

Dear Readers,

One of the first books which gave Homeopathy recognition was the '*Organon of Medicine*'. When Hahnemann first wrote about 'Similia Similibus Curanter' he was attempting to explain how medicines work and not find a new system altogether. But his desire to find the reason led him to discover many more aspects about medicines and their action and this further led to discovery of a new system altogether which Hahnemann in his initial works calls a truth (he doesn't use the word homeopathy in his initial writings). In the preface of 1st edition Hahnemann says "*In this investigation I found the way to the truth, but I had to tread it alone, very far from the common highway of medical routine. The farther I advanced from truth to truth, the more my conclusions (none of which I accepted unless confirmed by experience) led me away from the old edifice, which, being built up of opinion, was only maintained by opinions.*"

The criticism he received did not hamper his desire to find the truth or a better way of treatment and was born Homeopathy. The principles Dr Hahnemann gave like 'similia' and 'law of minimum dose' had already been mentioned by stalwarts like Hippocrates and Paracelsus who talked about similia principle but they didn't work on the concept. Dr Hahnemann did experiments as he was a chemist and had a scientific bent of mind, and accepted everything only after reasoning and experimentation. The Arndt-Schultz Law given by two medical scientists (Arndt and Schultz) tested substances on seed germinations. They discovered that a large quantity of a substance would destroy life, a moderate quantity would inhibit life, and small quantities would stimulate life! This is exactly what Hahnemann found when using remedies on his patients.

'*Organon of Medicine*' is a work which revealed the hidden facts of nature. The story of the *Organon of Medicine* is in itself an inspiring story which teaches humans not to

believe opinions or old norms and find the reasons for things and logic behind every happening and then only believe.

As Hahnemann brought out newer editions, he emphasized the fact that experience adds to knowledge and new theories. He mentions in preface of third edition '*I have not refrained from making any alterations and emendations by increased knowledge and necessitated by further experience*' This highlights that new works done in the field of homeopathy shall not be criticized on the sheer name of being a new work but welcomed. If Hahnemann had been alive he would himself have brought out many more editions. But yes such works should not be just a false claim of being new work but in line with what *Organon* says (as then only they can be called homeopathic) and ought to be supported by experiments and logic. In the preface of fifth edition Hahnemann apologizes for some suggestions he had made in the past for local application and says they are no longer needed as this is what he has gained in his recent practice after the time he gave that suggestion. So new thoughts and theories are always a welcome but which are based on logic, experiment and reasoning and are not a way out of love for gain and other sordid motives as Hahnemann calls it but are with sole aim of achieving cure.

A regular reading and attempting to understanding of the '*Organon*' shall help us know our science more and also give us the capability to understand what is homeopathy and what is not and thus choose ourselves what to follow and what not. This issue talks about application of '*Organon*' in today's practice and also discusses how '*Organon*' has covered all important aspects of practice of medicine. This issue us brought out with the aim that we all go back and read our '*the book*' time and again.

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