

## OUTLINE OF THE PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGONE INSTITUTE

The activities of the Orgone Institute comprise three distinct fields: I. Research; II. Teaching; and III. Organization. For the experiments, methods and results reference is made to the publications of the Institute.

### I. RESEARCH

#### 1. *Orgone physics and Orgone biophysics.*

This work is devoted to the experimental and theoretical investigation of the orgone energy. It is organized in a special subdivision of the Institute, the *Orgone Institute Laboratories*, comprising a mechanical workshop and an experimental physical laboratory. The latter is equipped with high-power microscopes, galvanometers, Xray apparatus, electrosopes, apparatus for microphotography, both still and movie, complete bacteriological laboratory, apparatus for photometry, secondary coil systems, telescope, projection apparatus, etc., and devices specially constructed for the study of the orgone energy, such as orgone accumulators, apparatus for measuring the orgone field, orgonoscopes, etc.

The orgone energy represents an entirely new, hitherto unknown type of energy. Its study, thus, presents three main tasks: Observation and study of the orgone energy as such; the relations of the orgone energy to electromagnetism and problems of astronomy; and the relation of the orgone energy to living matter. Accordingly, the following studies are being conducted:

a) Continuous investigation of the binous, vesicular structure of disintegrating matter, living as well as non-living, and

its changes from non-living to living, and from living to non-living state.

b) Continuous microscopic and microphotographic study of the organization of micro-organisms from orgone energy vesicles, special attention being paid to basically similar processes in cancerous tissues.

c) Investigation of the properties of the atmospheric orgone energy in its relations to so-called static electricity, to light, heat, weather formation, etc.

d) Formulation of the natural laws according to which the cosmic orgone energy functions. The main problem here is the question whether the basic functional characteristic of the orgone, *pulsation* (i.e., alternating expansion and contraction), which is clearly demonstrable in living matter, also functions in non-living nature (*orgonometry*).

The archives of the Institute contain approximately 2,000 meters of microfilm recording some of the findings.

#### 2. *Orgone-physical research in the field of the biopathies, that is, the biopsychiatric diseases due to stasis of biological (sexual) energy.*

This branch of the work is organized in the *Orgone and Cancer Research Laboratory*. Experimental orgone-physical research in cancer has been carried on for some ten years. The cancer biopathy came to be the center of this work because of its psychosomatic structure which connects it with every branch of natural science, thus promising to lead to a unification and integration of scientific effort. Although the work is centered on the study and the prevention of the carcinomatous shrinking biopathy, other biopathies, such as functional heart disease and emotional disorder-

ders, are also within the scope of our research. This research is done by means of the three basic techniques which enable us to investigate and practically handle biological energy: *character-analysis*, *vegetotherapy*, and *orgone therapy*.

The biophysical causes and mechanisms of many biopathies are as yet unknown. The experimental patients come, as a rule, with the consent or on the recommendation of their own physicians. During the past 4 years, 43 patients with biopathic diseases were under experimental research and treatment; among these, there were 26 with cancer biopathies. Before the orgone experiments on human biopathies were begun in 1941, extensive work on animals had been done since 1936. The fact that the application of the orgone energy is in no way harmful has been established beyond any doubt. Before 1939, over 600 mice were experimentally treated with orgone in Europe, and about 250 between 1939 and 1941 in the U.S.A. All the scientific workers of the Laboratory and most of the co-workers of the Institute use the orgone accumulator themselves. The biological effects of the orgone energy are constantly checked by standard tests as well as by blood tests specifically designed for the purpose. Between 1941 and 1944, a total of about 500 tests have been made, including tests for an early diagnosis of the cancer biopathy. (About 400 of these tests were made free of charge).

Between December 1942 and October 1944, a total of 45 orgone accumulators were put in use for experimental purposes at the homes of co-workers, students and patients; the latter were mostly cancer patients whose prognosis had been declared to be hopeless. 13 of these accumulators were distributed free of charge to people unable to pay the rental fee. This fee, which goes to the Orgone Research Fund, is very small and serves only to defray some of the costs of the experimen-

tal work. During the period between September 1939 and June 1944, eight assistants have done about 18,000 hours of laboratory work. This does not include the work of the research director. At present, six people (of whom four are on the payroll) work in the research department of the Institute: the research director, two assistants for bion research, an assistant in the physical laboratory, an assistant in theoretical psychosomatic medicine, and the manager of the workshop. Consultations have been given free of charge.

During the past 2 years, an experimental orgone-biophysical laboratory was established in Tel Aviv, Palestine, under Walter Hoppe, M.D. This laboratory, which maintains close contact with the New York Institute, has already made a series of important findings in the experimental orgone therapy of organic diseases. Dr. Hoppe recently published an account of his experiences in a Palestine newspaper.

## II. TEACHING

Whereas the research work described under (I) is mainly pioneer work in this new field of natural science, the teaching activities of the Orgone Institute are centered on the well-established and confirmed body of knowledge known as *clinical and social sex-economy*. With regard to this, reference is again made to the publications of the Institute. In the fall of 1944, certain aspects of experimental orgone physics were also tentatively included in the educational program of the Institute.

Since the Institute, in its teaching activities, stresses quality rather than quantity, the total of graduate and post-graduate students since 1941 has been only 25. The main fields of study were *Education* (specifically, sex-economy and character formation in childhood and puberty); *Medicine* (medical application of character-analysis, vegetotherapy and orgone therapy); *Biology* (as an indispensable

background for all other fields of study); *Vegetotherapeutic gymnastics*; *Social sex-economy*; and *Social mental hygiene*. In the latter, special attention is paid to the central problem of the social chaos of today: *human irrationalism* as exemplified in the blind submission of masses of people to dictatorial authority.

Most of the students of the Orgone Institute are already established as professional workers in some field, in medical, educational or other social practice, while others are preparing for such professions.

The Institute accepts college students as well as post-graduates for education in orgone biophysics. However, in order to be admitted to the special courses in orgone biophysics, they have to meet the following qualifications:

1. They must have absolved, or be engaged in, a course in some special field of study at a recognized institution of higher education. A kindergarten teacher or social worker, for example, before being permitted to apply in his or her field the special knowledge acquired at our Institute, must not only have passed the examinations in his or her special field, but must have absolved courses, at recognized institutions, in biology, anatomy and physiology.

2. The student must have undergone a character-analysis of sufficient duration to bring about the necessary alteration in character structure. The future worker, in whatever practical or theoretical field he may choose, must be free from emotional disturbances at least to such an extent that irrational reactions do not endanger him or his work on human beings. He must be *sexually healthy* in the sex-economic sense of the word, free from pornographic tendencies and irrational ascetic demands.

3. The clinical and theoretical ground-work is done under supervision for at least 2 years, longer if necessary. This supervisory work is done by highly trained

and experienced specialists in our field, in the form of seminars and discussions of practical case work and the fundamental methods on which the work is based.

4. Special, intensive, seminar work is concerned with the typical lack of *co-ordination* of knowledge on the part of the students. The kindergarten teacher, for example, must become able to connect his or her observations and practical work with natural-scientific as well as sociological facts. The medical vegetotherapist must not only be skillful in handling biopathic diseases, but he must also be able to see the general social as well as the biophysical background of the individual disease picture with which he is dealing. The emphasis in all studies is on *prevention rather than cure of disease*.

The course of study in sex-economy and orgone biophysics thus requires in each case a period of from 3 to 5 years. The Institute does not confer any special degrees, but it keeps, as well as possible, a check on the practical activities of the student who has specialized in some branch of social endeavor.

During the past 3 years, the teaching at the Institute was done by only two professors and two instructors. Recently, however, a special seminar was established to educate teachers in our field from among the present students. (The main body of well-trained teachers of the International Institute are living and working in Europe).

### III. ORGANIZATION

1. In 1942, the Institute established, and registered with the authorities, the ORGONE RESEARCH FUND which handles the financial matters. The income of the Orgone Research Fund consists mainly of tuition fees, of gifts, and of contributions for the use of orgone accumulators and for tests. It is to be expected that the use of orgone accumulators will become more wide-

spread and thus will contribute more to the financial support of the Institute than it does now. In the interest of the financial future of the Institute, Wilhelm Reich has renounced any financial rights deriving from the orgone accumulators. In order to exclude private profit-making, a patent application for the orgone accumulator has been filed. Wilhelm Reich's renunciation of financial interest goes with only one proviso: *that the public, through its various agencies, takes its share of economic responsibility for the further development of orgone research.*

The expenses of the Institute at present far exceed its income. For example, during the period of September 1943 to September 1944, the total income from seminar tuitions, contributions and gifts was

\$10,480.50

The expenses were 26,224.66

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leaving a deficit of \$15,744.16

This deficit was made up from the income earned by work of Wilhelm Reich which

was paid not to him but to the Orgone Research Fund.

2. *Publications.* In 1941, the Orgone Institute organized its own publishing house, the ORGONE INSTITUTE PRESS, which publishes books and the official organ of the international organization, the *International Journal of Sex-economy and Orgone-Research*. The Orgone Institute Press is financed partly by private contributions, partly by the sale of books and Journals, and partly by the Orgone Research Fund.

3. The research and teaching director of the Institute, Wilhelm Reich, is also director of the International Institute for Sex-economy and Orgone-Research, with branches in several European countries. The connection with some of these branches has been interrupted by the war, while other international connections have been maintained. A report on the European co-workers of the Institute will be published as soon as the necessary contacts can be established.

## **Projeto Arte Org**

### **Redescobrimo e reinterpretando W. Reich**

Caro Leitor

Infelizmente, no que se refere a orgonomia, seguir os passos de Wilhelm Reich e de sua equipe de investigadores é uma questão bastante difícil, polêmica e contraditória, cheia de diferentes interpretações que mais confundem do que ajudam.

Por isto, nós decidimos trabalhar com o material bibliográfico presente nos microfimes (Wilhelm Reich Collected Works Microfilms) em forma de PDF, disponibilizados por Eva Reich que já se encontra circulado pela internet, e que abarca o desenvolvimento da orgonomia de 1941 a 1957.

Dividimos este “material” de acordo com as revistas publicadas pelo instituto de orgonomia do qual o Reich era o diretor.

01- International Journal of Sex Economy and Orgone Research (1942-1945).

02- Orgone Energy Bulletin (1949-1953)

03- CORE Cosmic Orgone Engineering (1954-1956)

E logo dividimos estas revistas de acordo com seus artigos, apresentando-os de forma separada (em PDF), o que facilita a organizá-los por assunto ou temas.

Assim, cada qual pode seguir o rumo de suas leituras de acordo com os temas de seu interesse.

Todo o material estará disponível em inglês na nuvem e poderá ser acessado a partir de nossas páginas Web.

Sendo que nosso intuito aqui é simplesmente divulgar a orgonomia, e as questões que a ela se refere, de acordo com o próprio Reich e seus colaboradores diretos relativos e restritos ao tempo e momento do próprio Reich.

Quanto ao caminho e as postulações de cada um destes colaboradores depois da morte de Reich, já é uma questão que extrapola nossas possibilidades e nossos interesses. Sendo que aqui somente podemos ser responsáveis por nós mesmos e com muitas restrições.

Alguns destes artigos, de acordo com nossas possibilidades e interesse, já estamos traduzindo.

Não somos tradutores especializados e, portanto, pedimos a sua compreensão para possíveis erros que venham a encontrar.

Em nome da comunidade Arte Org.

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