

**Dear Readers,**

John Henry Allen defines the cases where palliation is the mode of treatment to be applied. I quote his words from the book titled *The Chronic Miasms – Psora and Pseudo-psora* [Volume 1]- “There comes a time when we can not do this or, at least, it would not be wise to do so, as is seen in cases of incurable disease or when the miasmatic action has progressed so far that no permanent reaction can be solicited and any attempt to make a positive cure results in injury to the patient and often shortens life. This is frequently seen in such diseases as diabetes mellitus, in the last stages of cancer, tuberculosis in its third stage. Here it is well not to base our prescriptions upon the basic miasmatic symptoms; as the attempt made by nature under the basic remedy causes over-action and death follows sooner than if we left the patient alone. Here it is better to palliate the disease by remedies not based fully upon miasmatic symptoms.”

He further says in the Volume 2 of *The Chronic Miasms - Sycosis - Chronic miasms* – “Most of the Homeopathic treatment of today, like the regular school, is palliative in its nature, even with the single remedy and the potency. One reason for this, is a lack of knowledge of the chronic miasms, that lie behind

*the morbid phenomena with which we have to deal. Many of us know how to select a remedy, but we do not know how long to wait upon its action; in other words we do not understand the retrocession of each miasm, whether it be Syphilis, Psora or Sycosis. We have yet to learn their secondary and tertiary presentations, and the phenomena which attend each new setting of the disease. Again we have so little knowledge of them and are at sea when we find them blanketed and veiled by suppressive or palliative treatment.”*

These words do not seem to be untrue and give us to rethink our prescriptions and repetitions which could have arisen out of giving in to the demands of patients to rush the treatment or our lack of knowledge or confidence in laws of homeopathy. As this way we might end up where Dr Hahnemann had started. Considering this and working on this aspect, might help us palliate where needed and not otherwise. So let's keep learning and reevaluating what we are doing so we can do better each day as learning each day is what life is about.

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