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HOMEOPATHY: DEVIL'S MAGIC!

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The New Age alternative health treatments have been destroying the lives of countless people in Australia [and the world] for well over a decade now - right in the mainstream of society. One would have imagined that Biblical Christians would have "twigged" to the deceptions by now, but such is not always the case. Still there are those of God's children who are dabbling in the New Age treatments, which are spiritual poison to their souls. Consider this New Age treatment - HOMEOPATHY.

1. Where did this come from?
2. When did it come into modern use?
3. How does it work, and why is wrong for Christians to use it?
4. Where can this treatment lead the unwary?
5. What should you do?

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

Homeopathy is NOT just a simple medical treatment which utilises certain natural products, herbs and minerals, and brings these to the patient in small, scientific looking bottles. It is a magic art, very old indeed! Borrow from the library the book "**The Illustrated Golden Bough**" by Sir James George Frazer. There you will find details of the history of Homeopathic magic, in depth. The basis of this nightmare treatment is:

1. It has been practised through the ages all over the world, and it was well known to sorcerers in ancient India, Babylon, Egypt, Greece. Rome and amaz-

ingly it is still used by pagan tribal people in Africa and Australia.

2. Basically Homeopathy is Imitative Magic or Sympathetic Magic, the very same kind of demonic manipulation of occult power as Voodoo is! It has been used in many ways, an example from ancient Babylon could help here. In Babylon it was common practice to make an image out of some sort of soft material, clay, pitch, honey, fat, or some other substance, in the likeness of an enemy, and injure or kill him by burning, cutting, burying or beating it. This form of Homeopathic magic is known as Voodoo.

3. Homeopathy was a religious practise both in ancient Egypt and Babylon. In Babylon there were incantations said, with a long list of evil spirits whose effigies were burnt by the sorcerer. He hoped that, as their images were destroyed in the fire, so they also would just melt away and be seen no more. This was Homeopathic magic.

4. Imitative magic was used to cure illness, as it is today. The ancient Hindus, for an example, would seek to cure jaundice by banishing the colour yellow to yellow creatures and yellow things, such as the sun. To procure for the patient a healthier red colour, they looked for a living, red source, namely a red bull.

5. The ancient sorcerer's art of Homeopathy works on the concept of "LIKE PRODUCES LIKE." Over thousands of years priests in evil pagan cer-



emonies would recite spells to work homeopathic magic and evil against enemies. Here is a hymn to break the power of Homeopathic evil, from historical records.

A hymn to the fire-god Nuska, from Babylon: "Those who have made images of me, reproducing my features, Who have taken away my breath, torn my hairs, Who have rent my clothes, have hindered my feet from treading dust, May the fire-god, the strong one, break their charm."

Here is a Homeopathic spell from ancient India: "Up to the sun shall go thy heart-ache and thy jaundice: in the colour of the red bull do we envelope thee! We envelope thee in red tints, unto long life. May this person go unscathed and be free of yellow colour. The cows whose divinity is Rohini, they who, moreover, are themselves red (rohinih) - in their every form and every strength we do envelope thee...."

WHEN DID HOMEOPATHY COME INTO "MODERN" USE?

The ancient art was developed as a system of medical treatment by Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843), and it has had a

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It has been quite a while since the first issue of this year, but here you are—you hold the second issue in your hands, and I hope you will enjoy reading it. This issue has been dedicated entirely to one of the New Age crazes, homeopathy. You may comment that there is a lot of duplication in the three articles published, but as I made use of existing material from three different authors I dared not edit their work. The articles address this issue from different perspective though.

It is envisaged that the next two editions for 2004 will contain articles about other New Age, so-called holistic health practices, maybe reflexology and aromatherapy. I promise to get them both to you before we see the end of 2004, which means that our target of four issues per year would have been met.

And, talking about the year. My, oh my, how has it flown past. Another four months and we'll see 2005, God willing. However, let us rejoice as the passing of each day means a day closer to our Lord's return—THE day all Christians are eagerly awaiting.

One reason for my having taken so long to get this issue out was the fact of the operation I had. You will recall I wrote about it in the previous issue.

Well, thanks to the wonderful support and care of our Lord this is behind me now. The wonderful news is that the post operation test revealed no trace of cancer as it was localised to the prostrated gland which was cleanly removed.

This was not an easy operation as it prevented me for quite a while from sitting down. But now all is well and I am back into production. Praise the Lord!

Developments in KIES

There are some interesting developments in **KIES** which we will report about more fully in the next issue.

The Hertzogville "resurrection" saga has not gone unnoticed. Three of our members have been there recently to make contact with some of the affected parties.

This is a typical example of a false prophet and the harm that can be inflicted on other people by such individuals that act under the pretense that God commanded them to utter such prophecies. The amazing thing is that the relatives, like the widow, his son and others hold fast to these false prophecies. Despite the fact that the deceased passed away over a month ago and has since been buried after government intervention and a court order, still continue to believe that their dear one will be resurrected. As proof, obviously under the warped influence of David Francis, the false prophet, they refer to a verse from Scripture, Matt 27:51-53. Matthew is the only one that mentions the resurrection of saints when Jesus Christ died on the cross and the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. This must have happened for a specific purpose because God the Father willed it so, as this is in contrast to Paul who calls Jesus Christ the "first fruits of them that are asleep". (1 Cor 15:20) These saints were resurrected before Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and as He is the first from the dead then this occurrence must have a different meaning.

Surely God is all powerful and can do anything, but for a man, like David Francis to have uttered such a prophecy as he did, that the man now dead for more than a month, would have been resurrected by 5 August, is utter arrogance and is nothing else than man trying to manipulate God almighty!

All we can do is pray for people who are under the influence of such people that God in His greater grace will free them from these strangleholds and that they will come out of this darkness of deception of man into the glorious light of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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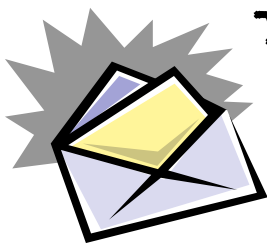
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ASKING FOR HELP FROM PRISON

I greet you in the glorious Name of our soon-coming Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am so glad that I finally have the opportunity and means of writing to you after desiring that for about four months. I should have written to you months ago immediately after receiving your first two Newsletters but I could not, for financial reasons. I did not have money to buy a stamp and an envelope. But I am glad that God has provided for me and now I am able to write to you.

I am a 27 years old inmate in the Mangaung Maximum Security Prison, Bloemfontein and have been blessed and edified by your Newsletters. I am leading a Bible Study group in our Prison Chapel every Tuesday morning 09:00—11:00. Our Bible Study group began some months ago after we separated ourselves from the main Chapel Services, which are mostly run by Rhema pastors, Christian Revival Centre, Apostolic Faith Mission and El-Tabernacle (which preaches/teaches from William Marrion Branham's books/tapes, sermons etc.) The Pastors sometimes share the service (one service) or come in different days/times etc.

We decided to get out of these services and have our own separate Bible Study group. We wanted to get away from things like "laughing in the Spirit" (which we were criticised and accused of "quenching the Spirit" if we do not participate), "slain in the Spirit" etc. The other thing (which was also troubling us) was/were the teachings taught there. The Prison Chaplain gave us the permission to have our own separate Bible Study group.

I am writing this letter, firstly, to thank you for sending me your Newsletters, I appreciate it and I share them with my brothers in the Bible Study group. I borrow them to them to read in their cells in their own time.

Secondly, I am asking for your help. I have found myself having to lead our group (we do not have a Pastor/teacher in our group and I am not even trained in Theology and I am only over three years in Christ. I am still young (spiritually). We need things like sermon teachings tapes, books etc. I am afraid that since we do not have a Trained Pastor/teacher, we might fall into many errors in our Bible Studies, that's why I am asking for

such materials so that we can all listen (to tapes, for example) or read books and learn. Maybe (God willing), we might get a Pastor who is not influenced by the Copelands, the Hinns etc.

In the mean time, we need to learn and study through books and/or tapes/CDs etc.

Maybe you have old books (especially the ones which expounds on the books of the Bible, because we want to work through the whole Bible starting from January next year) or you know people who may donate books to us for growth and edification. Please help us.

I am afraid that I might teach the group what I believe is right, only to find that I am wrong. As I've said, I am still young in the grace of God, just born again over three years ago, and I am not qualified to lead a Bible Study (full time). I still have to learn a lot myself, to be taught.

I don't want to mislead our group, they look to me as their leader and that's why I am asking for this help. Some have even left the group and went back to the charismatic/Word Faith services because we sometimes have to leave the Bible Study not having learnt anything (because many times I had to confess and admit that I do not know some things, especially when they ask questions).

Anyway, we really love the Lord, we enjoy His Word and we are willing to know how to "rightly divide the Word of Truth" and to know God's will with our lives. We have so many years to do that, and we have all the time (in prison) we need to do that. We are dedicated to learning God's Word and sharing it with others, even after our release from prison. You can help us do that.

Finally, thank you once again for sending me your Newsletters, and I have a friend who is also interested and would like to receive copies as well. His name is:.....

I am looking forward to hearing from you and I want to thank you in advance for your much needed helps.

Yours in Calvary's love,
Brother (name withheld)

Mangaung Maximum Security Prison
Bloemfontein

*It was wonderful to receive your letter and to hear that **Sentinel** has been of such great help and edification to you and other inmates.*

You should not be discouraged by the fact that you are still young, especially in the faith, as you say. Remember Timothy for example, and he was left by Paul as leader of a church. Also bear in mind our Lord's personal promise, before He went back to heaven—that He would not leave His people

alone, but would send the Holy Spirit to be with us always, and to teach us in the Truth.

It is great to hear of your Bible study group and despite the fact that you say you sometimes do not know the answers, especially to their questions we encourage you to carry on with it as you will also learn through these studies and especially during the preparation, that is when you have quiet and intense time with the Lord and His Word.

We will be sending you various aids, but need some time to put it all together. One of the aids I have organised with Dr Arnau van Wyngaard is a CD with a Bible and other reference programs, including a concordance and Strong's. This is a gift from him.

I have also managed to find a pastor of the Reformed church in Bloemfontein who will make contact with you. He will arrange to conduct services and be of assistance in teaching matters.

Last but not least, remember, Paul did a great part of his witnessing, preaching and teaching work in prison and there led many to salvation in Christ.

May you truly receive all His blessings in this wonderful task He has laid upon you.

Ed

Discriminating against others

I have to tell you something.

I was looking at your website and I couldn't help laughing, you are bringing a message by discriminating against others, to get people to follow you, I have to let you know something, you are even further away from salvation than the people you criticise, because you see what you want to in their religions, instead of looking at it with an open mind, they are all serving God in the way they see best, I am an old Apostolic, and I laughed at your comments, you think because you got hold of some little book you suddenly understand our church, hehehe.

Since you are so mean, prove to me out of the bible that my church is wrong (old Apostolic church of Africa).

I pity you, and I will pray for you.

Jean Koster
E-mail

(PS: Almal het Christus gekritiseer en gesê hy is 'n sekte - klink nogal bekend as ek kyk hoe julle optree.)

You have obviously not seen our response to members of your church raising similar objections on our site or preferred to ignore that.

Ed

HOMEOPATHY: THE ULTIMATE FAKE

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Homeopathic “remedies” enjoy a unique status in the health marketplace: They are the only category of quack products legally marketable as drugs. This situation is the result of two circumstances. First, the 1938 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, which was shepherded through Congress by a homeopathic physician who was a senator, recognizes as drugs all substances included in the *Homeopathic Pharmacopeia of the United States*. Second, the FDA has not held homeopathic products to the same standards as other drugs. Today they are marketed in health-food stores, in pharmacies, in practitioner offices, by multilevel distributors, through the mail, and on the Internet.

BASIC MISBELIEFS

Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843), a German physician, began formulating homeopathy’s basic principles in the late 1700s. Hahnemann was justifiably distressed about bloodletting, leeching, purging, and other medical procedures of his day that did far more harm than good. Thinking that these treatments were intended to “balance the body’s ‘humors’ by opposite effects,” he developed his “law of similars” — a notion that symptoms of disease can be cured by extremely small amounts of substances that produce similar symptoms in healthy people when administered in large amounts. The word “homeopathy” is derived from the Greek words *homoios* (similar) and *pathos* (suffering or disease).

Hahnemann and his early followers conducted “provings” in which they administered herbs, minerals, and other substances to healthy people, including themselves, and kept detailed records of what they observed. Later these records were compiled into lengthy reference books called *materia medica*, which are used to match a patient’s symptoms with a “corresponding” drug.

Hahnemann declared that diseases represent a disturbance in the body’s

ability to heal itself and that only a small stimulus is needed to begin the healing process. He also claimed that chronic diseases were manifestations of a suppressed itch (*psora*), a kind of miasma or evil spirit. At first he used small doses of accepted medications. But later he used enormous dilutions and theorized that the smaller the dose, the more powerful the effect — a notion commonly referred to as the “law of infinitesimals.” That, of course, is just the opposite of the dose-response relationship that pharmacologists have demonstrated.

The basis for inclusion in the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia is not modern scientific testing, but homeopathic “provings” conducted during the 1800s and early 1900s. The current (ninth) edition describes how more than a thousand substances are prepared for homeopathic use. It does not identify the symptoms or diseases for which homeopathic products should be used; that is decided by the practitioner (or manufacturer). The fact that substances listed in the *Homeopathic Pharmacopeia* are legally recognized as “drugs” does not mean that either the law or the FDA recognizes them as effective.

Because homeopathic remedies were actually less dangerous than those of nineteenth-century medical orthodoxy, many medical practitioners began using them. At the turn of the twentieth century, homeopathy had about 14,000 practitioners and 22 schools in the United States. But as medical science and medical education advanced, homeopathy declined sharply in America, where its schools either closed or converted to modern methods. The last pure homeopathic school in this country closed during the 1920s [1].

Many homeopaths maintain that certain people have a special affinity to a particular remedy (their “constitutional remedy”) and will respond to it for a variety of ailments. Such remedies can be prescribed according to the person’s “constitutional type” — named after the corresponding remedy in a manner resembling astrologic typing. The “Igna-

tia Type,” for example, is said to be nervous and often tearful, and to dislike tobacco smoke. The typical “Pulsatilla” is a young woman, with blond or light-brown hair, blue eyes, and a delicate complexion, who is gentle, fearful, romantic, emotional, and friendly but shy. The “Nux Vomica Type” is said to be aggressive, bellicose, ambitious, and hyperactive. The “Sulfur Type” likes to be independent. And so on. Does this sound to you like a rational basis for diagnosis and treatment?

THE “REMEDIES” ARE PLACEBOS

Homeopathic products are made from minerals, botanical substances, and several other sources. If the original substance is soluble, one part is diluted with either nine or ninety-nine parts of distilled water and/or alcohol and shaken vigorously (succussed); if insoluble, it is finely ground and pulverized in similar proportions with powdered lactose (milk sugar). One part of the diluted medicine is then further diluted, and the process is repeated until the desired concentration is reached. Dilutions of 1 to 10 are designated by the Roman numeral X (1X = 1/10, 3X = 1/1,000, 6X = 1/1,000,000). Similarly, dilutions of 1 to 100 are designated by the Roman numeral C (1C = 1/100, 3C = 1/1,000,000, and so on). Most remedies today range from 6X to 30X, but products of 30C or more are marketed.

A 30X dilution means that the original substance has been diluted 1^{10} times [1 followed by 10 zero’s]. Assuming that a cubic centimeter of water contains 15 drops, this number is greater than the number of drops of water that would fill a container more than 50 times the size of the Earth. Imagine placing a drop of red dye into such a container so that it disperses evenly. Homeopathy’s “law of infinitesimals” is the equivalent of saying that any drop of water subsequently removed from that container will possess an essence of redness. Robert L. Park, Ph.D., a prominent physicist who is executive director of The American Physical Society, has noted that since the least amount of a substance in a solution is one molecule, a 30C solution would have to have at least one molecule of the original substance dissolved in a minimum of 1^{20} [1 followed by 20 zero’s] molecules of water. This would require a container more than 30 billion times the size of the Earth.

Oscillocochinum, a 200C product “for the relief of colds and flu-like symptoms,” involves “dilutions” that are even more far-fetched. Its “active ingredient” is prepared by incubating small amounts of a freshly killed duck’s liver and heart for 40 days. The resultant solution is then filtered, freeze-dried, rehydrated, repeatedly diluted, and impregnated into sugar granules. If a single molecule of the duck’s heart or liver were to survive the dilution, its concentration would be 1 in 100²⁰⁰. This huge number, which has 400 zeroes, is vastly greater than the estimated number of molecules in the universe (about one googol, which is a 1 followed by 100 zeroes). In its February 17, 1997, issue, *U.S. News & World Report* noted that only one duck per year is needed to manufacture the product, which had total sales of \$20 million in 1996. The magazine dubbed that unlucky bird “the \$20-million duck.”

Actually, the laws of chemistry state that there is a limit to the dilution that can be made without losing the original substance altogether. This limit, which is related to Avogadro’s number, corresponds to homeopathic potencies of 12C or 24X (1 part in 10²⁴). Hahnemann himself realized that there is virtually no chance that even one molecule of original substance would remain after extreme dilutions. But he believed that the vigorous shaking or pulverizing with each step of dilution leaves behind a “spirit-like” essence — “no longer perceptible to the senses” — which cures by reviving the body’s “vital force.” Modern proponents assert that even when the last molecule is gone, a “memory” of the substance is retained. This notion is unsubstantiated. Moreover, if it were true, every substance encountered by a molecule of water might imprint an “essence” that could exert powerful (and unpredictable) medicinal effects when ingested by a person.

Many proponents claim that homeopathic products resemble vaccines because both provide a small stimulus that triggers an immune response. This comparison is not valid. The amounts of active ingredients in vaccines are much greater and can be measured. Moreover, immunizations produce antibodies whose concentration in the blood can be measured, but high-dilution homeopathic products produce no measurable response. In addition, vaccines are used

preventively, not for curing symptoms.

Stan Polanski, a physician assistant working in public health near Asheville, North Carolina, has provided additional insights: “Imagine how many compounds must be present, in quantities of a molecule or more, in every dose of a homeopathic drug. Even under the most scrupulously clean conditions, airborne dust in the manufacturing facility must carry thousands of different molecules of biological origin derived from local sources (bacteria, viruses, fungi, respiratory droplets, sloughed skin cells, insect feces) as well as distant ones (pollens, soil particles, products of combustion), along with mineral particles of terrestrial and even extraterrestrial origin (meteor dust). Similarly, the ‘inert’ diluents used in the process must have their own library of microcontaminants.”

The dilution/potential process in homeopathy involves a stepwise dilution carried to fantastic extremes, with “succussion” between each dilution. Succussion involves shaking or rapping the container a certain way. During the step-by-step dilution process, how is the emerging drug preparation supposed to know which of the countless substances in the container is the One that means business? How is it that thousands (millions?) of chemical compounds know that they are required to lay low, to just stand around while the Potent One is anointed to the status of Healer? That this scenario could lead to distinct products uniquely suited to treat particular illnesses is beyond implausibility.

Thus, until homeopathy’s apologists can supply a plausible (nonmagical) mechanism for the “potentiation”-through-dilution of precisely one of the many substances in each of their products, it is impossible to accept that they have correctly identified the active ingredients in their products. Any study claiming to demonstrate effectiveness of a homeopathic medication should be rejected out-of-hand unless it includes a list of all the substances present in concentrations equal to or greater than the purported active ingredient at every stage of the dilution process, along with a rationale for rejecting each of them as a suspect.

The process of “proving” through which homeopaths decided which medicine matches which symptom is no more sensible. Proving involved taking various substances recording every twitch,

sneeze, ache or itch that occurred afterward — often for several days. Homeopathy’s followers take for granted that every sensation reported was caused by whatever substance was administered, and that extremely dilute doses of that substance would then be just the right thing to treat anyone with those specific symptoms.

Dr. Park has noted that to expect to get even one molecule of the “medicinal” substance allegedly present in 30X pills, it would be necessary to take some two billion of them, which would total about a thousand tons of lactose plus whatever impurities the lactose contained.

CELL SALTS

Some homeopathic manufacturers market twelve highly diluted mineral products called “cell salts” or “tissue salts.” These are claimed to be effective against a wide variety of diseases, including appendicitis (ruptured or not), baldness, deafness, insomnia, and worms. Their use is based on the notion that mineral deficiency is the basic cause of disease. However, many are so diluted that they could not correct a mineral deficiency even if one were present. Development of this approach is attributed to a nineteenth-century physician named W.H. Schuessler.

“ELECTRODIAGNOSIS”

Some physicians, dentists, and chiropractors use “electrodiagnostic” devices to help select the homeopathic remedies they prescribe. These practitioners claim they can determine the cause of any disease by detecting the “energy imbalance” causing the problem. Some also claim that the devices can detect whether someone is allergic or sensitive to foods, vitamins, and/or other substances. The procedure, called *electroacupuncture according to Voll* (EAV), *electrodiagnosis*, or *electrodermal screening*, was begun during the late 1950s by Reinhold Voll, M.D., a West German physician who developed the original device. Subsequent models include the *Vega*, *Dermatron*, *Accupath 1000*, and *Interro*.

Proponents claim these devices measure disturbances in the flow of “electro-magnetic energy” along the body’s “acupuncture meridians.” Actu-

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huge revival in the holistic health treatments of the New Age. Homeopathy came



Samuel Hahnemann

to Britain in approximately 1840. It was introduced by a Dr. Quinn.

Roy Livesey of the UK writes: "Eventually the London Homeopathic Hospital acquired its 'Royal' status. Sir John Weir was appointed personal physician and served four monarchs for forty-eight years until 1971. There is still a homeopathic physician serving the Royal family today and most homeopathic doctors are believed to acknowledge that the Royal family has helped to keep homeopathy alive in Britain."

WHY IS IT WRONG FOR CHRISTIANS TO USE IT, AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

As we have already seen Homeopathy is sorcery. Homeopathy is a very odd treatment, a mixture of contrasting and "mysterious" elements. These elements could be summarised in this way: unknown energy concepts, cures brought about as if by magic, dealing with personality types (a sort of psychological analysis). The dilution of substances in the "like cures like" treatment, seems to bring the practitioner to the non-material essence - an "energy", the "force". THE LIFE FORCE of the New Age, which God has warned us about in Daniel 11:38. As with all New Age treatments, that is where the power comes from. The "force" is the pantheistic "god". A few quotes will convince the reader of the truth of this statement, as cited in "Psychic Forces and Occult Shock" by Wilson and Weldon: Dr. Jacques Michaud describes the Homeopathic "dilution process": "Dilution means diminishing the quantity of the

substance, according to a geometric progression, to the point where there are no more detectable molecules, and even beyond. But although there's less and less matter as dilution increases, there's more and more ENERGY. ...As for succession, it consists in ENERGISING the bottle..." (emphasis added).

What is Michaud describing here?

A process which dilutes the herbs/ minerals until the non-material spiritual essence is left, the "force" of the New Age! This is what is the "cure" in homeopathy.

Victor Margutti, M.D., writes: "The basic factor in homeopathy is not the use of small doses, as many unknowing people believe, but rather the use of qualitatively altered substance which are hence capable of efficacy in small amounts. ...This may be likened to an 'ENERGY TEMPLATE' passing on its patterning long after the original embossing..."

Dr. Margutti, M.D., is quoted by Wilson and Weldon: "The concept of the 'life force' is predominant in both holistic health and homeopathy. Margutti relates homeopathy to Burr's L- (for life) fields. Dr. Gray refers to a generalised life force that does the healing and states it has names - chi, prana, spirit. etc. He gives the force almost a god-like power, providing, of course, it is stimulated by homeopathy. (In fact, non homeopathic holistic health methods are essentially ineffective when dealing with chronic disease): 'Homeopathy is a very systematic method of prescribing single substances which powerfully stimulate the life force to heal whatever is wrong with a person. It is, of course, highly effective in acute ailments, even viral illnesses such as influenza and hepatitis...' (p 234, "Psychic Forces and Occult Shock, by Wilson and Weldon, Global Pub.)

Christians should never submit to Homeopathy treatments because these are occult magic, ancient Babylonianism revisited, and the treatments manipulate the FORCE or ENERGY of the supernatural world.

WHERE DOES THIS TREATMENT LEAD THE UNWARY?

Have YOU submitted yourselves to the occult magic of homeopathy? This is no light affair, and I suggest you deal with the matter immediately! This quote from Pacemakers by Andrew Fergusson, The Journal of the Nurses Christian Fellowship (Dec.1987) was cited in **Roy Livesey's**

book, p127: "The author would submit that homeopathy over-whelmingly fails the...five tests and, philosophically at least, must therefore be in no way from God but from the Devil who is a 'liar and the father of all lies.' (John 8:44). The author could not recommend any Christian to receive homeopathic treatment or practise homeopathic medicine, and believes that God is increasingly opening eyes to the pitfalls of this subject..."

There is really no rational scientific reason why Homeopathy can often cure. The cure comes from the ancient arts forbidden by the Lord God Almighty (Jeremiah 27:9; Malachi 3:5; Deut.18:9-11), and therefore should be repented of as such. That severe abnormalities can develop in those who dabble in the black arts is documented by such Christian researchers as the well-known Dr. Kurt E. Koch. You may reply that no harm has come from Homeopathy in your own life, but you are on dangerous ground and the future could well show a different story. At any rate, Christians should surely want to please the Lord God in every area of their lives, and Homeopathic magic is not pleasing to God. Well, you might counter, I didn't know! Well now you do.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? Cut ties with the practise straight away, cancel any appointments made, tip out the bottles, get rid of papers or instructions to do with Homeopathy. Renounce the Homeopathic involvement before the Lord in prayer, and declare yourself free from Satan as you confess your sin to God. (1 John 1:9). Trust that the Blood of Christ Jesus and His victory on the Cross of Calvary has defeated all the works of the enemy. Take back all the ground given to the enemy, trusting in the finished work of Christ on the Cross alone. If you have drawn in any others to the magic of Homeopathy, warn them with apology. (1 John 4:1). Put confidence in the promises of God as in James 4:7. Jesus Christ has already conquered all the demonic powers of Satan, 1 John 3:8; 2 Cor. 2:14. Declare the Victory is yours, and do not allow the Devil to oppress you - Christ has made an end to the tyrannical rule of Satan. Praise God!

Books recommended for further study:
"More Understanding Alternative Medicines", by *Roy Livesey*, New Wine Press;

“Psychic Forces and Occult Shock”, by *Wilson and Weldon*, Global Pub. For New Age medicines (not Homeopathy) **“New Age Medicine”**, by *Paul C. Reisser, M.D., Teri K. Reisser and John Weldon.*)

New Agers declare in E-mail/News Forum & their Adverts, that Homeopathy can be involved with many other occult remedies.

Just because a remedy or experience works does not justify its use for Christians, see **“The Experience Controversy”** Article, last **Despatch Mag. Vol. 8:3.**

The following extracts from the New Age Pegasus Network show the association of occult remedies with Homeopathy...

“Homeopathic Conferences: A forum for questions, answers, discussion and articles relating to the controversial or ‘fringe’ elements in homeopathy. Examples: Dowsing - manual/electronic Electro-acupuncture Astrological correlations Bach Flower Rx ‘Energy’ medicine in general Crystals Isopathy Anthroposophical medicine Whatever you come across that isn’t ‘straight’ homeopathy, but seems related ... in some way.”

“For a LIVING I practice hypnotherapy & massage, & I am learning homeopathy. I write fairy stories for sick (and well) children, & I am preparing a book on the subject. (Yes I know, the world is full of would-be authors!)”

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PARACELSUS

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This is a very brief look at the life of the man who is behind the later developments in homeopathy. Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim was born 10 November 1493 near Einsiedeln, Switzerland and later became known by the name *Paracelsus* a name this German physician coined for himself.

“He was a member of the Hermetic cult, and his works are largely unintelligible. He believed in the ‘three principles’ of Arabian alchemists, consisting of mercury (characterized by fluidity, heaviness, and metallic), sulfur (characterized by the principle of inflammability), and salt (characterized by the principles of solidity and relative chemical inertness). Nonetheless he is known as the father of pharmacol-

ogy because of his work in the chemical treatment of medical ailments.”

Some sources say that he graduated from the university of Basle with a BA degree and that he, supported by Erasmus, became professor of medicine at the university of Basle. Others maintain that there is no record of him having graduated and that he abandoned his academic studies and began a series of very extensive travels, collecting medical anecdotes and folk remedies, treating the sick, and conducting medical and alchemical experiments. The information he collected on these travels was compiled with the theological doctrines of Duns Scotus and Nicholas de Cusa, the magical teachings of Trithemius, the Christian Qabalism of Giovanni Pico della

Mirandola and Johan Reuchlin, and the theories of Alchemy to synthesize a completely new view of medicine. “In his wide travels, Paracelsus became acquainted with remedies not familiar to contemporary physicians, and which brought him a high prestige. After great success as an army physician, he set himself to reforming medicine.”

“He developed the novel conceptions that the human body is an organic, self-constituted, sovereign whole, and that it is subject to the same natural forces to which animals and plants are subject. His idea of treatment was that the doctor



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ally, they are fancy galvanometers that measure electrical resistance of the patient's skin when touched by a probe. Each device contains a low-voltage source. One wire from the device goes to a brass cylinder covered by moist gauze, which the patient holds in one hand. A second wire is connected to a probe, which the operator touches to "acupuncture points" on the patient's foot or other hand. This completes a circuit, and the device registers the flow of current. The information is then relayed to a gauge that provides a numerical readout. The size of the number depends on how hard the probe is pressed against the patient's skin. Recent versions, such as the *Interro* make sounds and provide the readout on a computer screen. The treatment selected depends on the scope of the practitioner's practice and may include acupuncture, dietary change, and/or vitamin supplements, as well as homeopathic products. Regulatory agencies have seized several types of electroacupuncture devices but have not made a systematic effort to drive them from the marketplace.

UNIMPRESSIVE "RESEARCH"

Since many homeopathic remedies contain no detectable amount of active ingredient, it is impossible to test whether they contain what their label says. Unlike most potent drugs, they have not been proven effective against disease by double-blind clinical testing. In fact, the vast majority of homeopathic products have never even been tested.

In 1990, an article in *Review of Epidemiology* analyzed 40 randomized trials that had compared homeopathic treatment with standard treatment, a placebo, or no treatment. The authors concluded that all but three of the trials had major flaws in their design and that only one of those three had reported a positive result. The authors concluded that there is no evidence that homeopathic treatment has any more value than a placebo [2].

In 1994, the journal *Pediatrics* published an article claiming that homeopathic treatment had been demonstrated to be effective against mild cases of di-

arrhoea among Nicaraguan children [3]. The claim was based on findings that, on certain days, the "treated" group had fewer loose stools than the placebo group. However, Sampson and London noted: (1) the study used an unreliable and unproved diagnostic and therapeutic scheme, (2) there was no safeguard against product adulteration, (3) treatment selection was arbitrary, (4) the data were oddly grouped and contained errors and inconsistencies, (5) the results had questionable clinical significance, and (6) there was no public health significance because the only remedy needed for mild childhood diarrhoea is adequate fluid intake to prevent or correct dehydration [4].

In 1995, *Prescrire International*, a French journal that evaluates pharmaceutical products, published a literature review that concluded: As homeopathic

...the vast majority of homeopathic products have never even been tested.

recovery (hence their placebo-responsiveness), these treatments are widely considered to have an effect in some patients. However, despite the large number of comparative trials carried out to date there is no evidence that homeopathy is any more effective than placebo therapy given in identical conditions.

In December 1996, a lengthy report was published by the Homoeopathic Medicine Research Group (HMRG), an expert panel convened by the Commission of the European Communities. The HMRG included homeopathic physician-researchers and experts in clinical research, clinical pharmacology, biostatistics, and clinical epidemiology. Its aim was to evaluate published and unpublished re-

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ports of controlled trials of homeopathic treatment. After examining 184 reports, the panelists concluded: "(1) only 17 were designed and reported well enough to be worth considering; (2) in some of these trials, homeopathic approaches may have exerted a greater effect than a placebo or no treatment; and (3) the number of participants in these 17 trials

was too small to draw any conclusions about the effectiveness of homeopathic treatment for any specific condition [5]. Simply put: Most homeopathic research is worthless, and no homeopathic product has been proven effective for any therapeutic purpose. The National Council Against Health Fraud has warned that "the sectarian nature of homeopathy raises serious questions about the trustworthiness of homeopathic researchers." [6]

In 1997, a London health authority decided to stop paying for homeopathic treatment after concluding that there was not enough evidence to support its use. The Lambeth, Southwark, and Lewisham Health Authority had been referring more than 500 patients per year to the Royal Homoeopathic Hospital in London. Public health doctors at the authority reviewed the published scientific literature as part of a general move toward purchasing only evidence-based treatments. The group concluded that many of the studies were methodologically flawed and that recent research produced by the Royal Homoeopathic Hospital contained no convincing evidence that homeopathy offered clinical benefit [7].

Proponents trumpet the few "positive" studies as proof that "homeopathy works." Even if their results can be consistently reproduced (which seems unlikely), the most that the study of a single remedy for a single disease could prove is that the remedy is effective against *that* disease. It would not validate homeopathy's basic theories or prove that homeopathic treatment is useful for other diseases.

Placebo effects can be powerful, of course, but the potential benefit of relieving symptoms with placebos should be weighed against the harm that can

result from relying upon — and wasting money on — ineffective products. Spontaneous remission is also a factor in homeopathy's popularity. I believe that most people who credit a homeopathic product for their recovery would have fared equally well without it.

Homeopaths are working hard to have their services covered under national health insurance. They claim to

provide care that is safer, gentler, “natural,” and less expensive than conventional care — and more concerned with prevention. However, homeopathic treatments prevent nothing, and many homeopathic leaders preach against immunization. Equally bad, a report on the National Center for Homeopathy’s 1997 Conference described how a homeopathic physician had suggested using homeopathic products to help prevent and treat coronary artery disease. According to the article, the speaker recommended various 30C and 200C products as alternatives to aspirin or cholesterol-lowering drugs, both of which are proven to reduce the incidence of heart attacks and strokes [8].

ILLEGAL MARKETING

In a survey conducted in 1982, the FDA found some over-the-counter products being marketed for serious illnesses, including heart disease, kidney disorders, and cancer. An extract of tarantula was being purveyed for multiple sclerosis; an extract of cobra venom for cancer.

During 1988, the FDA took action against companies marketing “diet patches” with false claims that they could suppress appetite. The largest such company, Meditrend International, of San Diego, instructed users to place 1 or 2 drops of a “homeopathic appetite control solution” on a patch and wear it all day affixed to an “acupuncture point” on the wrist to “bioelectrically” suppress the appetite control center of the brain.

America’s most blatant homeopathic marketer appears to be Biological Homeopathic Industries (BHI) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, which, in 1983, sent a 123-page catalog to 200,000 physicians nationwide. Its products included BHI Anticancer Stimulating, BHI Antivirus, BHI Stroke, and 50 other types of tablets claimed to be effective against serious diseases. In 1984, the FDA forced BHI to stop distributing several of the products and to tone down its claims for others. However, BHI has continued to make illegal claims. Its 1991 Physicians’ Reference (“for use only by health care professionals”) inappropriately recommended products for heart failure, syphilis, kidney failure, blurred vision, and many other serious conditions. The company’s publishing arm

issues the quarterly Biological Therapy: Journal of Natural Medicine, which regularly contains articles whose authors make questionable claims. An article in the April 1992 issue, for example, listed “indications” for using BHI and Heel products (distributed by BHI) for more than fifty conditions—including cancer, angina pectoris, and paralysis. And the October 1993 issue, devoted to the homeopathic treatment of children, includes an article recommending products for acute bacterial infections of the ear and tonsils. The article is described as selections from Heel seminars given in several cities by a Nevada homeopath who also served as medical editor of Biological Therapy. In 1993, Heel published a 500-page hardcover book describing how to use its products to treat about 450 conditions [9]. Twelve pages of the book cover “Neoplasia and neoplastic phases of disease.” (Neoplasm is a medical term for tumor.) In March 1998, during an osteopathic convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, a Heel exhibitor distributed copies of the book when asked for detailed information on how to use Heel products.

Between October 1993 and September 1994, the FDA issued warning letters to four homeopathic manufacturers:

BHI was ordered to stop making claims that *BHI Cold*, which contained sulfur and pulsatilla, were effective against mumps, whooping cough, chronic respiratory diseases, herpes zoster, all viral infections, and measles. In addition, when combined with other BHI remedies, it had been illegally claimed to be effective against otitis, pleurisy, bronchitis or pneumonia, conjunctivitis, and tracheitis.

Botanical Laboratories, Inc., which distributed Natra-Bio products, was ordered to stop claiming that *BioAllers* was a homeopathic remedy for relieving symptoms of allergy due to pollen, animal hair, dander, mold, yeast, and dust. The products were promoted as homeopathic even though some ingredients were not in the *Homeopathic Pharmacopeia*.

L.B.L.-Bot.Bio.Hom.Corp., of Roosevelt, New York, was ordered to stop making false claims that products could prevent AIDS, reduce cholesterol, cure diabetes and other pancreas disorders, and cancerous blood disorders.

Nutrition Express, of Houston,

Texas, was warned that products it was marketing for the temporary relief of infection, minor liver disorders, lymphatic disorders, and menstrual discomforts were misbranded because their labels or labeling included statements that represented that the products were intended to be used for curing or preventing disease.

GREATER REGULATION IS NEEDED

As far as I can tell, the FDA has never recognized any homeopathic remedy as safe and effective for any medical purpose. In 1995, I filed a Freedom of Information Act request that stated: I am interested in learning whether the FDA has: (1) received evidence that any homeopathic remedy, now marketed in this country, is effective against any disease or health problem; (2) concluded that any homeopathic product now marketed in the United States is effective against any health problem or condition; (3) concluded that homeopathic remedies are generally effective; or (4) concluded that homeopathic remedies are generally not effective. Please send me copies of all documents in your possession that pertain to these questions [10].

An official from the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research replied that several dozen homeopathic products were approved many years ago, but these approvals were withdrawn by 1970 [11]. In other words, after 1970, no homeopathic remedy had FDA as “safe and effective” for its intended purpose. As far as I can tell, that statement is still true today.

If the FDA required homeopathic remedies to be proven effective in order to remain marketable — the standard it applies to other categories of drugs — homeopathy would face extinction in the United States. However, there is no indication that the agency is considering this. FDA officials regard homeopathy as relatively benign (compared, for example, to unsubstantiated products marketed for cancer and AIDS) and believe that other problems should get enforcement priority. If the FDA attacks homeopathy too vigorously, its proponents might even persuade a lobby-susceptible Congress to rescue them. Regardless of this risk, the FDA should not permit worthless products to be marketed with claims that they are ef-

fective. Nor should it continue to tolerate the presence of quack “electrodiagnostic” devices in the marketplace.

In August 1994, forty-two prominent critics of quackery and pseudoscience asked the agency to curb the sale of homeopathic products. The petition urges the FDA to initiate a rulemaking procedure to require that all over-the-counter (OTC) homeopathic drugs meet the same standards of safety and effectiveness as nonhomeopathic OTC drugs. It also asks for a public warning that although the FDA has permitted homeopathic remedies to be sold, it does not recognize them as effective. The FDA has not yet responded to the petition. However, on March 3, 1998, at a symposium sponsored by *Good Housekeeping* magazine, former FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler, M.D., J.D., acknowledged that homeopathic remedies do not work but that he did not attempt to ban them because he felt that Congress would not support a ban [12].

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HOMEOPATHY & HINDUISM

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My wife, Alice, was literally raised on Homeopathy. At 12 years old she had experienced it cured 21 warts. She had seen it work!

Yet every book she read on the New Age Movement included Homeopathy as Holistic Healing.

Then she saw the article in the newspaper on Swami Naranyani, an ex-Presbyterian who converted to Hinduism and spread the religion whilst healing through Homeopathy, laying on of hands and praying over articles of clothing. “She preaches the teachings of a Hindu saint,” (*The Star Newspaper*, 17/7/1989).

The connection was disturbing and Alice searched for answers. The findings have been grouped together under some of the many questions asked during her search.

WHAT IS ITS ORIGIN?

1. Paracelsus (1493-1541) Homeopath Elizabeth Danciger researched the historical roots of Homeopathy, and found its source in the teachings of Paracelsus, who believed in the principle “Let like be cured by like.”

This is an ancient occultic practice whereby, for instance, they would treat a blood disease with a bloodstone (**The Emergence of Homeopathy**, Elizabeth Danciger, p. 3)

Alan Debus states in his preface to **The English Paracelians**, “Until recently however, few scholars have emphasized the fact that in Paracelsus and his followers there was a curious blend of the occult and the experimental approaches to nature,” (p. 3).

Believing in invisible spirits or forces in herbs and minerals, he tried to extract

them for healing purposes. Thus he is considered the patron of Holistic medicine.

2. Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843)

In a radio interview Swami Naranyani stated, “In Homeopathy, Hahnemann, who was a medical doctor, reintroduced the rule of “one remedy.”

Hahnemann believed that disease could be cured by giving drugs which produce effects similar to the disease’s symptoms. He had noticed that workers harvesting quinine, or Peruvian Bark, often fell ill and showed symptoms like those of malaria.

So he asked himself, “Can a drug which cures an illness also cause it’s symptoms?”

He dosed himself and sure enough had the symptoms of malaria. He started diluting it and found no side effects in very weak doses.

(Note that recent experiments with healthy test persons have not verified his theory. Hahnemann had taken quinine earlier in his life and it is quite probable that his experiment had caused an allergic reaction, which can typically

occur with the symptoms he described. (**Healing at any Price**, Samuel Pfeifer, MD, p. 654))

HOW IS IT PREPARED?

1. The "mother tincture" is firstly prepared. The required vegetable, animal or mineral substance will be either crushed, aged or soaked in an alcohol and water solution for approximately 6 months in test tube A.

2. A drop of the "mother tincture" is diluted in 99 drops of alcohol and water in test tube

This is stopped up and shaken vigorously against a rubber or leather pad, this method being known as succussion. Hence the first centesimal.

3. One drop from test tube B is placed in test tube C which also contains 99 drops of diluent and this is again succussed. This is the 2nd centesimal or 2C.

This process of dilution and succussion is repeated as often as 12C which is the equivalent of a pinch of salt in both North and South Atlantic Oceans!

Dr Schuessler's tissue salts have a common 6X inscribed on the bottles or 1 part in a million, or 1 teaspoonful in a bathful of water.

A dilution of 12X would be the equivalent of a teaspoonful of the original mother tincture in a mass the size of the Empire State Building, (**Homeopathy Investigated**, A.D. Bambridge RGN, p. 9).

SO HOW DOES IT HEAL?

The first questionable aspect is that there is nothing of any chemical value left to heal your body.

The secret is in the shaking! This shaking is paramount to the Homeopathic remedy.

Hahnemann believed that the more it was diluted, the more potent or effective it became.

He was once asked if he could cure a serious epidemic by pouring a bottle of the correct poison into Lake Geneva and allowing the world to take of its substance.

He replied "If I could shake Lake Geneva 60 times, then yes, I would do this." (*Ibid*, p. 4)

In Hahnemann's own book of 1810, **The Organon of the Art of Rational**

Healing, he states, "A change is affected in the given drug. It is changed and subtilised [unnoticeably reduced to] at last into spirit-like medicinal power which indeed, in itself, does not fall within our senses but for which the medicinally prepared globule... becomes the carrier.... and manifests the healing power of this invisible force in the sick body," (as quoted in: **A-Z of Homeopathy**, Dr. Trevor M. Cook, p. 597).

Swami Naranyani practices the same theory: "It is an energy, a vibration that is put into either pills or liquid."

What we have here is the transmitting of a spirit, not a chemical to heal the disease. Hahneman believed that he was working up the same force that psychic healers meditate on before they lay hands on people.

The healing also relies on you. Homeopathy believe that in each person lies "inherited natural curative powers." Homeopathic medicines seek to stimulate this force or energy to overcome the disease. (**Healing at Any Price**, p. 738)

WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THIS FORCE?

1. **The Occult.** When asked to prove the existence of this energy, the healers used a dowsing rod and pendulum - old instruments of the occult.

"Sensitivity to the rod and ability to make a pendulum react are psychic powers," says Dr. Kurt Koch in his book, **Occult ABC** (p. 188).

The healers even admit the connection!

Brian Inglis in his book **Natural Medicine**, is discussing the history of Alternative medicines: "Organisations often make little attempt to disguise their impatience with such dabblers of the occult," (p. 198).

2. **The East.** George Vithoulkos, a naturopath, says, "The real purpose of homeopathy is to open the high centres (brain) for spiritual or celestial influx. The purpose is to become One with yourself, one with the universe, through your mind," (**Homeopathy**, p. 99).

Swami Naranyani had mentioned Hahnemann reintroducing "one" remedy.

It is the force or energy working through the powder, solution or granules to make you vibrate as one with the universe. It is the same power believed in by the Hindus and the psychic power

of Rosicrucians.

AREN'T WE HANGING HOMEOPATHY ON THEIR HISTORY?

Surely they don't believe in that today?

1. "In 1986 John Dale interviewed an administrator in the Faculty of Homeopathy. She harbours similar doubts after eight years of working there. 'One has to recognise the two sides of the spiritual realm - the good and the evil,' she says.

"In homeopathy you are definitely into the spiritual realm. It is very easy to make a religion of it. If one reads Hahnemann's own writing it is very easy to treat it like a bible and end up in a state of worshipping Hahnemann and homeopathy. I've seen it happen. It takes over. Without a doubt nearly all the doctors attending the faculty are involved in some sort of spiritual practice such as anthroposophy or transcendental meditation," (*Personality Magazine*, 12/6/1989, p. 22)

2. In the same article is a testimony of a Christian Homeopath.

"Concern about the link between homeopathy and the occult drove one particular practitioner, Dr. Douglas Calcott, to resign from the faculty after 20 years of membership and destroy all his homeopathic equipment. He once believed emphatically that homeopathy was a gift from God, but being a Christian fundamentalist he felt he could no longer participate in something with occultic links.

"Since renouncing homeopathy as occult, I have found my relationship with Jesus much more real and effective," says Calcott in 1983 (*Ibid*).

DOCTORS FAIL TO TREAT ME AS A WHOLE PERSON

A definition of Holistic or Wholistic medicine from their own book **A-Z of Homeopathy**: 1. "Holistic medicine," a general term used to describe alternative medicines which are concerned with all aspects of a patient and his or her life rather than a particular illness..." (Cook, p. 42; emphasis mine).

2. "Vitalism is back; the currently fashionable term for it being holism. Presenting acupuncture, chiropractic, herbalism, homeopathy, naturopathy, astropathy, radionics and psychic healing as worthy of recognition. ...the Heal-

ing Research Trust has claimed that they are all based on a philosophy of holism,” (Natural Medicine, Inglis, pp. 198-199).

Their philosophy? Janet Pleshnette in **Cures that Work**, writes: “Illness happens to a whole person, body, mind and spirit. A person is not a machine. He is an energy field, a dynamic system, both influencing and receiving influence from everything around him, living or not.”

She explains further: “Instead of separate building blocks (within a person) there extends a complex web where the relationship between the particles matter more than the particles themselves, and where matter itself must be described as a concentration of energy. Matter and energy are interchangeable,” (Ibid).

This is Hindu thinking - that we are one with the Universe, all is one, we are in God, God is in us, we are God.

HAVE CHRISTIANS BEEN INFLUENCED?

The following are quotes from a Christian Naturopath’s seminar notes:

“The universe is composed of en-

ergy. (Gen. 1-3). All matter is composed of energy. Different forms of matter are determined by different vibratory rates of energy.

(If you have a problem it is in a different energy field and the brain doesn’t know of the disease.)

The human is composed of energy proved by Kirlian photography and electromagnetic measurements.

The physical body is the outward manifestation of the energy field.

Everything that happens to the body, happens first to the energy field. Whether it be emotional, chemical or physical it robs energy from the body. (Jody Robbins Emotional/Body Seminar Notes)

He says our thoughts and attitudes influence the energy field and govern our life and health.

Once Christians start worrying about food combinations and energy levels, one wonders where our faith has gone in the God who heals us.

Having followed Holistic healing principles for two years Alice found it was becoming a religion in itself; feeling guilty when she ate red meat or dairy products or even when giving the kids

medicine.

Her focus became on herself believing that she could heal herself.

She didn’t feel she could ask God for healing as it was her own fault for being sick.

You the reader might be saying, “But I have high blood pressure and Homeopathy is the only thing that helps!”

In the light of what you have read, and as New Age thought becomes prevalent in medicine, you will have to choose between supporting occultic based practices and following the word of God.

Jesus promised an abundant life; a wholeness, peace, joy and hope that transcends health and wealth and offers a fullness of life that rests on the grace and mercy of the Creator.

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assists the body to heal itself through its own natural healing processes, which ran against the conventional wisdom of the time which was that the doctor had to overcome Nature to achieve healing.”

“He founded the science of chemical pharmacology, divorced psychology from theology and demonology, and did pioneering work in the fields of occupational medicine, psychiatry and gynecology.”

“Having established his medical techniques and theories, he proceeded to promulgate them, severely attacking medical orthodoxy wherever he went. He obtained several decent positions during his lifetime, but due to his lack of formal academic credentials, his arrogance, his lack of patience, his coarse manners, his association with people of the lower classes, and his lack of social and political skills, he always ran afoul of the local elite and was soon forced to flee, despite his remarkable successes with his patients.” “His writings, which he dictated to his disciples, comprise most of what is known about the ancient Hermetic system of medicine. In *Philosophia Occulta* Paracelsus wrote that human beings have

two kinds of spirits - one is from the heaven, one from the nature, but they should follow their heavenly spirit in life. All diseases originate from salt, sulfur, or mercury, which correspond respectively to matter (body), soul, and spirit...Despite his obsession with alchemy, Paracelsus encouraged research, observation and experiment, and revolutionized medical methods. He was among the first to write scientific books for the public.”

“He was closer to the truth than Galen, whose books he burned in public, in ascribing disease to “infectious seeds” (one of the first suggestions that disease was localized) rather than an imbalance in the four humors. He therefore also rejected bloodletting. He rejected previous medical views, believing that “like” cures were required for “like” ailments. Paracelsus concluded that the purpose of alchemy should not be to produce gold, but to concoct medications to treat disease. He was the first to attempt to apply scientific principles towards medicine and was responsible for bringing alchemy and iatrochemistry together into the precursor of modern-day pharmacology...Like Newton, however, his revolutionary contributions

to science were accompanied by a seemingly incomprehensible adherence to mystical alchemical research.”

“He was the first physician to make use of the magnet and to explore the phenomenon of magnetism in relation to the human organism. On the basis of Hermetic principle of interrelationship he recognized the connection between psyche and the physical organism, and paved way for the work of Mesmer and subsequently Freud.”

Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843) who is generally accepted as the father of homeopathy built on the ideas of Paracelsus and developed homeopathic medication and treatment based on the idea that “like, cures like”. The important role of the “vital force”, an occult belief, that is activated through the process of shaking has its roots in Paracelsus’ schooling and influence of the people of his time and his delving into ancient occult religions.

It is understandable that medicine like many of the arts were at that time still influence by the dark ages, however, it is irreconcilable for homeopathy to still cling to these practices.
