

are being used: minerals, animals, excrements, poisons, synthetic materials, ...

Homoeopathy and World View

- The freemason Hahnemann, founded homoeopathy based on philosophical ideas, originating in neoplatonism, hermetics, esotericism of the renaissance and deism from the age of enlightenment.
- Hahnemann described Jesus Christ as an 'idealistic utopian' and totally rejected the idea of a salvation and restoration of man through the cross of Christ. He claimed that within homoeopathy the true teaching on "healing and salvation" was revealed to him.
- Classical homoeopathy - according to Hahnemann - is not so much a "healing art", but rather a teaching on salvation. In his later years Hahnemann was above all interested in the restoration of original man and humanity as such through the art of homoeopathy.
- The basic underlying world view of classical homoeopathy is comparable to the basic assumptions of today's widely spread esoteric world view. This is why - in mundane secular circles - homoeopathy is described as "the esoteric healing method per se".

Christians should consider the following

Even though nowadays not only the original, classical homoeopathy according to Hahnemann is on offer, but also a multitude of variants and specialised forms, which sometimes have nothing but the name in common with Hahnemann's therapy, Christians should nevertheless consider:

- The idea of a "life force" which lies at the foundation of homoeopathy is contradicting the Christian understanding of the secret of life.
- The claim of several homoeopathic schools to be able to "treat" also mental and spiritual pro-

blems with the help of medicines, leads in the final analysis to an all permeating materialistic world view.

- Many forms of modern homoeopathy are linked to other esoteric therapies and ideas (i.e. homoeopathy and astrology, homoeopathy and shamanism, etc., ...)
- A longer term contact with homoeopathy can suggest a kind of thought process, which is committed to the esoteric world view.

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Homoeopathy is only an apparent alternative to a materialistic, machine driven medicine. By the claim to treat man in a unique way as an individual and a personality through medicines, homoeopathy really proves itself to be part of an exorbitant materialism.

Catchword Homoeopathy



Loved by many people, defended with religious fervour, doubted by science or even fought against, critically examined by theologians – disagreements abound in the case of homoeopathy. What do we know about this therapy, which is so fashionable today? A gentle alternative medicine, a great bluff, or even an occult enchantment – what is it?

What is homoeopathy?

- Homoeopathy goes back to the German Doctor Samuel Hahnemann (1751-1843)
- The word homoeopathy comes from the Greek homoios pathos, which means similar suffering.
- Hahnemann thought that substances, which cause certain (sufferings) symptoms in a healthy person can heal sicknesses, which are accompanied by similar sufferings or symptoms. In order to keep the negative side effects as low as possible, he diluted his substances to a high degree.
- In order to simultaneously strengthen the hoped for positive powers, he also shook the tinctures during each dilution process. He meant to thus free the spiritually more effective powers sleeping within the matter. This action is called potentising. Hahnemann was of the opinion, that each illness is the result of an impeded life force. His tinctures or medicines were meant to subtly affect this life force.
- Hahnemann assumed that homoeopathy is the only true medical art and that with its aid all sicknesses of body and mind could be healed. Hahnemann thought that through homoeopathy not only individual sicknesses could be healed, but the whole human being as such.
- Within classical homoeopathy (i.e. the kind of homoeopathy, which to this day follows as closely as possible Hahnemann's parameters) it is assumed that each person needs to be treated differently and that there is a unique medicine for each human being, which is able to comprehensively heal him or her.

Within homoeopathic medicines with higher potency (i.e. highly diluted), not one single molecule of the original substance can any longer be discerned..

What is positive within homoeopathy?

- Hahnemann was of the opinion that only by looking at all symptoms together – i.e. the complete appearance of a human being – would it be possible to find a valid clue towards a medicine, which would be similar to this appearance. This is why homoeopaths to this day are really concentrating on their patients and go into great detail in their assessment. A homoeopath does not only want to know about blood cell counts, but will rather ask: What kind of person is this?
- Homoeopaths are causing a great deal of positive results just by the particular attention they pay to their patients and by their in-depth conversations, This is where homoeopathy is introducing something highly beneficial into the medical field, which in traditional official medical practice is often not sufficiently addressed.

Why is scientific criticism of homoeopathy so harsh?

- In most cases the medicines are diluted to such an extent, that no active ingredients can be ascertained or applied. If behind the name of a substance an indication is found that is higher than D23, then within the substance there is nothing but pure alcohol or sheer lactose alone. In reality the substance indicated is no longer there at all. Scientists say: Where there is nothing, nothing can be effective (except for hope, which is raised in the case of every therapy).
- The claim, that hidden powers are woken within those substances by shaking and potentising them, is contrary to all known rules of physics. It is not possible to verify the claimed spiritual effects by any kind of process. Occasional claims by homoeopaths of sensational successes due to homoeopathic drugs, have up to now – after careful verification - all turned out to be hoaxes.

- Even 200 years after the invention of homoeopathy it has not yet been possible to ascertain specific results in the case of homoeopathic patients. Up to now homoeopathic treatment successes still fall well within the frame of all other placebo therapies.
- The “life force” concept, which is basic to homoeopathy, is purely speculative and eludes every verification.
- The scientists' criticism is so harsh because homoeopathy claims to build upon a scientific background. However, in reality homoeopathy is a belief system, which is enclosed upon itself, and remains immune against any form of criticism.

Wide spread errors regarding homoeopathy

Nowadays homoeopathy is mostly seen among the people as a “simply beneficial”, gentle natural plant-based medicine, without any negative side effects. But in reality the facts are

- Homoeopathy is no natural medicine. The substances are not administered in their natural form. They are not only diluted, but according to the self conception of the homoeopaths, they are changed in their effectiveness. (Potentised, dynamised).
- Homoeopathy is not without side effects. Notwithstanding the fact, that even placebos can have side effects, the substances in low dilution (up to D8) are pharmaceutically effective. So-called “low potencies”, when taken over a longer period of time, can also lead to severe negative results.
- Homoeopathy is not a plant-based medicine. Amongst other substances, plants are only used as a starting point for the medicines. In homoeopathy virtually all substances existing on earth

Even after 200 years, the specific effectiveness of homoeopathy has not yet been proven without any doubt.