactly as to how *Cinchona* is only curative for malaria. So, he made a decoction of the *Cinchona* and started taking its large doses at regular intervals. To his great astonishment that one day the complete symptoms of malarial fever appeared in him in the order—first *Chill*, then *Heat* and finally *Sweat*! What a fine picture of malaria which he used to treat during his practice ! But was he still satisfied ? No, not the least. This experiment completely changed the mind of Dr. Hahnemann. He started testing the effect of *Cinchona* in the same manner on his family members and friends, and found the exact similarity in the symptoms presented by all of them. He was now satisfied with this and concluded that a drug which is capable of producing the disease-like symptoms in a healthy

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