The Orgone Institute Diagnostic Clinic*

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In 1942 *The Function of the Orgasm* and in 1945 *Character Analysis* were published in English. The sale of these two books started a flow of people to orgonomy. At first slowly, then in increasingly greater numbers. Other publications followed and interest continued to mount. Emotional plague articles appeared which only resulted in a further spread of interest. Orgonomy was growing rapidly in this country. Inquiries came to the Orgone Institute from all over America and from all parts of the world. Letters pleaded for help; the telephone rang almost constantly. Physicians came in for training as did psychologists, educators, social workers and others. The people wanted relief from their misery, cranks offered advice or found faults. Each inquiry was acknowledged somehow. Wilhelm Reich saw even more than his heavy schedule would allow; others were given advice or names of the slowly increasing number of available medical orgonomists. This placed an undue burden on the already overworked Institute and advice or referral was not too satisfactory in cases that could not be seen. Facilities had to grow with the demand.

Long ago, Reich visualized a Diagnostic Clinic at the Institute where such problems could be studied carefully, students screened, the sick helped, the cranks and pests weeded out. For five more years, however, the burden remained on the Institute. We all knew that here everything would be taken care of and that was so convenient. In the meantime, orgonomists had developed both in number and experience and an Association was formed.

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with eighteen members. Administrative problems grew; Reich had appointed committees to handle some of these connected with the Institute.

With the organization of the Educational Committee in the fall of 1949, the Diagnostic Clinic became possible. The Secretary of this committee could handle inquiries and maintain a clinic where those who sought help could be studied before treatment or training was recommended. At the Institute when something is possible it soon becomes a reality. Under Reich's direction the Diagnostic Clinic was opened at the Orgone Institute on January 18, 1950 and held each Wednesday afternoon through June of this year. So far twenty-four clinics have been held.

The paramount purpose of the clinic is to give the public access to the knowledge and experience of orgonomy. This requires of the diagnostician an integrated knowledge of the biopathies, individual potentials, especially in the case of candidates for training; the experience and skill of the various organonists and their available time; also forms of therapy or care other than Medical Orgonomy where the candidate is not felt to be suitable for this therapy. In other words, each individual problem is studied on its own merits and disposed of intelligently after a careful history and biophysical examination. An attempt is made to refer patients to an organonist skilled in that particular biopathy with the request that he examine the patient referred and decide whether or not he wishes to accept the case. In either case the clinic is notified and the decision is in the negative, further referral is made by the clinic. When the patient is accepted but later gives up therapy or is dropped, the clinic is again notified so that an accurate check can be kept of the patient's final disposition. In a few cases where referral has not been successful, the secretary has himself taken over the problem.

Cases judged not suited for Medical Orgonomy are referred to other clinics in the city. A further function of the clinic is the examination of all patients before they are accepted by the candidate organonist, to screen out problems judged too difficult for his experience and thereby protecting both the patient and the young organonist.

Appointments are made through the Institute and usually seven patients are seen each day. These have ranged from simple problems usually arising out of ignorance, all types of the neuroses to severe psychotics and even an occasional plea as to how to persuade husband or wife to seek therapy.

A total of 126 patients have been examined; eight of these were candidates for training, four of them physicians, two psychologists, a social worker and
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Infelizmente, no que se refere à 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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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.

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