MY FIRST EXPERIENCES WITH THE ORGONE ACCUMULATOR

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When the first orgone accumulator was built I felt some doubts: Will the accumulator, I asked myself, show the effects which Reich describes? I felt somewhat like A. S. Neill: those aspects of Reich's work which I felt myself able to judge gave me confidence in those contentions and experiments which I was unable to judge. As a psychologist and physician I could follow Reich a long way, and the guiding line of sex-economy and orgone research, "the identity of antitheses," was familiar to me. Thus I soon came to understand that professional and lay people, steeped in mechanistic and irrational thinking, and splitting up psyche and soma, spirit and nature, are incapable of experiencing their unity and identity. I was thus not astonished to find that most professional people displayed a suspicious or inimical attitude toward Reich's work. I was struck, nevertheless, when reputable physicians, who were incapable of any factual criticism, preferred to let their patients with inoperable cancer die rather than to undertake even an experiment with orgone therapy. I also may mention a typical discussion with a psychoanalyst. "I wouldn't act any differently," he said, "after all, a physician cannot risk being considered a charlatan, and he would be, because the orgone accumulator is not officially recognised." When I pointed out that such opportunism makes any scientific progress impossible, he admitted that, true, this attitude on the part of the physicians was wrong, but, he said, it was psychologically understandable.

My initial doubts disappeared with the first experimental observations. The observations of prickling sensations and slight rise in body temperature were readily confirmed. Immediately, the sceptical critics pointed to the possibility of suggestion and reminded me of Christian Science. However, the possibility of suggestion was ruled out in a number of people who knew nothing of these reactions beforehand and who spontaneously reported the prickling sensations.

I myself was my first experimental patient, when I used the accumulator after a minor operation. The surgeon was at first surprised at the rapidity of the healing process. When I told him about my orgone experiment, however, he suddenly found it "normal" and nothing to be astonished about. My second experiment was made with a child who presented a number of cutaneous abscesses. Even after only one treatment the abscesses receded, and after five further treatments they had completely disappeared. The pediatrician could not deny the effect, but he denied the connection with the orgone irradiation, because if the orgone effect were a fact, he argued, it would be known all over the world. In the meantime, the child developed some new abscesses; again, they began to recede rapidly after the first orgone treatment.

In most patients who were underweight, orgone treatment led, in a relatively short time, to an increase in weight, improved appetite and better blood circulation in the skin. In anemic patients, the hemoglobin content and the number of erythrocytes increased. The B-reaction as described by Reich could be observed in all cases.

In all people who used the accumulator regularly over a considerable period of time I was able to observe that colds were completely absent or appeared only in a very light form.

My experiences with severe biopathies
are as yet few. A patient with carcinoma of the liver in the last stages could not be saved from death, although at first there was considerable symptomatological improvement. The same was the case with a rare form of tumor, a progressed pseudomyxoma. One patient with a severe cardiovascular disturbance, when he felt strong enough, undertook, against medical advice, a long walk under a tropical midday sun which resulted in a relapse.

I would like to mention the case of a 5-months-old infant. The mother used the orgone accumulator during the whole period of pregnancy, with excellent results for both mother and child. The child, who still receives daily orgone treatment, is very vigorous and shows a strikingly good blood circulation in the skin. Thus far, it has not suffered a single cold, intestinal disturbance or other disease; for this, the self-regulation of the child is undoubtedly also responsible.

In summary, I would say that one might try to interpret away individual positive results by other explanations, but that the results in their totality, in complete accordance with Reich’s observations, speak an unequivocal language.
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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.

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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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