In his article, “Anorgonia in the carcinomatous shrinking biopathy” in the last issue of the Journal, Reich discussed the occurrence of falling anxiety in an infant as a consequence of an attack of anorgonia due to some yet unexplained influence, either of the rapid cooling of the skin or of a slight variation in the routine of laying the child down after the bath.

In this connection I should like to report an experience which confronted me 7 years ago with a person who—through empirical knowledge and keen observation of infant behavior—already evaluated these facts although unable to find an explanation for them. The person was the infant nurse who took care of my child from his birth on. She was an extremely experienced person with an unusual understanding of infants’ needs. The latter was not based on the so-called “motherly instinct,” but on systematic observation of infant behavior over a period of many years. She used to accept the care of an infant only when she was allowed to be present during the delivery. When I had gotten to know her well and had gained her confidence, I asked her for an explanation of this request, which I had felt she would not have given during the first interview. She told me the following reason: Experience had taught her that there are two types of mothers: the ones who are able to give their children what she called “bodily love” —and which represents nothing else but Reich’s concept of orgonotic contact—and the ones who lack this ability. In the latter case, unfortunately the most frequent, she took over this essential care. That she was fully aware of the importance of this factor for the further development of the child was proved by her words: “Even if I know very well that the child will miss this most essential quality in his mother forever it is my conviction that the lively bodily contact with another woman during these first weeks of life under my care will fortify his system.” The decision as to whether she could trust this bodily contact to the mother or had to take it over herself was based on observation of the behavior of the mother during delivery and the first reaction of mother and child toward each other right after birth.

When my child was supposed to have his first bath (according to European hospital routine of that period, during the second week of his life) she asked me “to leave her completely alone and to watch her quietly.” Even in those rare cases where she confined herself to the mere gratification of needs which the mother could not yet fulfil on account of her weakness, she had come to the conviction that the proper handling of the first bath represented such an important factor for the future development of the child that she did not want to take any risks. Her words were: “At the
risk of your saying I'm crazy, I have to tell you that the first bath of your child determines the future course of his life. Either he acquires a wonderful capacity of feeling pleasure which sticks to him for his whole life and makes him open for the experience of happiness, or, if the slightest mistake is made, he gets falling anxiety and will be timid and afraid for the rest of his life.”

After a little pause she smiled and added: “And the strangest part of it is that I don’t know myself what causes the falling anxiety, but I guess it has something to do with the proper temperature of the bath and the air in the room when the child is taken out of the bath. I am not quite sure myself of creating the proper conditions in every case, but I know one thing: my experience of years will give me a better chance of avoiding the danger of falling anxiety than all those qualities which one calls so romantically ‘motherly instinct.’”

As a matter of fact my child had the most happy feeling during his bath, evident by his facial expression, and this feeling appears with every bath up to now. Whenever he dawdles in the tub in that pleasurable way which gives the onlooker the feeling that there is a hidden activity in the process of dawdling, he answers the request to come out of the water with the words: “But I have that feeling, you know.”

It may be of interest to note that this nurse did not have any theoretical knowledge of orgone biophysics. She told me that she had made it the goal of her life to give protection to children when she was 5 years old. At that time, she lived with her father and a very cruel stepmother. They used to lock her alone in the house when they went out. One day the house caught fire when they were away and she could not get out. Neighbors saved her life with great difficulty. That day she decided to become a baby nurse in order to help children whose mothers would not “function.”
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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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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