FROM RECENT REVIEWS


"Sexual pathology is the central theme in this study of cancer which is looked upon as a general disease with local manifestation in a tumor . . . While the theories in this book may seem fantastic, they are not to be cast aside lightly. The postulates are capable of verification or the opposite, and should be studied in detail before being rejected. The riddle of cancer is not yet solved, and the theory that it is a general disease with local manifestations has much in its favor. Readers who try to keep abreast with current trends, such as the Kinsey report, will not be greatly surprised at Dr. Reich's new angle on sex. He has been trying to take the fear out of this emotionally charged subject for many years; to dissipate the secret anxieties and guilt feelings which he believes are the background of many diseases . . .

This present text deals with the role of sex in the development of cancer. Those who thrive on the exploration of anxiety and guilt have already attacked Dr. Reich's theory, but every progressive physician will want to familiarize himself with it."

Electronic Medical Digest, Autumn, 1948

In an article, "New Light on the Cancer Problem," by Dr. Francis L. Regardie, in the same publication, same issue, we read the following:

"Recently a new book has come my way which confirms as well as amplifies some of the empirically demonstrated electronic concepts of biological phenomena from a startlingly new point of view. It is The Cancer Biopathy by Wilhelm Reich, M.D., who ... developed many highly significant concepts and practices which are worthy of note . . . Although educated as an orthodox medical man, Wilhelm Reich is no passive adherent of traditional allopathic viewpoints. Even the bacteriological content of science receives hard experimental blows from him, of the kind that corroborate the viewpoint that bacteria may develop from other more primitive forms in living tissue, autogenously, through degeneration of body cells. He affirms that the typical cancer spindle or caudate cell is a protozoal growth from disintegrating tissue which has suffered previous suffocation and disturbance in vital
function... A feature of any good piece of research is that it permits previously discovered but disorganized facts to be fitted into the framework of a new theory. Some of Reich's experiments throw a great deal of light on some curious but not disproved research done decades ago by Reichenbach. Reichenbach claimed to have discovered a vital emanation from living organisms and from some inanimate objects. He called this 'Od.' This emanation is noticed by Reich as one of the characteristics of the 'bion' which he believes to be the vital vesicle carrying life, and which he describes as having a blue shimmer... Whether or not the research work described in The Cancer Biopathy will be accepted by orthodox medicine in general and by the cancer research foundations in particular, they can profit by reading about it and by attempting to reproduce it. I doubt that anyone will do anything about it because it runs so violently counter to traditional medical views, and to orthodox experimental routines and procedures... Significantly enough, Reich is no blind over-optimistic fanatic who believes his 'orgone' theory will transform overnight the world of pathology. He is not only a psychiatrist but a man of keen sociological insight, recognizing the innumerable defects in our social structure that have developed our present-day mechanistic, industrialized, antibiological way of life. Against this setup he directs the full force of his heavy artillery—with telling effect... It appears to me that all types of therapy stand to benefit by further detailed investigation of the extraordinary concepts developed in The Cancer Biopathy."

While this article gives a true picture of orgonomic cancer research, it does not come to grips with the essential significance of the discovery of the cosmic orgone energy, and, as a result, with the basic difference between orgonomy and electronics.

LISTEN, LITTLE MAN! A Document from the Archives of the Orgone Institute.

"Every day millions of people read their newspapers and shake their heads. The condition of the world is certainly grave. Dr. Reich, after many years of psychiatric experience, has written an essay in popular education which tells them in effect to stop thinking about the world and start thinking about themselves. Responsibility for general conditions rests squarely upon you and me, he tells us; if the times are out of joint it is because of our own profound destructiveness... It tells us something that we all can afford to hear and it tells us with an energy that might have been hampered by scientific restraint. It is as if a psychiatrist, fed up with our evasions, had decided to let us have it. William Steig's imaginative drawings add a new dimension to the text: they deserve a review of their own as among the best illustrations of the year. I hope they will entice many Little Men to read about themselves, especially those Little Men in politics who are building our future on the Common Man."

GERALD SYKES, New York Times, 31 October, 1948

"It was not intended for publication, but in its published form it is an interesting, challenging book, with fitting illustrations by William Steig. It amounts to a telling, pointed lecture to the human race, most of which unfortunately will not believe it, though it is manifestly truthful to every reader who is aware... A clerical friend who read the book thought it blasphemous, believed it ought to be suppressed. On the contrary, it ought to be made required reading."

AUGUST DERLETH, Capital Times, Madison, Wisc., 3 December, 1948

Editor's note: The term, "Little Man," is often misunderstood. It denotes a certain charaterological behavior, and not an economic or social position. In the light of this definition, a dictator is a microscopically little man, whereas our caretaker at Orgone is a great man.

THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION, by Wilhelm Reich.

Apology and Retraction

"A review of THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION in the October, 1945, number of this Quarterly labelled Wilhelm Reich by reporting that when he arrived in this country after fleeing Norway as a refugee from the Nazis, his admission was delayed while the federal government investigated charges of immorality. Dr. Wolfe, Dr. Reich's translator and editor of the Reich school's publication, The International Journal of Sex-Economy and Orgone Research, has called the attention of The Quarterly to the fact that this report was a
complete fabrication, with no basis whatever in fact; Dr. Reich’s admission to this country was not delayed; there were no such charges against him; and Dr. Wolfe, who met him at the pier, tells The Quarterly that there was no untoward incident whatever. The Quarterly wishes to extend its formal apologies to Dr. Reich and the personal apologies of the reviewer. How the reviewer concocted this fabrication is a piece of psychopathology which need not be discussed here; he believed, and so assured the editor, that he had seen this imaginary incident reported in Dr. Reich’s own journal. Furthermore, his conscious intent in setting it down was sympathy for Dr. Reich, who has been the victim for years of vicious Nazi persecution, he believed he was reporting an incident inspired by that persecution.

“Dr. Reich’s views are revolutionary in the psychiatric, social and biological fields. His opponents are legion. The validity of any or all of his tenets or of those who differ with him is not in question here at all. Many of his bitterest opponents would be among the first to concede his brilliance, his scientific integrity and his great personal courage in upholding dangerously unpopular social and scientific theses. This note is added to the reviewer’s apology for the imaginary immorality charges because it was not apparent to Dr. Wolfe and may not have been to other readers that reference to the conflicts Reich arouses was intended to be sympathetic. The reviewer’s note that The Sexual Revolution was a ‘fascinating demonstration of how to make enemies and enrage people’ suggests to Dr. Wolfe that Reich was being pictured as a sort of Dale Carnegie in reverse. That was, indeed, the reviewer’s intent; and he considered that he was paying Reich a compliment; there is hardly a person from priest to psychoanalyst, or from Communist to ‘economic royalist,’ who would not find at least one belief, tenet, complex, idea or personal irrationality outraged by this book; and many, in addition, will fail to understand the book and will conclude that Reich is advocating unchecked and immediate ‘free love,’ something he most plainly and most emphatically not only does not advocate but strongly warns against. Reich has been and still is a tireless and courageous fighter for human freedom, as he sees it, in the most troubled times western civilization has ever known; and, if there is humiliation in an apology, there is some compensating pleasure in the opportunity to pay tribute to an outstanding figure in psychiatry who—right or wrong in his views—has never ceased to battle for what he holds to be the rights of man. But Reich has broken far more taboos than his great teacher, Freud; of course, people become hostile and enraged at his extremely frank discussions of tabooed material; few personalities are organized well enough even to consider calmly, let alone accept, such revolutionary views as his on psychiatry, sexuality and orgone-biophysics. And this, this reviewer thinks, is all to the credit of Reich.”

The Psychiatric Quarterly, January 1946

“This book is an examination of sexual morality, its purpose and its contradictions; an analysis of the arguments for and against compulsive morality, an examination of the social function and political purpose of sexual repression; a collection of facts showing the possibility of natural self-regulation in order to overcome the sexual chaos of our age. Drawing upon a vast amount of clinical experience, Reich shows that the healthy individual has no compulsive morality, because he has no impulses which call for moral inhibition. To the patient who has been restored to full genital health, intercourse with a prostitute becomes impossible; sadistic fantasies disappear; and incestuous fixations lose their interest. ‘All this points to the fact that the organism is capable of self-regulation.’ Reich opposes the view that a free sexuality is incompatible with culture and work, and shows in detail the fallacies contained in this argument. He puts forward the right of adolescents to their own sex life and shows the biological and psychological need for it. His description of the sexual misery of people in general, and of youth in particular, is the clearest and most moving account of present-day sexual conditions that has ever been written. He issues a challenging appeal on behalf of youth, and demands that the right to a full love-life be guaranteed by society . . . Here is a book on sex which is a unique exposition of the scientific and rational attitude toward human problems. It is a book with revolutionary conclusions, a book that deserves to be widely read. Not a gospel of ‘free love,’ but an analysis of the causes of the bondage of love in our age, showing why love cannot be ‘free’ under the conditions in which we live. Reich smashes the moralists’ arguments to bits in a detailed step by step criticism. There have been many attempts at criticism of morality,
EMOTIONAL PLAGUE VERSUS ORGONE BIOPHYSICS, by Theodore P. Wolfe.

"It is nearly inevitable that new ideas should produce hostile reactions, especially from quarters which are threatened by such ideas. New ideas in the field of sex are especially apt to provoke such reactions, in which hostile fear and anger take the place of judgment and reason... But although one expects this, it is impossible not to be disgusted on each new occasion by the forms such attacks take—their meanness and pettiness, their unconcern for truth, their use of any and every trick for smearing the sex reformer, their indifference to the sometimes tragic result of their foul polemics... Brady's article has been copied in various forms, often with additional embroidery of their own, by other smear writers... More important still, however, is the fact that her scarcely veiled insinuations that Reich is a charlatan who does very well out of a 'sex racket,' have been the starting point for an investigation by a government department, the Food and Drug Administration. This claims to be an independent investigation, but Dr. Wolfe is able to show that every question asked is based on the slanderous allegations of Brady. Thus, an irresponsible magazine article has been the starting point for a campaign which serious research workers have to take time for refuting, and which may well jeopardize the whole work which Reich has set in motion... Dr. Wolfe points out that all this campaign is part of the response of irrationalism, of the emotional plague, which cripples the emotional and sexual life of civilized man. It is not proper to stand by and just watch such campaigns carry on with their smearing of honest work. We have given some account of Reich's work in relation to sexual attitudes because this work seems to us immensely important. We have made no comments on the biological, and more specifically biophysical, aspects of it because we are not competent to pass judgments in this field. Like Dr. Wolfe, we insist that Reich's detractors among the yellow journalists and
Projeto Arte Org
Redescobrindo 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 microfilmes (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.
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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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