THE MEDICAL DOR-BUSTER
(1942-1955)

Part One

THE EMOTIONAL DESERT

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1. Introduction:

Attempts at a natural scientific formulation of medical and psychiatric functions must be based upon reliable criteria of judgment. Such a statement would have sounded banal only half a century ago. However, with the beneficial effects of what may be termed democratization of science and medicine, went unpermissible abuse of clean method in thinking and experiment. In the realm of psychiatry, two opposite directions had developed from the old dichotomy between the "meaning" and the "energy functions" of disease. To many psychologists and psychotherapists it seems to be unclear that an "opinion" or an "idea" about a symptom or a disease picture is in no way a scientific statement. "Scientific" here has nothing to do with a self-centered scholasticism. It means integration of various criteria for the security of our judgments against error and against uncontrollable opining. Let us, while taking the development of character analysis from 1924 to 1955 as an
adequate object of such judgment, summarize briefly a few of the indispensable criteria of sound judgment. This will be necessary since the final changes in medicine will be quite radical.

The first requirement is full orientation about the realm under investigation. A flyer must know first of all whether he is piloting a piper cub or a jet plane. A chemist, if he claims the distinction of being "scientific," must know that his realm is confined to the analysis of dead matter. He would inevitably go wrong and cause much damage, if in a position of authority, were he unwise enough to judge matters of psychiatry of the insane. In this volume, the red thread of our inquiry was not oriented according to the ideas in disease but exclusively according to the energy functions. The first groping attempts to come to grips with the "character" of a person were methodically clear as to the moral approach. In putting aside ethical judgment of what is considered "good" or "bad," an entirely different measure of orientation was substituted: the energy functions active in the organism under all circumstances. Variations of these energy functions, the economy of energy charge and discharge, the "energy equilibrium" and the pathological "energy household" were centered around the assumption that there existed a concrete biological energy, the Life Energy. This energy was at first hypothetically assumed to govern both functions of the soma and of the mind in the common functioning principle of the bio-energetic core of the organism. With this functional innovation in our approach to disease, we escaped the fatal pitfalls of both mechanistic rigidities of thinking as well as the mystical, merely psychological, baseless ideas about what is healthy and what is not. "Character" thus became a term of bio-energetics. It comprised both the somatic, mechanical as well as the realm of ideas. "Emotional," too, was no longer something "psychic." It is the motion of energy potentials in the organism. "Libido stasis," always conceived as the physiological element in mental disease, came more and more to mean stagnant, immobilized bio-energy. The technique of character analysis aimed basically at mobilizing the stagnant energy contained in the armor in the "middle layer" of the character structure. The "principle of energy withdrawal" governed the total effort of cure. By withdrawing energy from the disease symptoms, at first only of the psychic ones, it was possible to achieve dissolution of the ideas which constituted the compulsive idea or the phobic structure. "Withdrawal of energy" meant loss of energy in one place, but it also meant increase of the energy level in other places or functions of the living organism. The better the result in the withdrawal of energy from rigidities, muscular armor, symptoms, the more alive and mobile became the organism, until the "contact anxiety," in the genital sphere, "orgasm anxiety," emerged as the last major obstacle to the establishment of the equilibrium in the organicism energy household.

2. The Principle of Energy Withdrawal with the Cloudbuster (1952):

The principle of "energy withdrawal" was first established around 1924, slowly replacing the method of destroying symptoms by way of association. In 1952, 28 years later, several of the old familiar functions of character analysis turned up, quite unexpectedly, but logically on firm ground during the great DOR emergency at Oranom. For more than two years during the Oranom experiment, beginning in January, 1951, our survival at Oranom depended upon "drawing off the DOR clouds," which gathered and hovered over Oranom, into a well or a lake. We met again with the principle of energy withdrawal, this time not in the realm of bio-energetics but in the realm of non-living nature.

DOR energy soon was recognized as immobilized, or stalemate atmospheric Life Energy. Early in 1952, several persons at Oranom observed an excitation of the natural, bluish or energy surrounding the blackish, nauseating, depressing DOR clouds. It was obvious that unaffected or energy became somehow highly excited by the presence of the DOR clouds; also it seemed to encircle the deadly DOR.

When pipes, connected with a well or the lake, (see DOR Removal and Cloud-Busting, DOR, 1952) were pointed toward the DOR cloud, it began slowly to shrink from the periphery toward the center, the normal blue extended further toward the formerly blackish realm, until the DOR clouds vanished completely. Thereupon, the high excitation of blue or energy seemed to abate. The symptoms of nausea and oppression, too, vanished in the observer.

The observation was in agreement with the fact that in the Oranom reaction it was the surrounding atmospheric energy, and not the nuclear material, which sent the Geiger Counter soaring to 100,000 counts per minute and more.

In both cases, the natural, well-functioning Life Energy reacted with severe excitation to the presence of immobilized, stale, deadly Life Energy. However, immobilized energy is not inactive energy. When
an organism dies, i.e., ceases to function as an integrated unit, it begins to decay, i.e., it loses its energy level; the energetic system disintegrates into smaller functional units down to rot bacteria and the ultimate T-bacilli.

This activity of the immobilized energy unit going stale is the factor that irritates the main normally-functioning energetic system. The first response on the part of the total organism to this type of irritation is what we must, in a broader sense, call the sequestration of the diseased part; "disease" here means the isolation or exclusion of the diseased part from the integrated whole. The sequestration is the visible result of this basic isolation of the diseased part or organ.

3. OR versus DOR in Medical Pathology:

Let us now summarize a few typical examples from well-known medical pathology which demonstrate the sequestration of disease on the part of the well-functioning whole:

Rise in temperature in infectious disease is the immediate expression of an excitation of the organicotic energy system, its activation for sequestration on a higher level of functioning.

Local inflammation is basically the same kind of process, no matter what kind of irritating stimulus is involved: the intrusion of a splinter, an acute local infection, an injury of whatever mechanical kind, etc. We know that the reactive fever is a sign of the life force fighting the disease. Functional fever is, too, a reaction of the organismic life energy to a disturbance of its integrity.

There are two well-known borderlines which must not be overstepped lest the organism as a whole perish: one is the over-excitation beyond a certain measurable temperature level, varying with the species, the other is a too weak reaction which permits the invader to spread its deleterious effects even till death of the whole. In the first case the organism perishes from its own excessive reaction. In the second case it perishes from being overwhelmed by the noxious agents, no matter whether in the form of sepsis, gangrene, cancer dissemination ("cancerosis") or similar processes. The common denominator is failing sequestration with subsequent disintegration of the unity of organs.

The function of cure thus seems to depend entirely upon a balance in the struggle between the noxious invader and the reacting sequestration. Too much sequestration, in other words using all of the body's energy reserves in the combat of the invader, will deplete the organism of energy necessary for its own use. Too weak, too little or incomplete sequestration will permit the invader to immobilize the organism piece by piece. We shall later realize how this functioning is applicable to the combat of the Emotional Plague.

In the process of inflammation white blood cells multiply rapidly and pour into the diseased region, surrounding and permeating completely the sequestered part. In the process of immunity the organism has been forewarned by a mild attack, still innocuous, of the true nature of the invader. The Life Energy has become "used" or "accustomed" to the danger. In case of a repeat attack it would know much better how to sequester the invader.

In all these cases and in many others of a similar nature the living organism perpetuated its totality and integration of organs by exclusion of the dissenting part which was not strong enough or was unfortunate to succumb to the first steps toward death. Death is at first locally confined, but in every case potentially capable and directed to destroy the total organism.

We may with good reason assume that wherever a disease afflicts an organ before it afflicts the total organism, the pertinent part of or energy has changed into a certain amount of immobilized, stallemated energy. The unity, totality of the organism, has been punctured, as it were. The edema which so typically accompanies inflammation of the liver, an inflamed tooth, a cancerous tumor of the stomach or even puffiness after too much drinking are vivid expressions and direct witnesses to the immobilization of life energy in the diseased part. Edema comes about by cessation of circulation of fluid; this cessation is the direct result of immobilization of the moving force, the organismic orgone energy. Thus, the movement of the Life Energy in the organism appears as the common denominator of the mechanical movement of organ and fluids, of the integration of the organs into the functional totality of what we call organism.

We shall now take a step further into this interesting territory of functional medicine. We must ask how immobilized life energy, called DOR, appears to our eyes when examining the diseased organism directly, not only by mere influence from such functions as inflammation or immunization or edema. These are secondary manifestations. There must be primary ones.

Let us first distinguish DOR as the massfree energy form of stale-

* There is also another approach to understanding edema, ascites, etc.
mated Life Energy from MELANOR as the material, substantial form of immobilized life energy.

In order to comprehend well-known phenomena in the microscope and in clinical examination in terms of these functions of primary life, we must remind ourselves of what we already know about MELANOR and DOR from atmospheric or energy research.

The functional interrelation of atmosphere and organism is obvious. The living organism depends on the atmosphere for oxygen, water vapor, water, for the elimination of carbon dioxide; it depends first of all on the presence of Life Energy (the problem of life in the desert is a special one). Finally the basic constituents of life as well as of atmosphere are; it cannot be repeated often enough, the same; O, H, C and N. There can therefore be little hesitation to link up the living organism with the atmosphere and the outer crust of the earth much more closely than merely chemically-oriented medicine was capable of doing heretofore.

To the free-moving, pulsating, lumina
ting Life Energy in both the organism and in outer nature we must attribute the crucial role of maintaining life. Water and rain in the desert are useless unless there is energy active to make the soil absorb and hold the fluid, just as water and oxygen are useless for an organism which has lost or energy in a sinking or energy potential sufficient to make it impossible to hold water, to continue the metabolism of \( \text{O}_2 - \text{CO}_2 \). Thus the functional view supersedes the mechanical view in medicine on mere observational grounds.

4. Sequestration of DOR in Living and Non-Living Nature:

We shall not be surprised to learn that the same principle of sequestration of the invading disturber of the integrity of the organism holds true in non-living nature, too, in the formation of "dustdevils," tornadoes and similar disturbances of the atmosphere. DOR clouds are encircled by highly excited or energy. When drawing fresh or energy from the west or southwest, whirling air currents develop, similar to the "dustdevils" in deserts and in regions developing into desert. The atmospheric Geiger reaction may reach 100,000 and more counts per minute, as a sure sign of high excitation in the atmospheric energy. It is as if the atmosphere were feverish. Strong winds usually in the form of sudden gusts develop, driving blackish, dirty-looking clouds ahead of themselves. These whirlwinds stir up dust; therefrom stems the term "dust" devil. But this has really little to do with "dust." It is the reaction of an excited atmospheric energy to the deadly, stale gas that kills life. The whirl may develop into a true dust storm or into a veritable tornado. The reasons for the different consequences in strength and form are still obscure. But the common principle is clear: sequestration and elimination of the stale intruder into an integral system. It makes no difference whether the intruder is coming from outside or has become a foreign body by decay or by separation from the totality of the system.

It would be dangerous now to draw the conclusion that any "disturbing" element in social affairs, too, should be "lawfully" sequestered and expelled. We are still suffering from the ugly misinterpretation of the Darwinian principle of the "struggle for survival" as a biological excuse for predatory social behavior. However, it is clear that what is meant here as "intruder" is only a life negative, deadly element which threatens the safe existence of the total organism. The appearance of the reproductive cells is life negative, although these cells are certainly intruders in adolescence, disturbing the peace and quiet of the home or the community if disregarded as crucial development.

It is a basic characteristic of life-positive functions which develop anew within a well-balanced organism that they are being integrated organically into the total organism. This is true for the embryonic development where the integrating organ function of the organism keeps its unity together in the orderliness and functional lawfulness of the sequence and extensiveness of the events. Any fallout in this phase will create a freak which will destroy the integrating powers of the organism and will either be sequestered or it will destroy the whole biological environment, including the mother organism. Cancer is here a point in fact. In Raynaud's disease the first member of a digit will slowly die off; it will blacken due to MELANOR, which is dead or energy, and it will be either sequestered and fall off or destroy the rest of the hand and arm through a spreading gangrene. Gangrenous tissue is black and green due to MELANOR and T-bacilli development. Many questions remain unanswered. But the basic outline is clearly drawn.

The mummification of dead matter, the appearance of black MELANOR on dying trees, mildew, MELANOR on rye and wheat, and others belong here.

The functional problems emerging from these identities are grouped around the fact that MELANOR and ORITE are functions at the very roots
of life. It is advisable not to delve further into these problems at this 
moment, to avoid speculation and to await the results of careful obser-
vation and experimentation in the primordial realm of the Living. This 
includes the bions, the T-bacilli, the massfree or energy functions, the 
processes in the soil and in desert development and direct work with 
Melanor, Orite, Orene and atmospheric energy. 

Let us now return to safer territory.

5. Characterological Armor is Sequestered DOR Energy:

Developments over decades, as demonstrated by the red thread that 
connects the first formulations about the character armor thirty years 
ago with the problems of desert development, are in themselves proof 
of the validity of the method employed in this development. There 
cannot be any development of consistent thought unless the method 
of research is sound.

The term “armor” already includes the physiological, energetic 
viewpoint. The armor is neither psychological nor static but a dynamic 
blocking. Life Energy is blocked, i.e., prevented from moving in the 
armored domain. It is the total organism with the still mobile energy 
that does the blocking. Let us now fill in this picture of the character 
structure by way of the newer and deeper insights.

We are, thus, slowly reaching firm ground in the depth of the organ-
ism, beyond the confines of mechanical as well as psychological func-
tions, in the antagonism of the life energy functions themselves; in the 
contradiction between a fully functioning and a stalemated or immob-
ilized life energy. To illustrate again by way of our functional ab-
straction

OR

DOR

Life Energy (Le)

This abstraction, of course, means no more than a visual, handy 
presentation of a most complex reality; it does not tell anything with-
out this reality which is constituted of innumerable mobile, ever-
changing functions. From the infinite variety of functions at the very 
base of living existence we are capable of crystallizing, among a few 
others, one crucial all-pervading principle: the priority of the Le (Life 
Energy) functions in the interrelations of organic chemistry, in water 
and oxygen metabolism, in respiration and energy metabolism, includ-
ing the orgasmic function.

These primal Le functions (Life Energy functions) pervade every 
part of the organism, every cell, the organic fluids, the nervous system 
as one total highly excitable and responsive function. Its immediate 
mechanical tool is the autonomic nervous system, which to some his-
tologists and physiologists represents a “syncytium,” in other words a 
network of nerves without terminals. Orgonomic observations of autono-
mic fibers in worms add the contractile, pulsatory nature of the autono-
mic and perhaps of all nerves. The syncytial, autonomic nerve system 
is preceded by nerve-free protoplasm in the ameba realm of the living. 
And it represents in its organized nervous form the amebal, primitive 
form of living in the most complicated and developed metazoal system. 
Thus, with life energy in its massfree energy form and in its organized, 
mobile nerve structure, the lowest and the highest formations of life are 
inTEGRATED in living organisms. The swelling and erection of sexual or-
gans in the process of excitation preserve and demonstrate the most 
primary life functions as existent and powerfully active in coordina-
tion with the highest intellectual functions.

Among those basic functions of life we have found the protective 
function of sequestration of functions which are foreign to the system 
and cannot be assimilated. This is true both ways, for the fully func-
tioning as well as for the crippled, secondary, emergency functions of 
life. It is also true that the basic foundation of sequestration of the unassimilable, foreign intruder governs both the realm of fully func-
tioning life and the crippled, armored or otherwise handicapped life, 
from the desert plants on to highly developed social conflicts.

It is so very characteristic of orgonomic research and functionalism 
in general, that wherever basic functions are encountered we are forced 
to deal with such generalizations and simplifications as:
both cloud and ameba are identical with regard to the orgonomic 
potential;
both the animal tissue and the social organism demonstrate the se-
questration of foreign bodies;
both the nerveless ameba and the autonomic nervous system in highly 
developed animals, are governed by slow expansion and contraction in 
the processes of pleasure and anxiety;
both the secondary plant growth and animals in desert life as well as
the armored human being show the "prickly" attitude in their outer reactivity.

In the same vein, armored life exerts its power of sequestration of unarmored life just as unarmored living functioning exerts its function of sequestration of intruding, unassimilable foreign bodies. To present a well-known example from the social realm:

The life positive manifestations of natural genitality in adolescence are functions of love for love's sake: to armored life, subdued and governed by the secondary laws of the emotional desert life, these natural primary manifestations of basic life are "intruders," foreign, dangerous to its existence. Armored life lives only, and can only live, on the basis of a strict negation of bodily natural love. Therefore, whenever and wherever armored life meets with natural love, especially with the most outstanding function in this realm, the natural genitality of children, adolescents, men and women, it will exert the pressure of "social ostracism," of a negative, threatening public opinion, of slander, gossip and defamation or, worse, injunction. Armored life will thus still try to sequester and eliminate the menace to its existence on the basis of a primordial function of the living, en defense of its organismic integrity and persistence. The growth of cancer cells destroys the natural structure of normal cells; the growth of cholla and similar plants in the desert destroys the natural growth of trees and prairie grass; the growth of neurotic ideals and ideas destroys the natural, true, primary manifestations of life. Spreading of noxious clouds in the atmosphere reverses the life process downward again, toward absence of water, reduction of oxygen, toward dehydration and reduction of the chemistry of living things in general.

Briefly, or and nor are mutually exclusive, although both use the principle of sequestration for the preservation of their existence.

Since, now, all social life has over the past few thousand years, for very good reasons, been a secondary type of life, armored, happiness-negating life, it has eliminated, destroyed by the stake and by the sword, by slander and degradation all primal life dangerous to its existence. It somehow, we do not know how, knew well that it would collapse and cease to exist in case primal life would again enter the biosocial scene. It knew, somehow, that the secondary vegetation in the desert dies out when the natural green prairie grass returns, when the soil regains its capacity to hold up and thus to hold water.

How did armored life "know" the danger that threatened its continued existence? We do not know. However, this question is of a similar order to the old biological problem: how does the newborn offspring "know" how to find the nipple of the mother with such certainty? How does life "know" all the many and marvelous things it so beautifully performs?

I believe that the problem is not so much how does life "know" as how is it possible that man has so successfully avoided knowing how life functions. As we proceed toward the common roots of variable and contradictory manifestations of nature, things appear simple, matter-of-fact. One should, at the surface of things, not easily expect that the atmospheric life energy would act in a manner analogous to the manner in which the character structure acts. Yet it does.

At the very beginning of character-analytic research in the 1920's, the structure of the human character presented itself as if it were composed of three distinct layers: the outer, socially adjusted layer; the middle layer, which contained all the armor blocks, "repressed impulses;" and the core which functioned as the highly excitabie, responsive and mobile autonomous plasmatic life system, including the organized autonomic nerve system which seemed to be governed only by primordial charge-discharge functions in balancing the energy system.

It is now not surprising to find the corresponding human reactions to the discovery of the Life Energy also active on the social scene. To take the example of my own scientific and social career: the first ten years, up till about 1930, were characterized not only by most amicable relations with my colleagues in the profession of depth psychiatry; my early work on the problems of genitality and character structure brought me soon into the foreground of psychiatric pioneering. Much was expected, as the documents show, from my further researches into the realm of the physiological background of the psychic structure. The world of psychiatry seemed enchanted and delighted. This attitude of admiration for my accomplishments in such publications as "The Impulsive Character" (1925), "The Function of the Orgasm" (1927) and my publications on the character resistance beginning 1928 was clearly replaced by fear mixed with awe in the early thirties as my work on the human character structure brought me ever closer to the full recognition of what today is a matter of fact everywhere: the sensations of streamings in the organism in every single case where the dissolution of the armor, the "middle layer" of the personality, was successful. It was obvious at the very beginning of these experiences that the streamings
were manifestations of physical, deeply-rooted bio-energetic functions. This finding not only brought forth anxieties in the average psychiatrist, it infuriated him to an extent which made it incomprehensible how the formerly friendly, enthusiastic men and women could have changed so suddenly and so furiously into the exact opposite.

The consequences of this deep fear and hatred toward my discovery of the later so-called "orgonomic streamings" harrassed my existence and further development for nearly two decades, from approximately 1934 to 1954. Rumors about my alleged psychosis and my having been interned were rampant. Defamation of every sort, from moral to medical, from social to professional, came my way. I trained myself to ignore the rumors, the silent malignancy, the anxieties, etc. I had the distinct impression, where acute dangers did not immediately blur my vision, that here I had met with the average human character structure, with its armored middle layer in my friends, colleagues, and even some of my former most enthusiastic students. It was obvious that this hatred was designed to make my work impossible, to stop me by all means and worse. The greater the mystical admiration had been before, the more fanatic seemed the following hatred, as if the haters had decided that I had frustrated or, worse, cheated them out of a promise of some paradisiacal fulfillment. The obstacle was, of course, in them and not in me. I had done my very best, to my knowledge, to guide the early friends along the rich but dangerous and treacherous path into the bio-energetic depth of human nature. The danger and the treachery always seemed to come from what had been known to me and the profession for a long time as "pre-orgastic anxiety," in other words as the well-known fear of involuntary experiences, especially during the acute of the genital embrace. Orgonomy has never lost the view of this crucial disturbance in armored man. On the contrary, this view has been sharpened as the decades passed by in careful study of man's so-called "second" nature.

Only in 1955, when I witnessed in the southwestern U.S.A. the secondary desert vegetation withering away under the continued removal of the stale dor energy and the consequent re-emergence of moisture in the atmosphere and prairie grass on formerly rocky, parched ground, did it dawn upon me why I had met with such deadly dangerous hatred on the part of so many former friends at the discovery of the plasmatic streaming in the core of the organism. Not only a paralyzing anxiety had been mobilized, the orgasm anxiety; the very

existence, the very ability to continue one's armored life had been challenged. Did they sense that with the return of the primal functions of life in the organism, with the natural self-regulation of primitive functions, with the disappearance of sadistic hatred, of the peculiar neurotic, perverted, confused, hidden entanglements, death would be near or would actually overtake them? We do not exactly know, but the kind and magnitude of the battle waged by neurotic organisms upon an unsuspecting new discipline concerning the Living made it, often too late, very likely that this was so. In the first phase, the admiration had been merely a reflection of the deep hope for delivery from the secondary nature, from the confusion and inner emotional desert functions. But when the middle layer actually began to melt away, when the alive force of the plasmatic streaming threatened to take hold of the total organism, and thus to change all functions, emotional, social, ethical, the organism must have felt like perishing under the strain of such basic change.

6. The Emotional Desert:

When a desert begins to develop, when the natural, original vegetation gradually falls prey to and perishes under the strain of drought, lack of dew in the morning, progressive parching of the land under a burning sun, and particularly under the constant pressure of dor energy, the deadly blackish, dehydrating and oxygen-reducing stale life energy, life still fights on. A new type of life, a secondary vegetation, adapting itself to the harsh conditions of existence in the desert, arises. It is an ugly, poorly-equipped life. The stems of the chollas or cactus or palo verdes are not solid as the stem of an oak or birch. The stem consists of single, narrow strings which are are and remain brittle, and have no connection, show no fusion with each other. The whole plant is covered with bristles, reminding us in analogy of the prickly outer behavior of human beings who are empty and desert-like inside. This is not a mere analogy. The simile goes very far, indeed. The desert plants grow either leathery, prickly leaves as does the cactus plant, or as in the cholla, the chlorophyl-bearing structure is restricted to the utmost ends of the branches. It is so very characteristic of desert life that even animals have a bristly, pricky surface or sharply-pointed organs to kill: the scorpion, the rattlesnake, the Gila monster.

Desert vegetation is adapted to the dor atmosphere, to the minimal amounts of available water, to the parching, burning heat, a heat which
is due to sun radiation which has to pass through the box layer that covers the land. This vegetation slowly replaces the last remnants of the primal vegetation, until, with the progress of desert development to the last stage, the Sahara sands desert, the secondary vegetation, too, dies out, and nothing remains but sand dunes.

With the spreading of the global desert, civilizations go under. Life perishes completely in the affected realm. Man either tries to escape or he adjusts, too, to the life in the desert on rare spots of green, called "oases."

The continuous presence of death (dull atmosphere) and the ever present dull awareness of the inevitable end is characteristic of both life in the desert and life in armored man. The desolation of emotion, the dehydration of tissues alternating with puffy swelling, fatty flabbiness or inclination to edema or disease which causes edema, alcoholism which serves the stimulation of what is left over from an original sense of life, crime and psychosis and last convulsions of a thwarted, frustrated, badly maltreated life are only a few of the consequences of the emotional desert.

The bitter hatred and the readiness to kill primary life on the part of desert life is not merely an expression of frustration. It is in a deep sense, as shown before, a struggle for survival and prevailing in the face of natural, healthy life. Therefore, the bitter, well-organized fight against the forces of life. Therefore, the perfect organization in the exclusion of anything that has to do with living life.

We still remember the compulsive feeding schedules of the Viennese pediatrician, Pirquet, expressly designed to kill any self-regulatory move in the infants; it has created a whole generation of orally and otherwise frustrated neurotics, who in turn ruined another generation of infants by way of their own distortions and emotional emptiness.

We remember the pathological prescriptions of neurotic physicians and gynecologists to the effect that babies must be separated from their mothers and be frustrated by withholding the nipple.

We remember the devastation exerted upon the whole population of this globe for ages in the prohibition of anything connected with genital functioning that did not agree with the conditions set for life by emotional desert souls. Who has ever or will ever count the number of the victims of this butchery alone, of the victims that have rotted away in the lunatic asylums, in the slums, in the penitentiaries, innocent victims of an organized, heavily-guarded malignant ignorance?

Making more and more laws will not accomplish anything. It will make things worse. It is like trying to save a ship with a leak in mid-ocean by removing the water pouring in with thousands of coffee cups instead of plugging the leak. The more laws that are made in the attempt to cope with ever more complicated and numerous transgressions of penal and moral codes, the more severe is the entanglement of the social machinery. The civil population knows less and less about the rules of government, since even the lawyers cannot follow any longer the details in laws made by anxious or ambitious lawmakers in confused assemblies. This may go on until a large, formerly clear-thinking, powerful nation finds itself entangled in paperwork as if bound up with ropes self-administered, ready to be toppled by any little quirk of a nuisance political scoundrel.

The remedy is to plug the holes in the social system; to remove obsolete laws so that no pathological lawyer or judge may have an easy excuse for his personal abuse of innocent victims of the tangle; to restrict making new laws to the necessary minimum to cope with basically new issues, such as adolescent genitality, the emergence of a new type of locomotive device, world air traffic, the existence of a cosmic energy, etc. etc.

The religious Indian or Jewish believer tries to get rid of his "sins" by dipping into the river or the lake. His organism somehow knows that water relieves one of noa.

The common root of paradoxical behavior, such as "Do Not Ever Touch The Plague" appears to be the fear to perish oneself from one's own deadly sequestered, carefully-blocked nook armor layer. Speaking up for the victim, standing upright in the face of defamation, smearing the dirty mess right back into the face of the pestilent smearer, requires being free of having to guard one's own messy, sequestered middle layer.

We are translating old, well-known psychological and bio-energetic terms into more fundamental physical terms. The function of genitality had been taken out of the psychological realm at the very beginning of character research, having been recognized as a bio-energetic function beneath and beyond psychology. We must be prepared to encounter the deeper, physical functions in other familiar psychiatric and medical realms as orgonomy proceeds toward the common roots
of both biological and physical existence. We may approach the riddle of the "latent negative transference" and "negative therapeutic reaction" equipped with the understanding that the armor energy is true, physical "or" energy.

Investigation of a more recent date revealed the fact that people in general are aware not only of their being blocked emotionally, but that, in the form of "hiding," they are more or less dimly aware of what they are hiding: nor energy. Armored people are aware of the potential expressions of the armor: its blocked emotions are felt as "shameful," "intolerable," "unclean" or outright "dirty." This kind of self-awareness seems to be the very essence of the typical withdrawnness, bashfulness, embarrassment of people, especially of the reluctance to understand oneself. They have not only sequestered off the dead, stale bio-energy in their organism; they have not only put up "defenses" (psychologically speaking), "armor blocks" (bio-energetically speaking) against the nor-energy and its expressions in their organisms, they are aware of the situation and hide as best they can even in the best of psychiatric treatment. The "negative therapeutic reaction," in other words, the getting worse upon successful treatment can now be easily understood as a manifestation of a sharpening of the awareness of the organismic ugliness, of the ill smell, as it were, of what threatens to come forth with a final improvement of things. There is no other way to get to health than through the complete revelation and experience of the ill smelling, blocked off, sequestered realm of the self. And to do so, to have to face this humiliation, one gets worse instead of better on the approach to health. This is comparable to the "crisis" in diseases characterized by high temperature, such as sepsis, pneumonia, etc.

The getting worse when one should get better is no more paradoxical than the well-known function of the "latent negative transference" which character analysis has shown to be the most essential behavior to be treated in the beginning of the psychiatric treatment. This well-hidden hatred of anyone who does point out the existence of a deadly, ill-smelling nor energy; the "resistance" to revealing one's true being, even in front of the very physician who is to provide the cure; the general attitude of "hiding" anything that has to do with genitality, the system of energy discharge, the general evasiveness of human second nature, the "Do-Not-Ever-Touch-it," "It" meaning the crucial, the essential, the point in question; the hatred of truth; the killing of truth seekers, the worship of the masters of perfect evasion; the great hatred that persecutes living life... all these are so many varied expressions of one and the same basic fact: the hiding, the sequestering off and keeping off the dead, stale energy in one's organism. From here several elucidations of man's roots in nature emerge.

We should not be surprised to find identical functions or sequences of natural functions wherever we meet with the basic relationship of fully functioning life energy to stalemated, dead and deadly nor energy.

In the human character structure, the healthy life functions surround and shut off from activity the nor functions in the armor.

On the social scene, we experience the three layers of the human armored character structure in the relationship to orgonomy as intense enthusiasm at first, as bitter, murderous hatred following the enthusiasm, second, and finally, after long and bitter struggles with oneself and with the development toward better self-knowledge, slow, carefully executed adaptation to the realities of the natural in man: his love organs; his rational hatreds and their expression; his relation to truth and truthful living; his abandoning of hiding, conniving, circumventing indirectness, evasiveness of the crucial in life.

In atmospheric physics we encounter the Oranur reactions which show three distinct phases. When the normal, natural or energy in the atmosphere is suddenly attacked by the nuclear explosion or similar noxious happenings, it acts as if prostrated, helpless, submitting to the deadly blow, near perishing. What is left of the or energy after the paralyzing blow, turns powerfully "mad," hitting back, raging with a healthy, good, honest rage. The third phase is characterized by a calm superiority, a majestic conquest of nor by or energy, as if what is dead should be declared dead and be eliminated from the process of living, seething life.

There is much good reason to assume at this basic level of understanding that the hurricane, the tornado, the dustdevil in the desert and similar natural upheavals are functionally identical with attempts at self-cure in the catatonic seizure, the epileptic attack, the septic fever, the simplest inflammation of tissue: or energy surrounding, sequestering, expelling the nor energy.

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