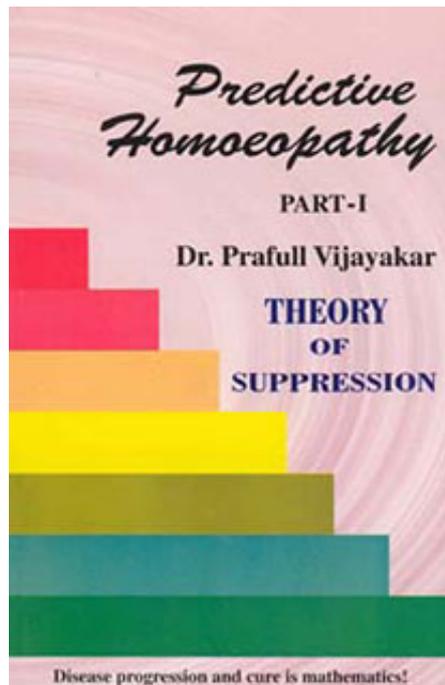


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Chapter 3:

DIRECTION OF CURE

We know that diseases just do not disappear into thin air. Nor do they appear from out of the blue. Everything in the world, including diseases, have a precursor and a follower.

Symptoms disappear from one system only to reappear in a different system, tissue or organ. This is called 'transfer of disease'. Transfer of disease can be of two types: (a) When symptoms disappear from one organ or system only to re-appear in a system or organ of more importance, it is progression of disease or suppression. This may occur in natural course or with improper treatment, (b) When the symptoms disappear from one organ or system to appear in organs of lesser importance, it is regression of disease or proceeding towards cure.

Now which are less important organs and which are the more important organs? This has been the biggest question looming large in front of all Homoeopaths. Lack of this knowledge, makes the Homoeopathic prescriber lurch in the dark. Many a good follow-up after a prescription, which is proceeding towards a cure, is nipped in the bud, due to inadequate knowledge of direction of cure.

Dr. Constantine Hering was the first Homoeopath to show us the light in this direction. His direction guiding 'Law of Cure' should be considered as one of the greatest discoveries in Homoeopathy, second only to the discovery of the science itself by Dr. Samuel Hahnemann. Both these discoveries perfectly compliment each other. It is only when a cure is seen following 'Hering's Law', one can really vindicate Dr Hahnemann's universal principle of *Similia Similibus Curantur*.

The direction of "Cure" has been laid down by Dr. Hering in his "Law of Cure" with the following corollaries:

Cure takes place with symptoms disappearing from:

(a) Above-Downwards.

(b) Inside-Outwards.

(c) Centre to Periphery.

(d) From more important to less important organs or system.

(e) In the reverse order of the appearance of symptoms

Some of these directions seem to confuse the Homoeopath since they *apparently contradict* each other.

- A case of asthma getting better with the catarrh in the chest reducing followed by dry cough and further by sneezing should be taken as direction down-up wards? i.e. wrong direction? or from inside-out right direction?
- A case of hyperacidity and burning in the stomach disappearing and tingling numbness in hands appearing is to be taken as what direction-inside-out, and centre to periphery? both right directions; or from lesser important organ-stomach to more important nervous system? i.e. wrong direction?
- Similarly cough and recurrent bronchitis disappearing only to give rise to leucoderma on skin is exteriorization of disease? i.e. good direction or bad ?
- These and many other questions arise in our minds and confuse us to the extent of neglecting the law of cure. This non-abidance of the law of cure or '**Lawlessness**' in homoeopathic practice is the sole cause of homoeopaths not being confident in their practice and not ready to accept risks in emergency cases like myocardial infarction of heart, tuberculosis, etc.; all on their own. This has unfortunately given homoeopathy a rank of **auxiliary** science. It is unfortunately used only when there is no immediate risk to life along with other conventional therapy going on simultaneously. We ourselves belittle the scope of homoeopathy due to our ignorance.

→ This is due to ignorance or lack of knowledge of "Human Sciences" e.g. proper anatomy, physiology, embryology, immunology, neuro-endocrinology, human biochemistry, genetics, etc. This ignorance has prompted many of us to put forth their "Theories of Cure" to suit their convenience. But, these theories do not stand the test of time and science.

After 22 years of practical experience which includes allopathic practice, *wrong* homoeopathic practice, with mixing of drug specifics, prescriptions based on all possible wrong principles in homoeopathy and above all after an in-depth study of Human Sciences; e.g. embryology, genetics, immunology and physiology, etc. I have been able to set up a chart of progression of disease which I have seen, experienced and found true again and again in my practice. This chart indicates that all that is happening in the human body whether cure or disease are mathematical in progression or regression. There is a certain '**Order in Disorder**'.

Importance of Human Sciences in Homoeopathic Practice

Homoeopath as is wrongly believed is not just a symptom reliever. At least he shouldn't be one.

Homoeopath treats MAN in disease and not disease in MAN. If he treats MAN as a whole it is imperative that he understands the internal mechanism of man. He should know what a man is made up of. He should know how his systems of the body function, and how he falls ill. If he knows all this, he shall know how and what to correct in him i.e. how to cure him.

Importance of physiology One has to realize that man is made up of unit of life called cells. These cells make up tissues. Tissues make up organs. Organs make up systems and systems help man to live or survive.

All the cells and tissues are in connection with each other. There are various food elements like proteins, fats, carbohydrates and various

ions like Fe, Mg, Na, K which pass from one cell to another. They pass from tissue to tissue and get distributed all over the body. Such food elements and necessary ions are supplied all over the body to build and maintain the tissues.

The supply all over the body is essentially by various means e.g. cytoplasmic streaming, osmotic gradients, concentration gradients and the most important the electrical potential gradients.

It has been scientifically proved by scientists like Woolpart and Waddington, that there exists four different paths of supply of food called nutritive gradients or **animal growth axes**, which make these essential constituents flow. All these gradients are 'passive' gradients i.e. no energy is required for the transfer of these elements. They flow from above downwards, from more important organs to less important organs, from centre to periphery, from inside-out.

How do we know that the animal growth-axes flows in a particular direction?

Importance of Embryology: This is exactly where knowledge of embryology helps. Embryologically we know that a foetus grows step-by-step in a particular manner and direction. The direction of growth is along the 'animal growth axes'. If construction of foetus takes place in this direction, this can be called as life giving '**Nutritive gradient**' along which flow the elements necessary for growth and maintenance.

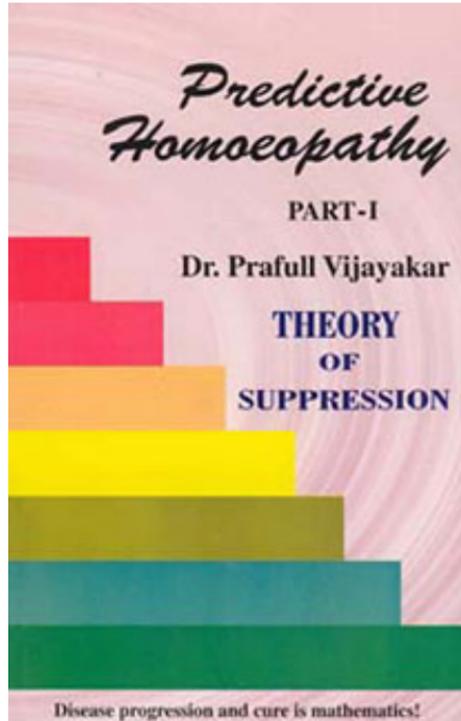
On the other hand 'toxins' or toxic proteins which do not have an already existing passive gradient are transported from cell to cell or tissue to tissue through active transport using up energy. This is destructive in character and being opposite of the nutritive gradient can be called as **disease axis**.

The 'disease' axes proceeds towards deterioration of human life and finally death. The 'cure' axis ie. the **nutritive gradient has** to be exactly opposite, leading to appreciation of living values and healthy life, but not immortality.

These 'Cure' axes corresponds to nutritive gradients. These nutritive gradients also correspond to the four corollaries of Hering's Law of Cure. These Nutritive gradients when, strong or when strengthened can wash down the toxins from the tissues. These Nutritive gradients can therefore be called as gradients of '**elimination**' since it helps in eliminating toxins from the deeper tissues or parenchymas of organs which are not drained by our other two excretory systems e.g. urinary and gastro-intestinal systems.

We thus conclude that the Homoeopathic remedy acts on the body to enhance the nutritive gradients by adjusting the electrical potentials, which should be higher in the more important tissues like brain, heart, lungs etc. to the lowest outside on the skin. The lower the skin electrical potential the better is the elimination. Anything, which increases the electrical potential on the skin, shall interfere with elimination or excretion process via the skin. Any ointments or local applications be it soframycin, calendula, graphites, vicks or sensor ointment, all these interfere with the electrical potential on the skin. These are therefore contraindicated in homoeopathy. Even menthol products or anaesthetic ointments which benumb the tissues either on the skin or mucous membrane of mouth, throat or stomach, do the same damage and interfere with actions of homeopathic medicines.

After establishing what could be happening when homoeopathic remedies start a 'cure' we take the help of embryology again to see what path the nutritive gradient takes to establish the path of cure. This also means one should know what path disease takes in the organs and systems in the mathematical progression of disease. Once we understand 'which' organs are derived from 'what' embryological tissue, we shall clearly understand 'which' organ is more important and 'what' is less important. This chart can then be used productively like a compass to gauge the directions of Hering's law of cure!



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