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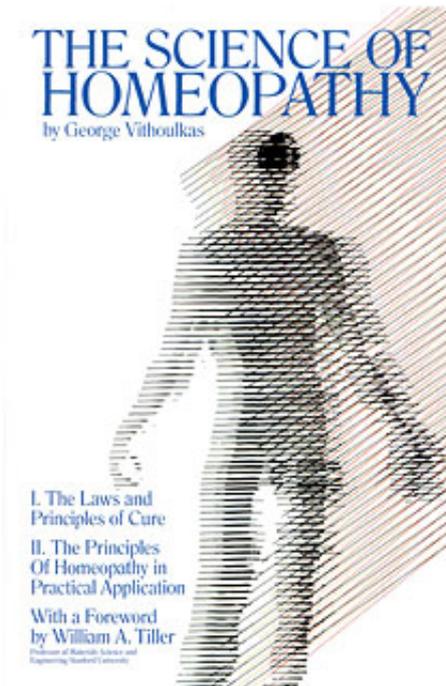
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Vaccination

Vaccination is cited by many as being an example of allopathic use of the Law of Similars; superficially, this would appear to be true because vaccines are small amounts of material which are capable of producing disease in normal people. Reflection on the principles enunciated in this book, however, will quickly clear up this point of confusion. Vaccines are administered to entire populations without any consideration of individuality. Each individual will have a unique degree of susceptibility to any vaccine, yet it is administered without regard to the uniqueness of each individual. Therefore, the concept of vaccination is almost the precise opposite of the principles of homeopathy; it is indiscriminate administration of a foreign substance to everyone, regardless of state of health or individual sensitivity.

What exactly does happen to the organism upon administration of a vaccine? Of course, modern studies in the field of immunology document very well the varieties of chemical and cellular mechanisms which are brought into play, but the further question can be asked: What happens on the dynamic plane upon administration of vaccine?

The experience of astute homeopathic observers has shown conclusively that in a high percentage of cases, vaccination has a profoundly disturbing effect on the health of an individual, particularly in relation to chronic disease.⁸ Whenever a vaccine is administered, it tends to change the electromagnetic vibration rate in the same way that a severe illness or allopathic drug does. Depending upon the state of health of the individual, there are two basic types of responses which can occur after vaccination:

1. There may be no reaction to the vaccine at all.
2. The vaccination may "take," which means that some degree of reaction is produced.

In the first instance, the lack of reaction may indicate either: 1) a very healthy system or 2) a system with deep constitutional weakness. This is analogous to the situation mentioned in Chapter 5 regarding susceptibility to gonorrhoea. If a person's state of health is nearly perfect, i.e., at the bottom of the scale in Figure 7 (page 83) the organism is simply not sensitive to the vaccine, no resonance occurs, and there is no reaction. On the other hand, if the system is very weak, i.e., vibrating on a much deeper level of susceptibility, the defense mechanism is **incapable** of producing an immediate reaction to the vaccine. Of

8. J. Compton Burnett. *Vaccinosis* (London: Homeopathic Publishing Co., 1884).

course, both individuals displaying no reaction would also acquire no illness if exposed to the epidemic for which the vaccine is intended, because both organisms are vibrating at levels far removed from that of the disease.

If the organism is capable of reacting to the vaccination, this signifies that the vibration rate of the vaccine is close enough to that of the patient to produce resonance. The reaction, then, is a sign of the defense mechanism responding to the morbid influence of the vaccine. Basically, there are three possible types of reactions, each representing a different intensity of response:

1. A mild reaction.
2. A strong reaction, with fever and other systemic symptoms.
3. A very strong reaction, with complications such as encephalitis, meningitis, paralysis, etc.

Let us consider the meaning of each of these possible reactions separately. In the first instance, a mild reaction indicates that the patient is indeed susceptible to the disease against which he is vaccinated, and consequently the defense mechanism creates a local inflammation, itching or pain, and perhaps a little pus. A mild reaction, however, indicates that the defense mechanism is not strong enough to fully deflect the effect of the vaccine. Its morbid influence then remains in the body, and the vibration rate of the entire organism is changed in proportion to the strength of the vaccine itself. If the vaccine is very powerful (e.g., smallpox vaccination) and resonates closely with the patient's level of susceptibility, the organism's vibration rate may change levels completely, and it will become incapable of returning to the prevaccination level without the aid of homeopathic treatment. Such a change in level of vibration is further confirmed by the fact that this patient will later be unlikely to react to further administrations of the same vaccine.

If the vaccine stimulates systemic symptoms such as fever, malaise, anorexia, muscle aches, etc., then the defense mechanism is quite strong and may be able to successfully counteract the morbid influence of the vaccine. Such a strong reaction is commonly seen in children, whose defense mechanisms have not yet been seriously weakened by external morbid stimuli. Of course, if the defense mechanism is successful in this way, the person will remain unprotected against the disease. Unlike the very healthy person who possesses no susceptibility to either the vaccine or to the microbe, the person who demonstrates a strong systemic reaction is sensitive to the microbe and the vaccine,

and may well contract the disease upon exposure, despite vaccination. Such cases are relatively rare, because few people have such a high degree of health in our modern world; thus, statistics show the "effectiveness" rate of vaccinated populations to be in the range of 10%-15% depending upon the particular type of immunization.⁹⁻¹⁰ Unfortunately, such statistics are not truly measures of vaccine effectiveness; rather, they are measures of the low state of health of the population.

The third type of reaction is the very strong reaction with complications. This also indicates that the susceptibility of the organism to the disease is quite high, but in this case the defense mechanism is too weak to counteract the morbid stimulus of the vaccine, so a deep illness is produced. This is perhaps the most tragic circumstance, because if the patient survives the complication at all, his state of health may remain impaired for a very long time. It is in such cases that we see the development of chronic conditions of great severity, dating from the time of the vaccination. The weakening of the defense mechanism in such cases can be so severe that even careful homeopathic prescribing may require years to return the person to health. It is true that if such a sensitive person were to be exposed to the epidemic, the same complications would ensue; but who is to say that all of these people would be exposed at all?

In homeopathy, any chronic condition which can be traced to a vaccination is called *vaccinosis*. In his book *Vaccinosis*, J. Compton Burnett presents his very detailed cases which demonstrate clearly that vaccinations can have profoundly disturbing and lasting influences on the health of susceptible individuals." His cases involved administration of smallpox vaccination, but modern homeopaths see similar cases of vaccinosis occurring after rabies, measles, polio, influenza, typhoid, paratyphoid, and even tetanus vaccines.

The fact that vaccinosis is indeed due to vaccination and not merely coincidence is seen by the fact that many cases are dramatically benefited by administration of a potentized preparation of the particular vaccine used. For example, suppose we see a case who has suffered for many years from chronic sinusitis since receiving a smallpox vaccination to which she had reacted mildly the first time; in such a case, Variolinum 1 M (a 1000c potency of the smallpox vaccine itself) may completely clear up the entire condition. In other cases, we see patients, who simply do not respond to well-selected homeopathic prescriptions; once the vaccine is identified, and the corresponding potentized prepa-

9. V. Tudor and I. Stratt, *Smallpox: Cholera* (Turnbridge Wells, Kent: Abacus Press, 1977), p. 133.

10. P. Wright et al., "Safety and Antigenicity of Influenza A/Hong/Kong/68-ts-1 [E] (H3N3) Vaccine in Young Seronegative Children," *Journal of Pediatrics* 87: 1109-1116 (Dec. 1975).

11. Burnett, *Vaccinosis*.

ration given, such cases then react nicely to their appropriate remedies.

One dramatic case which comes to mind is that of a 50-year-old woman who suffered from hay fever for many years. After homeopathic treatment, she was completely free of hay fever for over two years. Then, in preparation for a foreign trip, she received a smallpox vaccination. Her system reacted with only slight localized redness, and no systemic symptoms. Unfortunately, her hay fever returned immediately. She was then much more difficult to treat homeopathically; even the same remedies, although still indicated, did not act as effectively as before. Variolinum helped to reestablish order in the system, and the patient then responded again to the appropriate remedies.

Such cases can be quoted in great numbers by any homeopath who takes the time to elucidate the complete history of the patient. Thus even something as popular and widespread as vaccination - one of the so-called major "successes" of modern medicine - can be a large-scale factor in the degenerating health of our populations. A striking example in recent times was the major effort on the part of the United States government to vaccinate the entire population against an expected swine flu epidemic which was feared would be as severe as the 1918 influenza epidemic. As it turned out, the vaccine was not manufactured quickly enough to have much effect, but the epidemic never materialized anyway. Of the 50 million Americans who were vaccinated, 581 developed Guillain-Barre syndrome, a paralytic neurological disorder. This incidence represents a sevenfold increase over that of the population at large. One could attribute this to some impurities in the preparation or to some other cause, but from the homeopathic point of view such consequences are predictable whenever a foreign substance is injected into large numbers of people without regard to individual susceptibility.

Summary for Chapter 8

Summary of Disease Influence Section

1. Virtually everyone has some degree of chronic disease tendency.
2. One cannot jump major levels of susceptibility on one's own; only powerful influences can produce such changes. One such major influence is a serious illness.
3. Of two dissimilar diseases, the strong one repels the weaker one, but they never cure one another.
4. Rarely, two dissimilar diseases may create a complex of diseases without curing either one.

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