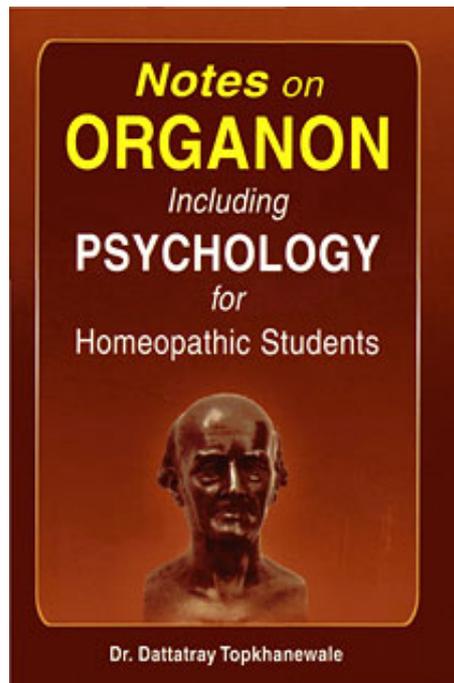


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# Physician

## THE QUALITIES OF A PHYSICIAN

### (An Ideal Physician)

1. A man of moral character with the moral aim of serving sick.
2. Honest and hard worker, free from any complex.
3. Regular and punctual, should realize the value of time of others also. Must be healthy.
4. Polite, sympathetic and dutiful towards sick.
5. Must have the hold on his science and art as well as should know the limitations.
6. Faith in science and confidence with patience in himself.
7. Should be an unprejudiced observer of facts with the capacity to grasp the conditions quickly and correctly.
8. Shout not be lazy, proudy, greedy and crazy for fame and money.
9. Should have the optimistic view towards life. Should live in such a manner that the richest as well as the poorest may come to him with similar hopes, faith and confidence.

**Note:** (This is not given in organon but it is mostly asked to the students appearing in practical and oral examinations. The physician with mission as

per first aphorism can be no other than the man of moral character, hence the examiner asking the qualities of a physician or an ideal physician is right.)

## THE MISSION OF PHYSICIAN

(Aphorism 1<sup>st</sup>)

The organon proper starts with the moral aim of life of the physician. It is not an imposed work but the origin is in the heart. The services are with will, devotion and discipline.

*The physicians's high and only mission is to restore the sick to health, to cure, as it is termed.*

The words *high* and *only* clearly indicate that it is the top most, the ultimate. And the word *mission* means the moral aim of life for which one is born. Here the physician's moral aim of life is to cure the sick. Here the word *only* does not mean one or single or alone but the ultimate, the top most. "High and only" is a phrase to express the highest. Hence highest moral aim of physician's life is to cure the sick, restore him to health.

The disappearance of symptoms was supposed to be a cure. Hence Dr. Samuel Hahnemann clearly points that the sick must restore his health, that is cure in real meaning, as it is termed. It should be considered in this way, not merely the disappearance of symptoms but regaining the previous state of health is cure.

## THE IDEAL OF CURE

### (§2)

After the mission of the physician i.e. to cure and restore, the sick to health, Dr. Samuel Hahnemann refers to the ideal manner of cure, what is cure and how to achieve it.

"The highest ideal of cure is rapid, gentle and permanent restoration of health or removal and annihilation of the disease in its whole extent, in the shortest, most reliable and most harmless way, on easily comprehensible principles.

The first i.e. restoration of health is the deductive approach to the result and the other i.e. the removal and annihilation of disease as a whole is the inductive approach to the result which is the same. Hence the result is cure in the most correct aspect.

The conditions of ideal cure are:

1. Rapid that is the shortest period of time.
2. Gentle that is harmless manner.
3. Permanent restoration of the health that is (by) the removal and annihilation of disease in every respect.
4. According to the most reliable and easily comprehensible principles.

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## 1. RAPID or SHORTEST

It is in relation to the time for the cure. It is a relative condition. All the patients cannot be cured at a fixed period of time. The shortest time or rapid may be within few minutes to a period of a year or more also. Both are rapid. This should be considered in relation to the conditions as:

- (a) **Type of diseases:** Acute diseases needs less time than the chronic disease.
- (b) **Duration of sufferings:** The patients suffering from the same disease but for a longer period of time will require more time than the recent cases.
- (c) **Condition of the patient:** Weaker the patient, longer is the time for cure.

The right order of removal of symptoms alone can provide the quickest, rapid and complete cure.

(The right order is removal of symptoms - from most inner to outer, mental to physical, head to foot, from most important organs (vital organs) to least important organs and in the reverse order of the appearance of the diseases (Hering's Law of Cure).

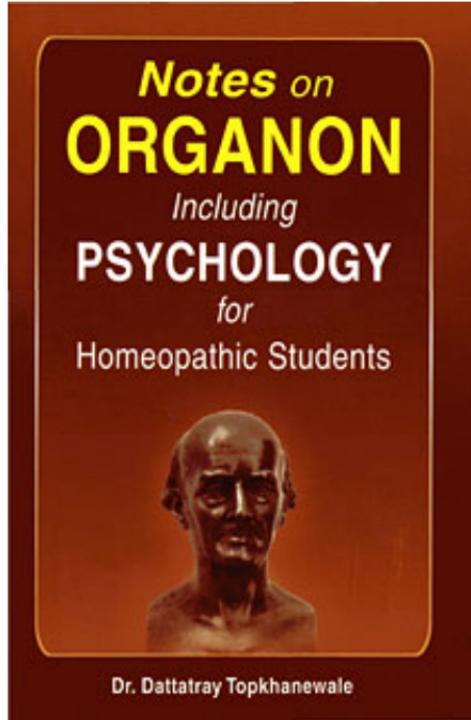
## 2. GENTLE OR HARMLESS

The treatment during the time of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann was very crude and painful as bleeding, cupping, leaching, burning etc. were practiced.

He thought that the treatment should be with the maximum possible comfort to the sick, the gentle, harmless one.

The gentleness and the harmlessness can be in respect to:

- (a) **Taking the Medicine:** The homeopathic medicine is in the very small quantity as well as is made of a sweet taste. Patient of any age (a new born to the oldest) can take with comfort and will.



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