Clarifications

This department will regularly publish corrections of misconceptions about orgonomy which appeared in recent literature.

1. In Man in Nature and Behavior (Philosophical Library, 1951, p. 249), J. M. Martinez writes:

"So marvelous are the feats of energy in the brain that even men . . ., who discarded the soul and other supernatural phenomena, had to invent some kind of special energy to account for them, and Dr. Wilhelm Reich, one of the most daring and revolutionary thinkers, falls into the same fallacy. The enormous difference between the manifestations and affects of energy in the brain, the stomach and in the muscles must not be sought in the existence of different types of energy . . ."

Reich never invented "some kind of special energy to account for feats of energy in the brain." On the contrary, his work is based on the discovery of a unitary, life energy (orgone energy); orgone energy is as much responsible for "manifestations of energy . . . in the stomach and in the muscles" as it is for energy expressions in the brain. (Cf. Reich's The Discovery of the Orgone, Vols. 1 and 2.)

2. In Personality: The Human Individual and the Patterns of Culture, the editors (Calhoun Naftalin, Nelson, Sibley and Papandreou) erroneously state in their preface to Part VII, p. 335, that Reich's The Mass Psychology of Fascism began "with Freud's basic conception of genitality as the goal of sexual and personal development."

It is not correct that Freud ever developed a "basic conception of genitality as the goal of sexual and personal development." On the contrary, Reich's concept of genitality and of the orgasm function was rejected by Freud and most psychoanalysts because of the tremendous social consequences involved.

1 Volume I in a three-volume series of readings entitled Personality, Work, Community: An Introduction to Social Science, prepared for the Social Science Program of the Department of General Studies at the University of Minnesota. (Burgess Publishing Company, 1950.)
A basic concept of genitality would have precluded most of Freud's sociological attitudes—such as the impossibility of human happiness—and many of his later metapsychological concepts, e.g., the "death instinct," just as genitality formed the key to Reich's character-analytic, bio-energetic and physical studies. (Cf. Reich's Die Funktion des Orgasmus, 1927, and The Discovery of the Orgone, Vol. 1.)


"... Wilhelm Reich ... has shown that it is the emotionally positive person, man or woman, who abstracts psycho-somatic energy. During the foreplay leading up to coitus the male with a positive attitude absorbs energy; this is returned to the female partner at the height of orgasm."

Reich does not speak of "emotionally positive" persons nor of "abstracting psycho-somatic energy." Unarmed, i.e., bio-energetically mobile individuals—to follow Reich's concept—absorb and utilize orgone energy more vigorously and freely than armored; i.e., bio-energetically blocked persons, but all living organisms take up orgone energy constantly. Nor does Reich describe a separate energetic process for the male in the orgasm. (Cf. Reich's Cosmic Superimposition.)

4. In an article entitled "Does Psychoanalysis Cure?" (Commentary, November, 1950, p. 492), Lilian Blumberg erroneously writes that "Reich's Orgone Institute" matches "patients with psychoanalysts." The Diagnostic Division of the Orgone Energy Clinic in Forest Hills, New York, refers some patients to medical organonists, i.e., to biotherapists and not psychotherapists.

In the same article (p. 486), Miss Blumberg's statement that Freud "shifted from the analysis of symptoms to the analysis of total character" is not correct. Freud shifted from the analysis of symptoms to the analysis of resistances but the introduction of the analysis of the total character, centering around the way the character armor impedes the orgasm function in the patient, belongs to the biopsychiatric work of Reich from around 1924 to 1930. (Cf. Reich's Character Analysis and Freud's The Ego and the Id.)

5. In Collier's, May 26, 1951, pp. 53-54, the erroneous statement is made that Reich claims to have a cancer cure, a slander originated some years ago by Mildred Edie Brady in The New Republic. Reich does not now nor did he ever promise any cancer cures. Reich's research on the cancer problem, including his solution of the riddle of the origin of the cancer cell, is described in The Discovery of the Orgone, Vol. 2: The Cancer Biopathy.

6. Ether, God and Devil by Wilhelm Reich was listed in the New York Times of Dec. 15, 1951, as a "religious" book among "religious books." The editor of the book section apparently was unable to distinguish between a natural-scientific treatise on the ideas which man develops about the ether and the religious belief in the existence of a personified supernatural power.

7. In the bibliography to his book, The Conduct of Life, Lewis Mumford makes these remarks about Wilhelm Reich's Discovery of the Orgone, Vol 1, The Function of the Orgasm:

"What is sound in this work—the belated and perhaps long-suspected discovery that orgasms are important—was not original with Reich despite his contrary impression. (See Dr. Marie Stopes Married Love.) His originality consists in prescribing the orgasm as a panacea for the ills of mankind: the fallacy of one dimensional salvation."

The "soundness" in Wilhelm Reich's biopsychiatric work does not lie in any "discovery that orgasms are important"—a "discovery" that has been made through the ages by hundreds of philosophers, artists, researchers, etc. It lies in his describing exactly what "orgastic potency" is (a description one cannot find in preceding works on sexuality, including those of Dr. Marie Stopes), in showing its bio-energetic function, and in revealing in what way this natural bio-energetic function is impeded in armored man. Nor is "orgastic potency" prescribed as a "panacea" by Reich; the absence of this function in present-day man is cited, with thorough clinical, educational, and social documentation, as the key and basic, but not the sole human problem.

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2. It is not true that, as you say "This amount of Orgone energy should induce the same relaxation of body tensions that would normally follow complete sexual satisfaction—called, medically, an 'orgasm.'" The Orgone Energy Accumulator does not provide an orgasm and it is in no way a substitute for it. This was the invention of a malignant sniper in 1947, Mildred Brady, from whom you took over blindly the false and damaging contention.

3. It is not true that Reich has ever claimed a force in the atmosphere which is able "to induce the same relaxation which one would experience after a satisfactory orgasm." There is nothing wrong with the natural discharge of sexual energy. The Orgone Energy Accumulator, unfortunately, does not provide orgastic potency and is no substitute for it. We wish such a device could be invented. This correction, thus, merely maintains a fact of truth.

You would serve a good cause in this most distressing field of human misery if you would publish these corrections, since people might be induced by your article to believe that the Orgone Energy Accumulator can replace the task of our civilization to reestablish the natural laws of the genital embrace.

Sincerely yours,
ILSE OELLENDORFF, Secretary
For WRF

Destroy It!

In an article by Pete Martin on David Randall, the rare book collector (Saturday Evening Post, March 22, 1952, p. 42), the following announcement of a book by Maxim Gorki was reprinted:

"THE LOWER DEPTHS—Maxim Gorki (In Russian). Petersburg, 1920, $150. An unusually interesting copy, inscribed by Gorki with a long inscription giving his idea about the intrinsic qualities of the Russians. The inscription reads: 'This book tells the truth about the Russian people, about the way they preach without considering the consequence of their sermon, about the way they console one another without faith in the power of consolation, and pretend to love without knowing how to love. In the end each one of them wants only one thing: leave me alone! But the best thing they do is lie.' Signed and dated October 10, 1920."

RECENT REFERENCES

The article goes on to state that the book was bought by a Russian and then vanished. It is clear to Randall that the book was destroyed because the buyer wanted to eliminate from the world this particular copy of the book which contained Gorki's searing inscription.

Recent References to the Work of Wilhelm Reich
in Books and Periodicals


An extensive and very favorable description of Reich's contributions to depth psychology. Clear recognition that Reich was the first to take character analysis out of the moral-genetic realm and to put it on a scientific basis.

2. FACES IN THE CROWD by David Riesman, Ph.D. Yale University Press, 1952.

Riesman makes a detailed study of the social-psychological orientations of twenty-three Americans. One of the persons he studies is an adolescent boy who is a "Reichian." Since Riesman makes no distinction between Reich's work and the "meaning of Reichianism" to an adolescent boy, and since, furthermore, he uses the latter as a way to discredit the former, the analysis is valueless from the viewpoint of sex-economy and orgonomy and their accurate description. However, it is valuable as a description of how "Reichianism" looks in an adolescent boy, and adds another illustration regarding the distortion of sex-economy by the people.


Slight reference regarding phobias in children, with much material regarding character neuroses used without quotation or acknowledgment.


"At the University ... Billie ... was initiated into the avant-garde world of Rimbaud and Wilhelm Reich."
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.
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.

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