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Reading the hidden Message of Pathology Die verborgene Botschaft in der Pathologie

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- 1) Aims:
How to find a remedy concerning a 17 year old boy suffering from strange and peculiar symptoms (§153). The remedy can neither be found via the Materia Medica nor by conventional repertorization.
- 2) Case description, Method:
This boy spends his pocket money to buy a cayman fish (crock-like fish), moraines and piranhas to feed them with goldfish. Once his mother finds out that he hides a 1m long phyton snake in his bedstead and feeds it with living mice, the family becomes alarmed. He avoids the contact with his schoolmates both in person as well as on the phone. The family constellation is that his father is a school director of the very same school the boy attends; therefore he has to behave appropriately. However, an acute complaint enables us to find the remedy. He suffers from a severe cough, nose bleeding, sleep disorders, grimaces, restlessness and vertigo. Fever 38.5°C, lameness in the left thigh, difficulties to walk up the staircase.
According to group analysis by J. SCHOLTEN, it is possible to select the

composites as a family: (1) *lack of self esteem* (a result of the position of the father), *hemorrhage* and *fever* point to the *composites*. (2) The cough and respiratory symptoms are an outstanding indication for *Lactuca virosa*. (3) The grimaces, his restlessness and sleeplessness, the pain in his left hip match with the description of the remedy in the *Materia Medica* (BOERICKE, ALLEN, CLARKE).

3) Results

After administrating C200 in single doses, the fever subsides. Within a few days the cough fades away, he sleeps rather well, and enjoys going to school. After taking C1000, he sells all his fish, is nearly bitten into his leg by the moraine, buys himself a motorcycle and enjoys a good relationship with his schoolmates. Feels no longer victimized.

4) Interpretation

The basic conflict is suppressed self worth - a theme of the composites. Enduring humiliation represses emotions, which provoke strange symptoms that are finally expressed symbolically (S. FREUD, C. G. JUNG). The boy creates a scenery and *constitutes his inner conflict*. He makes himself a hero and moreover, he demonstrates power on the one hand and helplessness on the other. Imbalance of the Ego indicates the carbon series or the composites.

The pressure from the authority creates symptoms such as withdrawal from his schoolmates, the feeling of being watched and chased by others (a serious problem during school excursions), restlessness, sleeplessness, grimaces. *The chronic conflict is latent*, the key to the remedy is found by a group of symptoms during an acute illness.

5) Summary

The law of similarity offers a holistic point of view: the disturbed mind of the boy and the genius of the simple lettuce are similar. The state of mind of both entities is associated with the feeling of being victimized. Contemporary homoeopathy requires a *Materia Medica* representing a hierarchy preformed in nature: We must be able to classify and compare remedies by group analysis (C. HERING). In this way, *finding the central conflict*, the mysterious symptoms of a patient can then be associated with the appropriate remedy (Law of Similarities). - A simple salad represents severe neurotic habits, which inhibits the boys development.

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