

...To Cure, As It Is Termed

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Lindlahr, Nature Cure



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Naturopathic Principles

- Adopted by the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians in 1989
- Culmination of 3 years of meetings, interviews and discussions for the purpose of defining Naturopathic Medicine
- Consensus document involving all associations and agencies as well as over 1000 physicians



Naturopathic Principles

- The Healing Power of Nature
- Identify and Treat the Cause
- First Do No Harm
- Doctor as Teacher
- Treat the Whole Person
- Prevention



Physician as Philosopher

PHYSICIAN (from Nature)

This term once designated the natural philosopher, who was also the medical man; but when the investigation of nature was separated from the art of healing, the name 'physician' continued to designate the latter only, the former being obliged to seek some other distinctive title.

Dictionary of Medical Terms, 1865.



Laws of Healing

- Unique and individual concepts
- None contains or overlaps another
- Each describes an aspect of the vitalist view
- Taken together, a cogent whole philosophy
- Universally applicable



Doctrines of Naturopathic Medicine

- Viz Medicatrix Naturae
- Health as Balance
- Suppression
- Individualization
- Signature
- Minimum Dose
- Dual Effect



Doctrine of Vis Medicatrix Naturae

- The Healing Power of Nature is the inherent self-organizing and healing process of living systems which, establishes, maintains and restores health.
- Naturopathic medicine recognizes this healing process to be ordered and intelligent.



Doctrine of Vis Medicatrix Naturae

- It is the physician's role to support, facilitate and augment this process by:
 - identifying and removing obstacles to recovery of health and,
 - by supporting the creation of a healthy internal and external environment.



Magic of Nature

“.....under the magic of Nature’s ceaseless working, out of chaos and confusion order is unerringly restored.....”

Harry Campbell, M.D.,B.S., F.R.C.P. Lond.
The Lancet. Jan. 5, 1901



Doctrine of Health As Balance

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Doctrine of Health As Balance

Nothing of value can be added the normal
environment.

Spitler, Basic Naturopathy



Doctrine of Suppression

Treatments not in conformity with (the constructive principle in) Nature are inimical to the *Vis Medicatrix Naturae*, resulting in increased “effects of disease” on the organism, i.e.,

- Decreased vitality
- Abnormal composition of the blood and lymph
- Accumulation of waste matter, morbid materials and poisons



Doctrine of Suppression

Treatments which are in conformity with (the constructive principle in) Nature lead to restoration of balance, and by definition, elimination of symptoms.



Doctrine of Individualization

Things which disagree with some, are well borne by others; while on the contrary, if something were dangerous to all mankind, it would have the same effect on everybody, which is not true.

Hippocrates



Doctrine of Individualization

All (the) perceptible signs represent the disease in its whole extent, that is, together they form the true and only conceivable portrait of the disease.

Hahnemann, Paragraph 6, Organon of Medicine.



Doctrine of Individualization

- Constitutional types: Paracelsus, Hippocrates, Hahnemann, Rocine
- Genetotrophic Theory of Disease: Williams
- Nutrigenomics: Bland
- Genetics



Doctrine of Signatures

- First Law of Hermes: As above, so below
- And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- Crude matter...is but an expression of the Life Force, itself a manifestation of the Great Creative Intelligence which some call God, others Nature, the Oversoul, Brahma, Prana, The Great Spirit, etc., each according to his best understanding.



Doctrine of Signatures

- Concerning the Nature of Things, Book the Ninth – Signatures of Man
- All things are a manifestation of their inner essence.
- The physical is a reflection of higher levels on intelligence, organization, and energy.



Doctrine of Minimum Dose

- Die milde Macht ist gross. Hahnemann
- Less is More
- Suggests that the physician strives to use the least number of medicines in the smallest possible dose as infrequently as possible to encourage the desired outcome –restoration of health.
- The Elegance in Medicine



Doctrine of Compensation

- Also known as the Law of Dual Effect
- For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction
- Every agent affecting the human organism produces two effects: a first temporary effect, and a second, lasting effect.
- Allopathy versus Homeopathy



Summary of Doctrines

- Doctrine of Vis Medicatrix Naturae
- Doctrine of Health as Balance
- Doctrine of Suppression
- Doctrine of Individualization
- Doctrine of Signatures
- Doctrine of the Minimum Dose
- Doctrine of Compensation



More Philosophy

“ There are more things in heaven and earth,
Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.”

Wm Shakespeare
Hamlet, Act 1 Sc 5, Line 166



Philosophy of the Philosophy

- The Universe is:
 - Intelligent
 - Orderly
 - Benign
 - Purposeful



Paradigm

A Model

One's World View

Collective Assumptions

Kuhn, The Structure of Scientific
Revolutions, 1962



Paradigm Shift



Human Basophil degranulation triggered by very dilute antiserum against IgE.

Nature Vol 333 30 June 1988

Editorial Reservation

Readers of the this article may share the incredulity of the many referees who have commented on several versions of it during the past several months. The essence of the result is that an aqueous solution of an antibody retained its ability to evoke a biological response even when diluted to such an extent that there is a negligible chance of there being a single molecule in any sample. **There is no physical basis for such an activity.** With the kind collaboration of Professor Benveniste, *Nature* has therefore arranged for independent investigators to observe repetition of the experiments. A report of this investigation will appear shortly.



The Growing Body of “New” Evidence

- The Mind of God: The Scientific Basis for a Rational World. Paul Davies 1992
- The Physics of Immortality: Modern Cosmology, God and the Resurrection of the Dead. Frank J Tipler 1994
- God The Evidence: The Reconciliation of Faith and Reason in a Postsecular World. Patrick Glynn 1997
- Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge. Edward O Wilson, 1998



The Growing Body of “New” Evidence

- The Case for a Creator: The Scientific Evidence that Points Toward God. Lee Strobel, 2004
- The God Theory: Universes, Zero Point Fields and What’s Behind It All. Bernard Haisch, 2006
- The Field: The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe. Lynne McTaggart, 2008
- The Spontaneous Healing of Belief: Shattering the Paradigm of False Limits. Gregg Braden, 2008
- Fractal Time. Gregg Braden, 2009



Modern Science meets Ancient Knowledge

“Science has recently begun to prove what ancient myth and religion have always espoused: There may be such a thing as a life force.”

The Field: The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe.

Lynne McTaggart, 2008



Reductionism Meets Wholism

Many people find this extreme reductionist approach to life not only wrong but repulsive. I think, however, that their hostility is not to reductionism as such but to what they mistakenly believe to be the consequences of reductionism.

They are convinced that regarding people as machines would mean that people have no “free will, ” that there is no hope of individual life after death, that life itself is a totally insignificant part of “an overwhelmingly hostile universe.”



Reductionism Meets Wholism

In fact, the exact opposite is true. The very fact that humans are machines of a very special sort allows us to *prove* that we humans probably have free will, that we shall have life after death in an abode that closely resembles the Heaven of the great world religions, and that **life**, far from being insignificant, **can be regarded as the ultimate cause of the very existence of the universe itself.**

Tipler, The Physics of Immortality



Creation As Purpose

- There is only one purpose for all of life, and that is for you and all that lives to experience fullest glory. Everything you say, think, or do is attendant to that function. There is nothing else for your soul to do, and nothing else your soul *wants* to do.
- *The deepest secret is that life is not a process of discovery, but a process of creation.* You are not discovering yourself, but creating yourself anew. Seek, therefore, not to find out Who You Are, seek to determine Who You Want to Be.

Walsh, Conversations With God, Book I, 1995



The “New” Paradigm

- The Universe is intelligent, organized energy.
- Its holds all knowledge for all things for all time.
- There are a small number of knowable laws.
- The physical world is the manifestation of higher ordered intelligence.
- It is benign; beneficent. It is.
- Consciousness can be transformed but it can not die or end.
- The purpose of physical life is to experience creation of oneself.
- Conscious life is co creating the universe.



WHAT IS LIFE?

In our study of the cause and character of disease we must endeavor to begin at the beginning, and that is LIFE itself; for the processes of health, disease and cure are manifestations of that which we call life, vitality, life elements. While endeavoring to fathom the mystery of life we soon realize that we are dealing with an ultimate which no human mind is capable of solving or explaining.

We can study and understand life only in its manifestations not in its origin or real essence.



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The vitalistic conception of life regards the vital force as the primary force of all forces, coming from the great central source of all life. This force, which permeates, heats and animates the entire created universe, is an expression of divine intelligence and will, the “logos” the “word” of the great Creative Intelligence.



WHAT IS LIFE?

It is intelligent energy; otherwise it could not act with the same wonderful precision in the electrons of the atoms as in the suns and planets of the sidereal universe. This intelligent energy can have but one source: The will and the intelligence of the Creator. If this supreme Intelligence should withdraw its creative energy, the entire material universe, would disappear in the flash of a moment..



WHAT IS LIFE?

From this it appears that crude matter, instead of being the source of all life and its complicated mental and spiritual phenomenon is but an expression of the Life Force, itself a manifestation of the great Creative Intelligence which some call God, others Nature, the Oversoul, Brahma, Prana, The Great Spirit, etc., each according to his best understanding

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Higher Purpose

In the healthy condition of man, the spiritual vital force, the dynamis that animates the material body, rules with unbounded sway, and retains all the parts of the organism in admirable, harmonious, vital operation, as regards both sensations and functions, so that our indwelling, reason-gifted mind can freely employ this living healthy instrument for the higher purposes of our existence.

Hahnemann, Paragraph 9, Organon of Medicine.



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