Orgonomic Literature Ordered from Russia

Several books on orgonomy have been ordered from Russia. This is news, indeed. What can it mean? No books on sex-economy or orgonomy have so far been able to penetrate the iron curtain. We have no way of knowing what it means, but we can guess:

Sex-economy is incompatible with dictatorial statism. The Stalinists have fought sex-economic understanding of human misery and needs for decades; in Germany through their "cultural" organizations as early as 1931, when sex-economy became widely known and spread rapidly among workers, youth organizations, middle-class associations, etc.; in Denmark, Sweden and Norway from 1933 to 1939; in the U.S.A. through Frederic Wertham, Mildred Edie Brady and consorts; here, they have lately tried to confuse and destroy an association which was interested in and trying to apply orgonomic principles in the education of small children. Now they order these "individualistic," "cosmopolitan," "bourgeois," "counter-revolutionary" teachings right into the heart of the "motherland."

The first guess is this: the New York Times, during the summer of 1949, printed a report of a Stalinite ukase, directed to the psychologists of the Soviet Union, to muster their forces to battle the Western psychologists who preach "a zoological egotism," obviously meaning sex-economy since no one else in the West has yet stuck his neck out to advocate healthy, natural sexual living for children and adolescents with all its human and social prerequisites. Since no book can enter the lands of the "liberators" without permission of the ignoramuses in highest places, the guess is that they ordered the books as original material and witness of the "depravity" and "counter-revolutionary" nature of orgonomy. We may, therefore, very soon expect some kind of smear attack on our work from either Russian or American sources which are under Stalinite influence. We would advise to watch out for the first signs of the smear, not to accept invitations by any red fascists, disguised as benefactors of children, not to discuss educational or orgonomic matters with them and to tell them that we shall discuss things with them if and when our physicians and educators have the opportunity to speak in Moscow and

Leningrad, if and when the iron curtain will be lifted and our literature will be available in the "motherland" as it is everywhere else; furthermore, if and when these fellows will have the knowledge and courage to care for children as living beings instead of as handy tools of power politics.

The second guess is this:

The description of orgonomic functions in the living, especially in The Cancer Biopathy, has come out clearly against hereditarian mysticism in genetics. Now, as is well known, some geneticists have been badly treated in the "motherland." Lysenko has come out as a "progressive" who advocated the inheritance of acquired characteristics, a function which the same geneticists hate. The upheaval in circles of hereditary science which was caused by the massacre of the Russian geneticists, has obscured a very simple and obvious fact:

Whoever has gone to the trouble to study the fight between the Morganists and the Michurinists carefully, in full awareness of the social and political background of the fight, could not have missed the political nature of this fake "scientific" struggle. It was quite obvious from the make-up of the show that the fight against the geneticists came in handy within the framework of the total fight and slander against the U.S.A. which has held the scene of politics for the last two or three years in the "cold war." It is not a matter of scientific truth on either side. The struggle was not scientific either on the side of the Russian stooges or on that of the American geneticists. (We agree, of course, fully with the indignation of the American geneticists over the kind of treatment suffered by the Russian geneticists, in spite of our basic scientific disagreement with the mechanistic-mystical theory of the "genes.") It is quite obvious to any one who knows well the unscrupulous character of those gentlemen behind the iron curtain that had the Americans advocated the inheritance of acquired characteristics, the liberators would doubtless have fought the other way around, for and not against the Morganists. Since scientific matters have, in these disjointed times, become subject primarily to political, irrational machinations, the whole thing was a purely political affair; it solved no issues, but it came at a certain opportune moment in the cold war and it could and would surely have been fought the other way around under different conditions.

We have nothing to do with all this. The Russian mystical materialists are unable to swallow our orgonomic functionalism without sawing right through the philosophical branch on which they sit. Never will children
brought up in accordance with the laws of the living want or be able "to be like Stalin." (Imagine an American ukase that all children should be like President Truman.) And what the observable entities, called genes, actually are, will be decided only by those geneticists who will be willing to learn what bions and orgone energy vesicles are. There exists, of course, a problem of inheritance of characteristics; but mechanistic, materialistic, chemically oriented genetics will never solve it, since life functions are primarily of a functional and not of a structural or chemical nature; this has been clearly demonstrated by experiment XX where plasmatic matter arises through freezing from free orgone energy contained in water.

There is some hope that a functionally minded geneticist might begin to look at orgone energy vesicles and to compare them with the "genes." There is a great chance that some Stalinite politician in some Russian Academy might try to "discover" the cosmic orgone energy for the "motherland" anew. However, there is no chance whatsoever that there can be success in the thievery. The cosmic orgone energy does not follow or respect party line ukases. Whoever will seriously try to work with cosmic orgone energy practically in the interest of the Russian people will encounter orgonomic functionalism, that is, FREEDOM combined with basic laws in nature. And since we know orgone energy as well as the red fascist mind, there are only two possibilities in such an attempt to steal the discovery of the orgone energy: either the thief will not get anywhere since one cannot work with orgone energy if one is a slave and intellectual scoundrel; or the one who tries to steal the discovery will be so enchanted by what he sees and learns that he will forget about any and every resolution of any Academy at an All-Russian, Panslavic Congress which sends greetings to that Great Wizard and "corypheus of science" in the Kremlin. This is quite certain, to judge from what we know of orgonomic natural functioning and its influence on man's decency.

Whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together.—Jonathan Swift

On Scientific "Control"

It happens again and again that painstakingly elaborated and carefully presented orgonomic findings are met by mere "opinions" without any basis in observations or experiments. If such opinions are proclaimed by a chemist or a physician, the layman accepts them as an "authoritative" judgment, no matter whether the opinion is based on observation or not. Thus a wrong kind of "public opinion" develops.

Since authority is thus being misused in the interest of unfair business practices or politics, we must insist that whoever utters an opinion on the medical or other applications of the orgone energy first demonstrates that he followed the rules laid down for the observation of organic functions. He must be able to answer the following questions satisfactorily:

1. Did he ever make observations in a metal-lined darkroom?
2. Did he ever see an orgone accumulator, or ever sit in one?
3. Did he ever observe disintegrating grass and moss under the microscope above 1000X magnification?
4. Did he ever observe boiled humus under the microscope above 1000X magnification?
5. Did he ever observe cancer cells and cancer tissue in an alive state?
6. Did he ever make T-bacilli cultures of living cancer tissue?
7. Did he ever repeat Experiment XX?
8. Did he ever perform an experiment with an orgone energy field meter?
9. Did he ever look through a telescope at the orgone movement on mountaintops?

Any and every opinion uttered in regard to the validity of orgonomy should and must be tested by the answers the various "critics," "authorities," "specialists," "physicists," "M.D.'s," etc. can or cannot provide to these specific questions. We must—by all means—keep off the empty blabberer and gossip. To be fully aware of the great responsibilities involved is a part of the job to be done.

Our Policy Regarding Cancer

Our attitude is reflected in the following letter which was sent to the Black-Stevenson Foundation when word was received that 18 physicians (medical
orgonomists) had sent a telegram to apply for aid from the 2-million dollar fund:

Mr. Alfred S. Black
The Black-Stevenson Cancer Foundation
714 Pine Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Black:

Dr. Chester M. Raphael has informed us of the telegram he sent you in the name of members of the American Association for Medical Orgonomy, on February 17th, with regard to the work of Dr. Wilhelm Reich.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilhelm Reich Foundation it was decided not to accept any financial aid for orgonomic cancer research unless the donor is fully informed about the nature and the effects of orgone therapy in cancer.

The results of orgonomic research are so revolutionary and its effects so far-reaching that the reaction of the vested interests in medicine and pharmacology has been one of incorrectness, hostility, and irrational attack. Under these circumstances, it would be more than useless for you to try to get objective information concerning orgonomic cancer research from "authorities" in other fields, such as traditional cancer research or mechanistic medicine. Nevertheless, we would like to suggest strongly to get the reaction of these sources, if only to convince yourselves of its nature.

In order to obtain objective knowledge of the efficacy of orgone therapy in cancer, only a very simple clinical-experimental set-up would be necessary, say, the following: A hospital installs a number of orgone accumulators, and a physician trained in orgone therapy treats, say, 50 patients with early breast cancer, with the exclusion of x-ray or any other therapy. The hospital physicians carry out the routine examinations (blood count, weight, etc.). Conditions would have to be set up in such a manner as to exclude any possibility of sabotage on the part of the hospital physicians. For example, it often happens that a patient, confronting a physician with the results of orgone therapy, such as disappearance of tumors, is told, "Oh, then it was not cancer." That means that these experimental patients would have to be certified by the hospital physicians, in writing, as undoubted cancer cases. As you undoubtedly realize, most "cures" by quacks are of diseases which they themselves diagnosed as "cancer," "tuberculosis," etc., but which never existed. Any possibility of such an interpretation would have to be absolutely excluded by the strictest diagnostic procedures. We could, of course, send you any number of testimonials from patients who were helped by orgone therapy. This is the method used by quacks, because testimonials can be easily had for anything; they are worse than useless without scientific corroborations of diagnosis and therapeutic result. Such a simple and logical proposal as the above is apt to be met with the following irrational objection on the part of mechanistic physicians: "Once a cancer of the breast has been diagnosed, amputation of the breast has to be undertaken immediately. To wait, even for days or weeks, would be criminal." They overlook the following:

1. Once a tumor of the breast is visible and palpable, the cancer process has already been going on for years, and a few more days or weeks are of no account.
2. Amputation of the breast is an operation not without danger, and the disfigurement itself is a serious trauma to the woman.
3. Amputation of the breast may eliminate the tumor, but does not even touch the underlying cancer disease, as shown in the development of new tumors, metastases, etc.
4. Orgone therapy makes surgery in early breast cancer unnecessary. Clinical experience shows that most early breast cancers disappear under orgone therapy within 2-4 weeks. This takes place without the risks involved in a breast amputation, without the deleterious results of x-ray irradiation, but with a marked increase in general health.

Early breast cancer is suggested for this test because

a. Breast cancer is visible and palpable, and changes resulting from therapy are easily observable;
b. Cancer of the breast is one of the most common forms of cancer;
c. Breast cancer responds particularly favorably to orgone therapy.

All attempts to provide a demonstration as suggested above have so far been resisted by physicians, hospitals, and researchers. It is not a question of the efficacy of orgone therapy; about that there is no doubt. It is a question of overcoming, in a practical and unequivocal way, the sabotage which orgone therapy continues to meet. It is here that a Foundation like yours could do untold good, at a minimal expense. We cannot force the issue, because of lack of funds and because we find ourselves, of necessity, outside of the usual mechanistic frame of medical thinking and the frame of unfair business methods in medicine and research. It is a sad fact that in these fields, "money talks." We do not want money. We want the orgone energy to have the chance to prove itself under impartial conditions, where what counts is the facts and not biased and ignorant "opinions." We know, from laboratory and clinical experience, that under objective conditions, the efficacy of the orgone could not be disproved, that, on the other hand, it could be very easily proved. Nobody has as yet attempted or succeeded to disprove it. The difficulty is not a scientific but a social one. If your Foundation could be instrumental in break-
ing this social deadlock this would be an achievement comparable only to the atomic bomb, with this difference: it would be in the interest of life instead of in the interest of death.

For the Wilhelm Reich Foundation:
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For the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc.:
Simeon Tropp, M.D., Medical Co-Director
A. Allan Cott, M.D., Secretary

"Heatwaves"

Question: "Heatwaves" is the term for a series of orgonotic phenomena in the atmosphere such as vibration. Could you sum up the arguments against this misinterpretation of atmospheric orgone phenomena in classical science?

Answer: 1) "Heatwaves" in old terms denote heated air. Air, however, is not visible. One cannot, for example, see a strong wind.

2) Let us, for the sake of argument, assume that the vibration in the atmosphere is due to heat. In this case, the vibration would have
   a) to ascend;
   b) to be present only on warm summer days and be absent on cold days.
   The truth, however, is that
   a) the vibration in the atmosphere has, clearly visible, generally a West-East direction;
   b) the vibration is clearly visible at all temperatures, also at 20° below zero on high mountain tops;
   c) it is invisible even on very warm days shortly before rain or storm.

3) In the strict sense of wave mechanics, the term "heatwaves" has no meaning whatsoever.

4) The visible vibration is due to strong fluctuation in the transmission of light, as seen clearly at night on stars through telescopes out of focus.

5) "Heatwaves" is an isolated term which means nothing and fits nowhere.

A New Orgonomic Periodical

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1. Cancer—"Outside the Domain"


"Dr. Reich here ventures out of his own domain of sexology in which he was fairly safe, even if rather isolated, into the field of the most bitter struggle of present-day medicine, that of cancer research. We hesitate to pass judgment on the value of his pretensions and shall await the discussion they will arouse in competition with other cancer theories."

We wonder whether the reviewer has even glanced over the content of Reich's Cancer Biopathy. How could he otherwise have so completely and persistently overlooked the fact that orgonomic research in the field of cancer started from sex-economic problems, and thus quite appropriately within Reich's own domain. The reviewer has been vexed by the word "cancer"; orthodox cancer research has hitherto entirely overlooked the sexual starvation present in every single cancer case. Therefore, Reich allegedly has "ventured out of his own domain of sexology."

He has not. What is true is that orthodox cancer research has always been and still is outside its proper domain—that of the sexual, i.e., energetic functions within the human organism.


This note is to correct statements concerning Wilhelm Reich on page 43 of the book The God That Failed in the article by Arthur Koeestler. There are two factual errors in the presentation:

1. The book which Reich published under the title Die Funktion des Orgasmus in 1927 in the Internationale Psychoanalytischer Verlag was not inspired by Malinowski, whose main publication Das Geschlechtsleben der Wilden did not appear until 1930. Malinowski's ethnological material confirmed Reich's previous sex-economic clinical findings on genitality in children and adolescents. However, Malinowski inspired Reich's book Der Einbruch der Sexualmoral, which appeared in Berlin in 1932 in the Verlag.
für Sexualpolitik; it dealt with the first beginnings of sex-negative morality in human clan society.

2. The above-named book Die Funktion des Orgasmus (1927) did not expound the theory that "the sexual frustration of the proletariat caused a thwarting of its political consciousness," and it was never said that "only through a full, uninhibited release of the sexual urge could the working-class realize its revolutionary potentialities and historic mission." This, of course, sounds quite nonsensical. Reich only found that the suppression of infantile and adolescent love life severely damages the bio-energetic functioning in the human animal in all classes of society; it is apt to make emotional slaves en masse among the working people. (This was first published in 1930, and later incorporated in The Sexual Revolution, 3rd edition, 1946).

3. From the Orgone Institute

From time to time claims are made by professional and lay people to the effect that they are or have been "members" of the Orgone Institute or of the so-called "Reich group." Such claims should be disregarded as they have no foundation:

The Orgone Institute is not and never has been a membership association. A physician, a psychologist or a gymnastics teacher who has gone through training at the Orgone Institute is no more a member of this institution than a former student of Columbia University is a "member of Columbia" or of its staff. The Orgone Institute is organized like a University and not like a membership organization. Neither does there exist any "Reich group." Reich has no "group" and does not belong to any group. Someone who has participated in courses or lectures given at the Orgone Institute is not a member of any group.

It is such people who misuse their temporary affiliation as students with the Institute for their own private purposes: they create or support the rumor of a "cult" flourishing in the "Reich group." The motives of such claims are due either to ignorance or to malignant interests.

The names of the officers of the institutions which constitute the Wilhelm Reich Foundation will be published from time to time in the Orgone Energy Bulletin.
Projeto Arte Org
Redescobrindo e reinterprelando 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.
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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