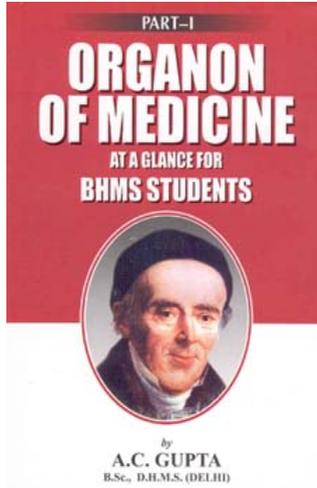


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## CHAPTER I

# Introduction

### **"What is Homoeopathy ?**

Homoeopathy is a specialized system of therapeutics, developed by Dr. Samuel Christian Friedrich Hahnemann, based on the natural law of healing : "Similia Similibus Curantur" which means "Likes are cured by likes." Dr. W. E. Boyd has denned Homoeopathy as : "Homoeopathic is a therapeutic method which assumes that a deviation from the fundamental mean within reversible limits can be restored to normal by means of stimuli, usually applied in the form of drugs, only sub-physiological doses of which are necessary because of hypersensitivity in disease and whose action is always directed toward normal by virtue of altered receptivity of tissue to stimuli in disease.

'Homois' means like (or similar) and 'pathos' means suffering. Thus Homoeopathy is a system of treating diseases (or sufferings) by the administration of drugs which possess power of producing similar sufferings (disease) in a healthy human being. This Law of Similars for curing diseases has been in use since the time of Hippocrates Father of Medicine. But it was Dr. 'Hahnemann who developed it into a complete system of therapeutics enunciating the law and its application in 1810.

### **What are the Fundamental Principles of Homoeopathy**

The fundamental principles of this great healing art—Homoeopathy are :

## CHAPTER V

# Medicinal Substances and Their Effects

### **Define Drug, Medicine, Remedy, Practice of Medicine Therapeutics**

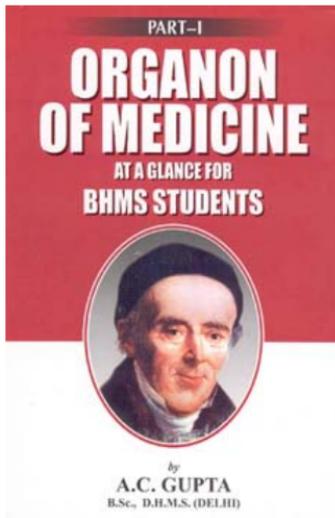
*Drug.* Drugs are substances (organic or inorganic) which possess the power of altering when used on human system (body, mind and vital force). In health they can produce illness and when used correctly in illness can restore us to health. Thus they are capable of altering the harmony between Trinity of Life i.e. body, mind and vital force.

Drugs come from numerous sources such as plant, animal, mineral, products of disease etc. Drugs are original, simple, crude, organic or inorganic substances.

*Medicines*—are prepared from drugs under definite pharmaceutical formulae and procedures. These are simple original substances or a combination of one or more of them and are taken internally when we fall ill. They are used in definite quantities.

*Remedy.* It comes from the stock of medicines when a particular medicine becomes specific to a particular case of disease. Thus Remedy is a medicine which can permanently cure any disease. It becomes curative in that particular disease on the basis of definite pathological relation of symptom—similarity.

*Practice of Medicine*—is that branch of the healing art which seeks to cure diseases by means other than surgical.



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