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Chapter 13 MIASM

(DEFENSE) AND GENETICS

"Defense and miasm': we proceed to see what influence does defense and miasm have on man.

If the genetic code of the individual is 'tainted' with or 'polluted' with or have traces of 'certain behaviour' it is bound to lay an impact on every part of the cell and individual.

The Physical Structure:
The survival is only of the fittest. The fittest survives because it evolves a strategy to defend itself. This strategy is encoded in the genetic code. Every species has its own species-specific genome. Every genome has its common mode of defense, encoded in its genetic code plus the individual mode of defense. It is very obvious therefore that every species of animal is so different from the other. Rabbits do not frighten anybody. Dogs may or may not. Tiger and lion frighten everybody without exception. All these species have their genes so encoded that they are either timid like a rabbit or a cow or a cat or they are too aggressive like a tiger or lion etc. The genome of dogs could have either qualities. Some dogs may be
very timid on the other hand there may be others who are ferocious as tigers. This again highlights that though dogs belong to the same species there is individuality which counts. These innate qualities have been so designed depending upon the needs of that organism to fight for survival.

This is true for all human beings as well. As we know the genes make a man or any living being, these genes are responsible for their physical structure, mental make up and other tolerances, intolerances or susceptibility. If 'genes' have timidity and lack of will as one of the qualities then compensatorily there are other qualities the genes 'have to' or 'must' develop to create a balance so that individual survives. For example, if an individual possesses the gene of timidity, weak will then it is obvious that this timidity can never make him fight a battle for survival. This quality cannot give him toughness needed to frighten or fight the opponent, therefore it has to be endowed with the innate characteristic 'to escape' or the quality 'to resign' or be 'mild', with 'no confidence' in oneself or to be 'bashful' or 'to hide' etc. All these negative innate characteristics basically develop as a reaction of the 'negative will'.

All these qualities that the individual possesses are to 'defend' itself from hostilities to guard itself and thereby prolong life.

On the other hand if the individual has a 'positive will' he will develop lots of 'confidence', 'pertinacity', 'obstinacy' to help him in perseverance and may also develop aggression, anger and rage as its main weapon.

What is true in mental plane is also true on the
physical plane. The features of the individual also develop in response to the basic nature. Almost as a rule mild or easily tamed animals like a rabbit, sheep, cow, dog have their face, jaws and incisors projected ahead to form a narrow tapering face as if to frighten the opponent. On the other hand lion's and tiger's ferocious look does not necessarily have too much projections to advertise their canines.

Similar things have been observed in humans too. Not as a rule, but many times timid Calcarea patients have their upper teeth projected outwards. All this of course comes under the purview of 'physiognomy', which is not our topic here for now. This is only to heighten one fact that man, his structure and nature develops purely as a reaction or rather defensive reaction to hostile stimulus, which it faces from outside or from inside and in terms of nature he possesses.

**The physical structure therefore is defense oriented.**

Physical reactions, the tolerance, intolerance to various stimuli like sun, wind, rains, damp, cold, heat, noises, colors, touch, emotions, further decides how the concerned individual should react in different circumstances. These 'reactions' to situations that is the 'general make-up' of an individual, are basically defense mechanisms at work and hence defense oriented. These are influenced by the genetic code.

**Mental** reactions, solely depend on the intelligence of the individual. The intellect, will, morals etc. will allow the person to react according to needs and circumstances to form a defense. These innate charac-
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teristics of the reactive mechanism, the attitudes, defenses together with susceptibility make up the mental aspect of the individual, which in turn, is governed by the 'genetic code' of the individual.

The genetic code decides the reactions of an individual to an action. Example: If a person throws a stone on a group of people standing on the road the reaction of every person is going to be different governed by his individual genetic code. One person could be fast enough to see the stone coming at him and take evasive action, another could be taken aback or surprised by the stone being hurled at him and become frightened or panicky, a third might not be keen or sharp enough to notice the stone at such short interval of time and got struck badly or take a wrong evasive action. A fourth might get angry at the situation and can catch the stone and hurl it back at the thrower in protest. A fifth might not realize what happened even after he is struck down.

Analysis:- The first (may be Lachesis, Cannabis I., Opium, etc), a quick, intelligent mind which takes fast decisions. The second (may be Aco, Stramonium, Arg Nit, etc), a finicky, nervous, timid, impulsive, panicky personality whose every reaction is panic. The third (may be Calcarea, Gels, Helleborus, Bar Carb, etc.), too slow to take decisions and does not have discretion of taking right decisions. The fourth may be a revolting type (Mercury, Causticum, Nux.V.), hates being intimidated. The fifth (probably a Bufo, Baryta, Aethusa), has no capacity to understand the gravity of the situation.

Disease pathologies, as we already saw, are due to
the three defense mechanisms at work. Like all the properties of a cell, even the three defense responses to a stimulus are genetically governed. Whether the cell should inflame, indurate or ulcerate depends upon the genetic code character of the cell.

The very existence of man is defense oriented.

The physical structure is defense oriented. The mental attitude and behaviour he possesses is defense oriented. Even diseases which he suffers is defense oriented. This means the physical make-up, the mental make-up, the general make-up and the disease susceptibility of an individual depends upon defense. We know that all these make-ups are arising from genetic code and are genetically governed.

If all these are defense oriented then even the 'cures' the real cure should be 'defense oriented'. Aim of 'real cures' have to be by boosting the defense mechanism of the individual rather than attacking the hostile stimulus. Rightly so Dr. Hahnemann denounced the concept of treating the disease in man and proposed the concept of treating man in disease.

He proposed that the treatment should be done only by taking into consideration the mental make-up, physical make-up, general make-up, all of which are the products of the genetic code and hence reflect the defense trait or miasm.

Thus all the reactions, essentially defensive (to help the individual to evade injury and survive) are built up on innate characteristics inherited or acquired by the individual. These innate characteristics also decide the physical stature, structure, contours which
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again is designed to defend and survive. The whole genetic set up of an individual is designed to ensure that the mind, physique, tolerances, likes, dislikes as well as susceptibility to diseases are designed for prolonged survival of individual.

Miasm is defense and defense is influenced by the genetic code. So we can safely deduce that miasm is influenced by genetic code.

Every individual inherits from parents or acquires qualities to defend itself mentally and physically. These qualities are already imprinted or get imprinted on his genetic code as traits.

Thus a Psoric constitution is the constitution or make-up of an individual which is designed physically, mentally, generally to defend physiologically.

Similarly:

a Sycotic constitution ................ morphologically constructively;
a Syphilitic constitution ................. morphologically destructively.
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