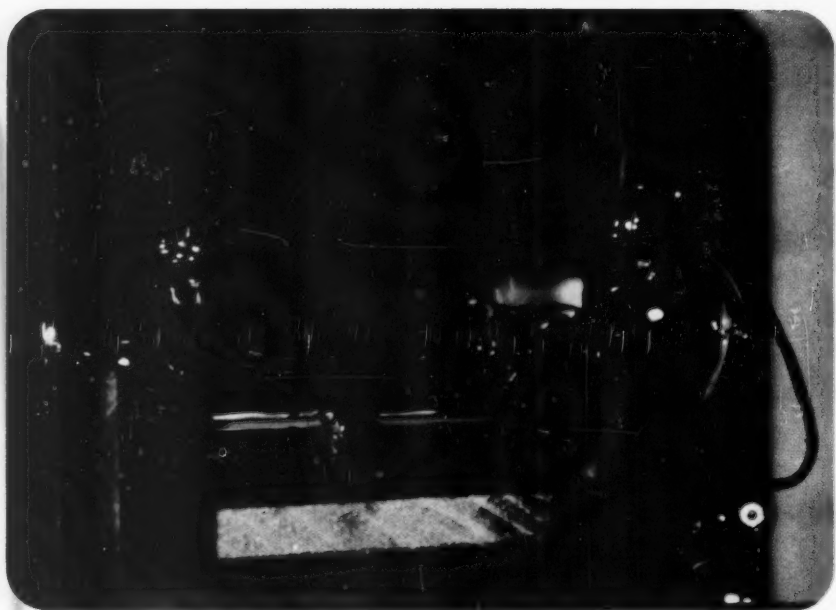






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ORGONE PHYSICS

ORGONOTIC LIGHT FUNCTIONS. 1. SEARCH- LIGHT PHENOMENA IN THE ORGONE ENVELOPE OF THE EARTH (1942-1944)

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In the *International Journal of Sex-economy and Orgone Research*, 1945, p. 133 ff.,¹ I reported on several telescopic observations which made it highly probable that the planet earth is surrounded by an "orgone envelope" of an as yet undetermined width. The observations showed further that this orgone envelope *rotates* in the same direction as the earth sphere, that is, from West to East, and that it rotates more *rapidly* than the earth sphere. It was further communicated that the movement of the atmospheric orgone is *wave-like* and has different rates of speed. Before storm formation in the West the motion ceases at the point of observation and even reverses its customary West-East direction and moves from East to West. These phenomena were demonstrated as independent of both temperature and wind direction.

These observations drew my attention to other phenomena in the atmospheric orgone, among them to searchlight phenomena, which, to be sure, are generally well-known, but here appear in a new connection:

a. The *color* of the light of the searchlight is not white, but shows various intensities and shades of *blue*.

b. The light streak shows very different qualities under different conditions: on clear, completely cloudless nights with low humidity the light

¹ Cf. also THE DISCOVERY OF THE ORGONE, vol. II p. 122.

streak is pointed, narrow, and uniform. On "damp" or cloudy nights the light streak shows, even in *cloudless* sectors of the atmosphere, different breadths and "nodes" of broader and brighter light. It is uneven and irregular.

c. The light streak which proceeds from the searchlight, ends more or less sharply. It does not show transmission in space beyond a definite limit. If one now follows up the changes in the *length* of the light streak, one can after a sufficiently long comparison of the different positions distinguish clearly two facts:

If the light streak is *vertical* to the earth surface, it is at its *shortest* length.

If it is horizontal or tangential to the earth surface, it is at its *longest*.

The light streak clearly lengthens if it is moved from the vertical into the horizontal position, and just as clearly does it shorten in the reverse situation. Observation with the naked eye leaves no doubt that the horizontal length often amounts to far more than twice the length in the vertical position.

The light streak further shows in definite positions in the firmament a slight, but distinct bending.

These observations confront us with several important questions:

a. If light is transmitted at the speed of 300,000 kilometers a second into space and throughout all space, why does the light streak end even on perfectly clear days at so short a distance above the surface of the earth?

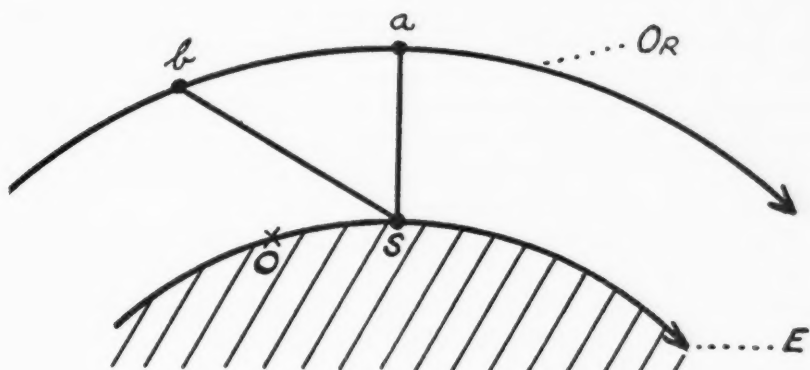
b. What do the nodes and the different breadths of the light streak signify in the cloudless atmosphere on certain nights?

c. Why is the light ray longer if it is changed from the horizontal to the vertical position?

It is probable that the three groups of phenomena just mentioned are connected with the orgone envelope of the earth and are conditioned by different states of the orgone field of the earth. It is to be assumed that *the phenomenon of light is itself a function of lumination of the atmospheric orgone*. The lengthening of the light streak in the horizontal and the shortening in the vertical is in harmony with the fact that the depth of the rotating orgone envelope which the light streak passes through increases if the light streak is moved from the vertical to the horizontal position.

The end of the light streak would coincide with the boundary of the rotating earth orgone envelope confronting space beyond.

The uniformity of the light streak on clear nights and its irregularity on



E . . . Earth surface Or . . . Boundary of the orgone envelope
 S . . . Searchlight O . . . Observer x S-a . . . Vertical position of the light streak
 S-b . . . Approximating horizontal position

unclear ones is in accord with the fact that the atmospheric orgone shows a regular distribution on clear days whereas it manifests different concentrations in different places of the atmosphere on unclear days. This appears in the telescope as variations in speed of the wave-like movement in different directions of the atmosphere before cloud formation.

The light of the searchlight appears far brighter at clouds than at other places. This is regarded as a "phenomenon of reflection." In harmony with other orgone-physical facts a different explanation of this phenomenon results: it is possible that the lumination at the cloud is stronger because the cloud contains a far higher concentration of atmospheric orgone than the cloudless atmosphere.

On the basis of the phenomena and considerations we have here mentioned an assumption is forced upon us that is new and most surprising:

The phenomena of light, then, would be a *local lumination of the atmospheric orgone*, determined by the atmospheric orgone's existence, its capacity for lumination and thickness. Further, we must distinguish the phenomenon "light" from the "electromagnetic" light waves and say: what are

"transmitted with the speed of light through space" are only the invisible electromagnetic waves. They swing in a cosmic orgone ocean and excite the *earth's orgone envelope* at the point where it is dense enough for *lumination*.

Should this explanation be confirmed, the electromagnetic wave theory of light would not be in contradiction with the orgone-physical theory of light as a *local* lumination. But transmission of excitation and lumination would be separate functions of nature.

Daylight as a result of sun radiation can also be placed here without contradiction:

"Light" rays would not "come from the sun to earth," but only waves of excitation which "are transmitted with the speed of light." These waves of excitation would bring the orgone envelope of the earth into the state of lumination. Such an explanation of the function of light would be in harmony with the phenomenon of "dawn" long before sunrise. The orgone envelope of the earth becomes excited long before it is hit directly by "light rays," thus long before the sun appears on the horizon. This is in accord with the fact that the light phenomena in the orgone room of my laboratory are most strongly pronounced *before sunrise* and *after sunset*. The impression which one has in the metal room can be rendered only with the words: *the orgone energy is far more excited even in the completely light-free dark room before sunrise and after sunset than during the day or during the night*. One can observe the same phenomenon on the smooth mirror of the lake: *the pulsatory movement is accelerated when the sun rises*.

From the above it follows logically that the corona of the sun is also a local phenomenon of lumination of the orgone envelope of the sun.

The considerations here presented are more than mere assumptions. Yet in order to become completely valid views of the nature of light they must be supported by further observations and facts. They can win their full weight only in a much wider connection which embraces more facts concerning the general functions of the cosmic orgone energy.

A MOTOR FORCE IN ORGONE ENERGY. PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATIONS

Following are three notarized statements made by Wilhelm Reich concerning the motor force in orgone energy. We omit the legal phraseology connected with notarization and limit ourselves to the factual statements.

a) Statement of 11 August, 1947:

In order to determine whether the atmospheric orgone energy which was discovered by me in 1939 and 1940, is identical with the so-called cosmic radiation, I ordered from the firm Herbach & Rademan Company, 517 Ludlow Street, Philadelphia 6, a Geiger-Müller Portable Field Set, Model GLP-215, which is specifically designed, according to the instructions of the Company, to determine Gamma-Rays, X-Rays and Cosmic Rays. This device was dispatched from Philadelphia on May 22nd, 1947, and on May 31st, I made my first test with this device by carrying the field set around through the orgone laboratory, and by testing metal walls of the orgone metal room, and the orgone accumulators, by approaching the counter tube. There was no difference in reaction from the usual background of several clicks per minute, to be heard through the earphones which correspond to cosmic rays. According to my knowledge, no radioactive substances ever showed any effect in the region of the laboratory at Orgonon. This first result seemed to confirm the impression I had for many years, that orgone energy is basically different from electro-magnetic radiation.

The next day I tested again, but it struck me that the clicks per minute were fewer, only 1 or 2, and on the third day, no clicks were to be heard any more. This remained so for the following 8 or 10 days. It agreed with previous experiences that concentrated orgone energy extinguishes electro-magnetic energy.

For instance, in 1939, when the orgone energy in SAPA bions was first discovered, I was struck by the following fact: When a glass plate was coated with radium and showed the well-known smooth glow, and was then put into the orgone accumulator, this glow first disappeared and was re-

placed by a vivid flimmering which, according to my observation, was due to the effect of the orgone.

To return: The Geiger-Müller counter at Orgonon went completely dead for many weeks. I used to test it about once or twice a week to see whether any reaction to X-rays or to cosmic rays could be detected. On Friday, August 8th, 1947, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, just when Mr. Washington was leaving a conference, I tested the device again, and to my greatest surprise the impulse recorder gave not only a strong reaction, but even a very unusual one. It turned, according to rough measurements, 100 clicks per second. One time, during 58 seconds, the pointer turned around 60 times, corresponding to about 6000 clicks. On August 10th, at 4 p.m., there were 2000 clicks in 15 seconds.

A rough control of this phenomenon showed that, while the impulse counter turned full revolutions per second, no clicks could be heard in the earphones, either with or without the impulse counter attached to the device.

When the countertube was disconnected and the impulse counter connected, the pointer did not turn at all. These rough controls which have to be corroborated seem to prove the following facts:

1. The counter tube seems essential to the production of a motor force in the impulse counter.

2. According to J. Barton Hoag, *ELECTRON AND NUCLEAR PHYSICS*, the greatest speed reached by atomic energy effects on Geiger-Müller counters was about 300 impulses per minute, or 5 per second. The exact figure is, of course, not to be established now.¹

3. Accordingly, the reaction of the impulse counter to the counter tube being in a three-fold one cubic foot orgone accumulator, would amount to a motor force of about 20 to 30 times faster, compared with the speed of impulses in atomic energy, according to Hoag.

4. Should further research corroborate this observation, and should any possible mistake be eliminated, then the fact would be established that: a counter tube soaked full with orgone radiation is capable of developing a motor force in a device, corresponding to an impulse counter about 20 times as fast as that of atomic energy established until now.

5. The fact of a rotation of the impulse counter at a rate of more than 100 impulses per second, or one revolution per second, was demonstrated in the

¹ (January, 1949): The atomic energy effect has been increased considerably since.

presence of Miss Ilse Ollendorff, Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe, Mr. William Washington (Mathematician of the University of Chicago), Mr. Peter Mills, lawyer of Farmington, Maine, who is notarizing this statement, and Mr. Thomas Ross, caretaker of Orgonon, of Oquossoc, Maine.

b) Statement of 25 March, 1948:

During the month of March, 1948, I succeeded in demonstrating cosmic orgone energy phenomena and functions in vacuum tubes, which I termed "VACOR" phenomena.

Under certain specific conditions and techniques, a VACOR tube shows:

a) Lumination, if excited by body orgone, by orgone from a secondary coil system, and by electric tension.

b) Rapid impulses, which can be demonstrated and counted with a Geiger-Müller Scaler apparatus. During March, 1948, up to 25,600 impulses per minute were counted. Impulses up to 100,000 and more per minute are expected with special arrangements.

c) Reactions which can be obtained not only without any gas filling of the vacuum tube, but also without the application of the usual Geiger-Müller Voltage. They can furthermore be obtained unipolarly, or by application of a negative tension from one Geiger-Müller Apparatus and the attachment of the Anode wire of the extension tube of a second Geiger-Müller Apparatus, without any high voltage.

Motor impulses can be demonstrated with a unipolar static electroscope, if it is attached to the anode wire of the extension amplifier.

The electrodes used in the excitation of the orgone energy in the vacuum tubes were about 6 inches apart from each other, and the voltage at which the reaction occurred was around 600-700 Volts.

Increase of the voltage at the two electrodes in the Vacor tube increases the counts in an as yet not exactly determined relation.

The lumination within the Vacor tube changes with increasing voltage, from deep violet, over blue and blue-gray towards white.

The phenomenon described in the above paragraph with the high rate of impulses prove the electronic theory of the Geiger-Müller reaction to be wrong, since no ionization effects can be made responsible for the impulses

in the Vacor tube. These phenomena, furthermore, open up a vista of two new technical applications of orgone energy:

- a) production of light, and
- b) transformation of impulses in rapid succession into a mechanical motor force.

c) Statement of 5 July, 1948:

On August 11th, 1947, an affidavit was executed concerning the discovery of a motor force in cosmic orgone energy. This document was sent to and deposited with the following persons and institutions:

- Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe, Director of the Orgone Institute Press
- Dr. Walter Hoppe, Medical Director of the O.I.R.L., Inc., Palestine
- Dr. Ola Raknes, Oslo, Norway
- Mr. A. S. Neill, Leiston, England
- Dr. I. H. Leunbach, Copenhagen, Denmark, for the Danish Patent Off.
- Law Office of Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays, New York
- Law Office of Mr. Peter Mills, Farmington, Maine
- U. S. Atomic Energy Commission (through office of Mr. Hays)
- The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia
- Irving Goodfriend, Patent Lawyer, New York

On March 25th, 1948, a second affidavit was executed, regarding VACOR TUBES (orgone-charged vacuum tubes). This document was sent to and deposited with the following persons and institutions:

- Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe, New York
- Dr. Walter Hoppe, Tel-Aviv, Palestine
- Dr. Ola Raknes, Oslo, Norway
- Mr. A. S. Neill, Leiston, England
- Dr. Simeon J. Tropp, New York
- Law Offices of Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays, New York
- U. S. Atomic Energy Commission (through office of Mr. Hays)

On June 24th, 1948, at 1 p.m., I succeeded in setting a motor (Western Electric, KS-9154, Serial No. 1227) into motion by means of the Orgone Energy Motor Force which I had discovered by way of the Geiger-Müller counter on August 8th, 1947. To date, the energy output has been increased to around 200,000 impulses per minute, measurable with the 32 Geiger-Müller Scaler.

An activated filament of electronic amplifiers, without any high voltage, is sufficient to transmit the ORGONOTIC MOTOR FORCE.

In order to set the Orgone Motor into motion, a certain function, called Y, is necessary. This function cannot be divulged at the present time.

The sources of orgone energy used hitherto are the following:

- a) Orgone-charged Vacor tubes
- b) Atmospheric Orgone
- c) Earth Orgone
- d) Organismic Orgone Energy

No material as is being used in the process of nuclear fission is required.

The succession of impulses can be regulated. The sequence of impulses is even and continuous. The relation of the amount of used orgone energy to the tremendous reservoir of the Cosmic Energy Source is minimal. (Reference is made to the document executed on January 13th, 1948, by the law offices of Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays, New York, concerning basic orgonometric functional equations.)

The speed of the motor action can be regulated. It depends on

- a) the number of vacor tubes connected,
- b) weather conditions in accordance with orgonotic functions found hitherto, such as temperature difference T_0-T , speed of electroscopic discharge, etc.,
- c) Function Y

The functions of the vacuum tubes (vacor tubes), refute the theories of "empty space." There is no such thing as "empty space." Field actions are due to the activity of the universal cosmic orgone energy. The strength of the energy field within the vacuum tube can be demonstrated and measured with a specific functional set-up.

The action of the orgone energy motor was witnessed by the following:

Ilse Ollendorff, Administr. Director of the Research Corp.

Myron Sharaf, student of the Orgone Institute

William Washington, Physicist, student of the Orgone Institute

Thomas Ross, Caretaker of the Orgone Institute property

Theodore P. Wolfe, M.D., Director of the Orgone Institute Press.

MEDICAL ORGONE THERAPY

MY EXPERIENCES WITH THE ORGONE ACCUMULATOR

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My experiences with the orgone accumulator extend over a period of more than five years. During the first 4 years, I experimented exclusively with twofold accumulators. During the past year, I started to give treatments with a twentyfold accumulator also.

I myself was my first experimental patient when I used the orgone accumulator after a minor operation. The surgeon was surprised at the rapidity of the healing process.

A physician who had to treat a knee injury of a man 43 years of age was just as amazed as was the surgeon in my case. This injury caused a high fever, which only slowly gave way after large doses of sulfadiazine were given. The patient was not able to sit in the accumulator until the third day after the injury occurred. The process of infection was now rapidly overcome, and the process of healing took place with surprising rapidity.

In a third case of wound treatment, the surgeon, in a review of the case, called the progress made a "miracle cure." A 25-year-old craftsman had a work accident which caused a compound fracture of the middle phalange of the left index finger. The examination showed a circular contusion which affected about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the circumference of the finger. The distal part of the finger was hanging loose, the flexor tendon torn. An operation was not considered feasible because there was no protection at all for the distal part of the finger and a suture of the completely crushed and splintered fracture

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was impossible. Therefore, the flesh was stitched and the finger was put into a cast in an imperfectly extended position. The orgone treatment began 24 hours after the accident, in a twofold accumulator, without the additional help of a small accumulator for local radiation. The treatment was applied 3 times daily, for half an hour at each session; after the first week the treatment was cut down to twice daily, and after two more weeks to only once daily. The original plan of amputation was relinquished after about two weeks, because the healing process progressed so well. But since the tendon could not be sutured, it was expected that the joints would surely remain stiff. Five weeks after the injury occurred, the surgeon in charge of the case, on examining the wound, erroneously believed that it was 8 weeks old. After 2 months, he wrote in the case history that the injured man surprisingly was able to bend the middle joint of the finger actively, and that passively the joints, on the whole, were free. The fracture healed in the proper position. After about 3 months, the healing process was completed. The joints were almost 100% actively and passively mobile.

A woman, aged 30, suffered a leg injury. The wound suppurated and did not heal for several weeks. After 3 sessions in the orgone accumulator, the wound closed, but it still hurt. The next day, during the session, she felt a sharp pain. A piece of glass was coming out of the wound. During the following days the wound healed completely.

All these treatments—except the last one—took place in the very humid climate of the Palestinian coast. It is generally known that wounds heal slowly in this area, in contrast to the dry climate in Jerusalem. This experience is in complete harmony with the orgone-physical theory that the orgone concentration in the atmosphere depends on the humidity of the air. Along the Palestinian coast, the humidity runs from 50-70%; in Jerusalem, on the other hand, the humidity rarely amounts to more than 30%.

Another experiment was tried on a 6-year-old child who repeatedly presented a number of *cutaneous abscesses*; even after only one treatment the abscesses receded, and after five further treatments they had completely disappeared. In the meantime, the child developed some new abscesses; again they began to recede rapidly after the first orgone treatment. For six months now the child has regularly used the accumulator, and no further abscesses have appeared.

A woman, aged 46, with a *carcinoma of the liver*, came for orgone treat-

ment in the last stage of her disease. Shortly before the appearance of the liver metastasis, she had been operated on for carcinoma of the left breast. She had lived in complete sexual abstinence for 17 years. Her menstruation was very weak and always lasted only two days. The patient came for treatment twice daily for half an hour and after two days of treatment she felt much better, as her appetite increased and she was able to walk with greater ease. Three days later, menstruation occurred which, although still as weak as before, lasted four days for the first time. Her hemoglobin content rose from 75% to 85% within a week and her weight increased by 2 lbs. Thereafter, her general condition deteriorated once again. Ascites and icterus occurred after a fortnight, whereupon the treatment was broken off. Death followed a week later. It is worth noting that the patient remained virtually free from pain until death.

A patient, aged 56, with a *pseudomyxoma peritonei* also came for treatment in a very advanced stage of the disease. The tumor appeared five years after an appendectomy and was operated on twice, the second operation having taken place nine months prior to the beginning of orgone treatment. The patient had been constipated for half a year and for months had been able to regulate his bowel movements only with the aid of laxatives. He came for orgone treatment with a protruding abdomen which was as stiff as a board. His appetite was very poor, and he felt an unbearable tension in the entire abdominal region. After the first treatment, bowel movement was copious without laxatives and the patient's subjective condition began to improve rapidly. Within 4 days, the patient felt definitely much better and his face had a much healthier appearance due to increased blood circulation, a fact confirmed by the patient's son, who is a physician. This improvement kept up for eight more days and regular bowel movements were possible without the aid of laxatives. Gradually, however, nausea, vomiting and constipation began to recur. During the ensuing ten days, the clinical picture fluctuated until the patient had to be hospitalized following a serious heart attack he had on the street, and orgone treatment had to be abandoned.

Orgone treatment brought about a considerable improvement in several cases of *constipation*. A woman, 59, widowed for 10 years, began orgone treatment because of severe emaciation and lack of appetite. During the past months, she had lost 24 lbs. and weighed only 90 lbs. when the treatment

began. She had suffered for decades from feverish colds, asthma, ptosis of the stomach and intestines, and continuously from severe constipation. For the past 7 years she had suffered from an itchy skin which specialists diagnosed as an "allergy." The blood picture showed 78.8% hemoglobin, 4.3 million red blood corpuscles, increased lymphocytes (55%) with a considerable acceleration of the erythrocyte sedimentation rate (33 per hour). Furthermore, she complained about pressure in the heart area and a thumping heartbeat. As regards her character, it is worth mentioning that she was always a quiet, shy and severely inhibited person. The overall picture of her illness pointed towards a biopathic process of shrinking, but the physicians treating the case could not discover anything which even hinted of a tumor. The first weeks of the orgone treatment seemed to have relatively little success. It is true, the itching of the skin had disappeared after three weeks, the red blood picture was slightly improved, but the rate of erythrocyte sedimentation had further increased (to 36) and also the lymphocytes to 60%. Although the patient felt subjectively better, there was no increase in weight. It was decided to build a slightly smaller accumulator which was more in proportion to her size, and which she could take home. After seven months, the treatment had to be stopped because the patient went abroad. During the seven months the patient recovered considerably. She gained 5½ lbs., her appetite was substantially improved, and her constipation had almost ceased to exist. The pains in the vicinity of the heart disappeared also, but there was no change in her asthma. The itching of the skin never recurred. Fourteen months later it was reported from abroad that the patient had to be operated on because of a *carcinoma of the rectum*. She had to be given an artificial anus. There is no doubt that the constipation, extending over decades, in conjunction with the chronic contraction of the anal musculature, caused the development of the carcinoma in the rectum. It also seems safe to say that a cancer biopathy must have existed for years without the internist being able to diagnose a tumor.

A man, aged 56, with *angina pectoris* had his first attack eight years ago and had had no trouble whatever since then. A week before the beginning of the orgone treatment new attacks set in, some of them of a serious nature. Consciousness was partly clouded. The attacks occurred with varying intensity several times a day, up to the first orgone treatment. After the first treatment, there were no more attacks. This improvement lasted during the

entire period of treatment, which extended over a month, and today, nine months after treatment began, the patient is without a complaint.

A man, 62, had suffered for 12 years from tensions and pressure around the heart whenever he exerted himself. The physicians diagnosed a light case of *angina pectoris*. During the first 4 weeks of orgone treatment, the general condition of the patient improved and he gained 6½ lbs. The pains around the heart, however, improved only after 5 weeks. After a short while, all the troubles disappeared completely and the man had an urge to work with an intensity he had not known for years.

Another man, 44, also suffered from *angina pectoris*. His ailment had slightly improved after consulting a doctor, before he began orgone therapy. But he never could get rid of strong pressure above the heart, especially after excitement. After a few weeks of treatment in the orgone accumulator, the disturbances disappeared almost completely. Also, his ability to work was completely restored.

A patient, aged 62, with an *arteriosclerotic heart disease* became sick 5 years ago. He had been repeatedly hospitalized and his doctors had given him up on several occasions. After a few weeks of orgone treatment, he felt strong enough to take a walk of several miles in the glare of a tropical sun at noon against medical advice, a thing which he had been unable to do for years. Subsequently he suffered a relapse, but he slowly recovered once again. His weight increased once again, but the ascites which he had had for years could not be cured and his condition has remained unchanged for months.

A patient, aged 72, with a *myodegeneratio cordis* and high blood pressure of 210, recovered in the course of three months of orgone treatment. His blood pressure only dropped to 190, it is true, but whereas he had formerly been unable to walk without the aid of a stick he can now move freely again.

A woman, aged 65, suffered from a *myodegeneratio cordis* for 7 years. Two years ago she was hospitalized for several weeks because of her heart disease. Since all internal medication failed, and since the patient, after returning from the hospital, was no longer able to leave the house, her family decided to try orgone therapy in spite of the skepticism of the physician in charge of the case. Her heart condition improved so much that the patient,

after 3 weeks of orgone therapy, could do without any internal medication. Several weeks later, she was able for the first time to walk outside again, for half an hour. The treatment then was interrupted because the patient moved away.

In a case of *chronic bronchitis* in a woman aged 20, an improvement was visible after only 5 orgone treatments. Previous slight increases of temperature disappeared. The patient was able to cough up phlegm again. The treatment had to be interrupted temporarily for technical reasons.

Basedow's disease was the diagnosis of the physician for a 25-year-old woman patient who previously had suffered from an angina. The angina was treated with sulfadiazine. The patient could not recuperate from the angina for quite some time, in spite of a one week's stay in a rest home. She always ran a slight fever, up to 38.5 C., and her pulse increased to 120. She refused to take medication of any kind for the *Basedow's disease* but asked for orgone treatment. She received such treatment twice daily, each session lasting one half an hour. Her condition changed immediately. After 5 days her pulse was never higher than 100, after 6 more days never higher than 90. At the same time, she remained free of fever. Her capacity to do hard work was much better than before the illness. Today, more than a year after the Basedow appeared, the patient is free of complaints.

During 2 treatments of a 49-year-old woman, her pulse rate decreased from 100 to 84 and from 98 to 88, respectively.

A patient, aged 45, who had been suffering from *chronic diarrhea* for years, was cured after some weeks of treatment. He has not had diarrhea for months.

A patient, aged 36, came for orgone treatment after having been sick with a *gastric ulcer* for four years. She had serious attacks of pain every few months. Three months after the start of the treatment, she felt completely well.

A patient, 60, was suffering for years from a *duodenal ulcer*. He was severely constipated during almost all of his life. The ulcer especially caused serious painful attacks which increased after the patient's wife died several months ago. The constipation improved immediately after the first treatment. In the course of one month of treatment, the constipation, after first alternating with normal bowel movements, was completely eliminated. The

pains disappeared after the fourth session. In addition to these results, 3 warts on the left hand and a corn became smaller. The treatment is being continued.

A patient, 58, allegedly underwent an operation for a fistula on the lower part of his abdomen 3 years ago. (It was not possible to obtain an objective picture of the operation.) Since his operation, the patient complained of pains in the general vicinity of the stomach. A few weeks before the orgone treatment began, these pains increased considerably. For decades, the patient had been constipated. At the beginning of the orgone treatment, the patient had hollow cheeks and an extremely pale complexion. He gave a resigned and tired impression. He came for treatment only after urgent persuasion by his family, as he was extremely skeptical and declared that it did not pay to restore such an "old organism." The pains disappeared at once after the first treatment, the constipation after the first week. After being treated for one month, the patient felt "completely healthy"; he regained his *joie de vivre* and ordered an accumulator for his house, "for scientific reasons only."

A woman, 60, asked for treatment because of "putrefaction of the intestines" which, she claimed, an X-ray picture had shown a year ago. For years she had had trouble "with the belly" as had all her brothers and sisters. She suffered from nausea, lack of appetite, constipation, and had lost 11 lbs. during the last 9 months. She, too, had a livid, pale complexion and gave a very resigned impression. Her general condition improved at once after the orgone treatment began. Because I had to leave for America for the first orgone conference, I could not observe her condition any longer, but while I was at Orgonon, Maine, I learned that she had recuperated considerably and that her general condition is good now.

A patient, aged 20, with *anemia* was treated with the accumulator for a fortnight. The number of erythrocytes rose from 3.7 million to 4 million and her hemoglobin content rose from 70% to 80%.

An *inflammation* of the *eyeball* after the removal of a splinter disappeared altogether after having been subjected to radiation from an accumulator tube.

A patient, aged 39, had a hemorrhage of the throat which lasted for hours and which ceased immediately following the first orgone treatment. The cause of the hemorrhage could not be ascertained although examination by X-ray and by a lung and throat specialist was made.

A woman, aged 43, asked for orgone treatment because of "*vasomotor disturbances*." She complained of a leaden feeling on her head, veiled eyesight, and tears of "heavy gold drops" at the edge of her left eye. She claimed she had these ailments for about a year, whereas she had suffered from a gallbladder ailment in former years. Examination showed a swelling of the right parotid gland. Besides that, a nevus in the lower part of the abdomen, approximately in the vicinity of the cecum, had constantly grown during the last 2-3 weeks. A surgeon declared this to be a formation of the cancer family whereas a skin specialist thought it was innate. The specialist urgently dissuaded the patient from the operation which the surgeon recommended. The orgone treatment resulted, during the first days, in increasing painful sensitivity of the parotid as well as the nevus. The parotid continued to swell, whereas the size of the nevus no longer changed. After a few weeks of orgone treatment, the swelling of the parotid, the leaden feeling on the head, the veil before the eyes, and the "gold drops" disappeared completely. The painfulness of the sensitive spots had already disappeared after the first two weeks of treatment.

A woman, 36, asked for orgone treatment because of an *osteoporosis* of the right femur, of the patella, and of the right tibia. She reported that she had had to undergo a minor operation on a neck gland when she was 3 years old; when 10 years old, she suffered from rheumatism in the joints. She fractured her left forearm four times, her right leg once, her nose four times. She suffered a dislocation of the right wrist and more than 30 ankle dislocations. Until she menstruated for the first time, she suffered from severe migraine headaches but afterwards these headaches ceased. During her entire childhood, her temperature was slightly increased up to 38° C. and she suffered from urticaria after taking aspirin. At 14 years of age, she underwent an appendectomy. At the same time, she suffered disturbances of equilibrium, which recurred when the patient was 25 years old; when 21 years old, malaria tropica, with relapses until the present; at 26 years, toxic dysentery. When 31 years old, that is 5 years ago, the first indications of the present osteoporosis were visible after a cramp of the calf. The patient complained of pains in her knee, which constantly increased. An X-ray picture supported the diagnosis of osteoporosis. All examinations (tuberculosis, gonorrhoea, Wasserman test) were negative; her erythrocyte sedimentation rate was not accelerated; her calcium and phosphorus levels were normal.

X-ray depth radiation was unsuccessful. Further treatment was given up. The right knee could be bent only with severe pain. The pains fluctuated in intensity, but the patient was never free from pain. In this condition, she came for orgone treatment. After 14 days of using the twentyfold accumulator, the pains had completely disappeared and, for the first time in years, the patient was able to bend her knee completely without feeling any pain. Instead of these ailments, a thrombosis formed in the *left* leg which forced the patient to use her right leg to stand on, which did not bother her in spite of considerable physical exertion. It can be supposed that now, after loosening the muscular spasms of the right leg, alternating spasms of the left leg occurred, causing the thrombosis. It is pertinent to mention here that, as a child, the patient had to curtsy deeply, as a salutation, with her right leg, against strong inner resistance. As a result of the treatment, an *over-sensitiveness against changes in light intensity* and especially against neon lights, which had existed for many years, disappeared completely.

The cure of a severe case of *paradentosis* was acknowledged by a dentist. The length of time for the healing process could not be ascertained because the patient used the orgone accumulator originally for quite different reasons. She first used the twofold, then the twentyfold accumulator.

In another case of *paradentosis*, the bleeding of the gums stopped completely, even with vigorous toothbrushing, after three weeks treatment with the twentyfold accumulator.

A man of about 40 years of age came with a virulent cold, high temperature, and pains throughout his body. He sat in the accumulator 40 minutes and felt immediate relief. The next morning he came back to report that he was altogether well.

The intensity of colds is generally diminished by frequent use of the accumulator, and it is recommended that the accumulator be used several times a day at the first appearance of cold symptoms.

A man over 50 had *lichenoid eczema* for the past 5 years. He had been treated by 5 well-known specialists; he responded well to X-ray but the eczema recurred. Penicillin ointment cured the eczema completely, but it recurred within 2 months. The routine ointments had little effect. He sat 1 hour every day for 10 days in the accumulator. The eczema which was on the entire left leg, less on the right, gradually healed and the itching stopped. The patient interrupted treatment for some days when the eczema

became worse again. Now the healing process is far advanced after about 5 weeks of sessions. The physician told him: "You see how well the ointment works." Actually he is not using the ointment. He is still continuing the orgone treatment.

In cases of pregnancy, an excellent effect on mother and child can be observed. In all cases, orgone treatment was applied during almost the entire period of pregnancy. All mothers had an extremely easy time. A pregnant mother, 36, suffered for years from a light case of short-windedness, especially when walking up stairs, and from heart "stitches." The condition improved during the pregnancy, after a few orgone treatments, and the disturbances ceased completely after a few weeks. Varicose veins which grew substantially worse during the first pregnancy, were almost painless during this pregnancy. In all 5 cases of pregnancy, the movements of the fetus were strikingly vigorous. The birth process itself took an extremely easy course in all cases. Delivery lasted from 1 to 2½ hours. In one case, the mother was still in the orgone accumulator only 70 minutes before giving birth. The babies were all very strong and of strikingly rosy complexion. In 4 cases, after discharge from the hospital, self-regulatory feeding was started and the orgone treatment continued. All 4 children—2 are now over 1 year, one over 2, the fourth over 3 years old—are unusually vigorous and are generally thought to be ½ to 1 year older than they really are. They doubled their birthweight or did even better after only 3 months and they distinguish themselves by their unusual vitality. Generally speaking, it is further remarkable that in all cases of prolonged orgone treatment furuncles and abscesses are completely absent, or diminish at once when they appear at all. In this connection, I should like to mention that in our sub-tropical, humid summer climate, furuncles and abscesses are very frequent.

Finally we have been able to observe an increase in weight in the vast majority of cases receiving orgone treatment, ranging from 1 to 9 lbs. inside 1 to 4 weeks.

It may be said generally that the phenomena published by Wilhelm Reich regarding the prickling sensation and the heat generated inside the accumulator in spite of the cooling effects of the metal walls, and regarding the slight rise in temperature experienced by the organism, have been confirmed again and again. "Suggestion" was out of the question here, because many patients felt the prickling sensation without knowing that this was a char-

acteristic reaction in the accumulator. This prickling sensation shows up irregularly and with varying intensity. Another striking phenomenon is the fact that a patient's face is often reddened when he leaves the accumulator.

We have not been able to observe that any harm has been done to any patient by orgone treatment, with one exception. A patient who habitually smeared her face with a certain cream to prevent freckles happened to do this immediately subsequent to an orgone treatment, whereupon there occurred an inflammation of her entire face.

The difference between treatments in the twofold and the twentyfold accumulator lies in the quicker and more intensive efficiency of the healing process in the twentyfold. In many cases, especially in the twentyfold accumulator, a feeling of pressure in the head appears, in some cases nausea. We had a woman patient, who regularly, after 5 to 7 minutes had to leave the accumulator because of nausea. In a single case, perspiration broke out together with an acute feeling of weakness which, however, disappeared soon after the patient left the accumulator. The majority of patients feel rested and relaxed after sitting in the accumulator. Signs of fatigue disappear.

As this report is being written, a great demand for orgone treatment has come from the public, in consequence of the successes, especially with the twentyfold accumulator, which some people even call "miracle cures." Nevertheless, we would like to warn against the expectation that the orgone accumulator can cure all ailments and diseases. It is important to stress again and again that a cure cannot be promised in spite of all the magnificent results. Only too many physicians and laymen are waiting to ambush our work and to capitalize on every failure.

THE FIRST ORGONOMIC CONFERENCE AT
ORGONON, AUGUST 30 TO
SEPTEMBER 3, 1948

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On Sunday evening, Aug. 29, 1948, 35 physicians, educators, and laboratory workers gathered together in the laboratory at Orgonon, Rangeley, Maine, for a 4-day conference in the field of orgonomy. Wilhelm Reich welcomed the group and outlined the tentative program, which was to consist of laboratory demonstrations in the mornings and lectures and discussions at the laboratory in the evenings, with afternoons left open for social gatherings and tours of the grounds at Orgonon and the Rangeley region in general.

Monday morning and the following mornings were given over to demonstration of the bions, the orgone dark room, films from the archives of the Orgone Institute, the reaction of the Geiger-Müller Counter to orgone energy, and an experimental triumph of this summer, the *orgone energy motor*, which is still not ready for publication. Small groups took turns in observing the different phenomena which were demonstrated by the laboratory staff. During the demonstrations, Reich gave several informal talks in which he stressed the thought technique of *functionalism* which is behind the experimental results, a thought technique which is neither mechanical nor mystical, which moves from the complicated to the simple, and which is based on a thorough study of emotional functioning. Reich emphasized that the orgone cannot be understood without a knowledge of the emotions, nor can the energy behind emotions now be fully understood without some knowledge of how the same energy functions outside the organism.

The lectures started Aug. 30 with a report by Dr. Guillermo Ferrari

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Hardoy on orgone therapy in Argentina. Dr. Ferrari reported on his own work and that of an associate in oronomy, Dr. Tallaferro. Dr. Ferrari told of several cases, ranging from a neurosis to a fistula of the tooth, that had been helped by the orgone accumulator. In some cases, psychiatric orgone therapy (formerly called vegetotherapy) was combined with the use of the accumulator, in others the accumulator (physical orgone therapy) was used alone. Dr. Tallaferro had also given a series of lectures on oronomy before the Argentina Psychoanalytical Association which were very well received.

In the discussion period there was a question concerning the success of the orgone accumulator without any psychiatric treatment in the case of neurosis that Dr. Ferrari presented. Reich commented that this was indeed an amazing fact, but he confirmed it from his own experience. It was not so inexplicable, however, when one considered that the neurosis was built essentially on an energy *contraction* and that the accumulator worked toward an *expansion* of the energy field. But Reich emphasized that here, as in all other illnesses, the application of orgone energy was in the experimental stage, and much needed to be studied. As regards Dr. Tallaferro's lectures, Reich commented that the work had its roots in depth-psychological findings, and that hence perhaps it was to be expected that *natural-scientific* psychoanalysts would be the best prepared to understand the later development of sex-economy.

Dr. Ola Raknes next gave a report on sex-economy and orgone research in Norway. The fascist newspaper campaign of 1937 still had reverberations, but patient and honest effort was gradually beginning to win public opinion for the work. The interest among students of psychology is strong and Dr. Raknes will lecture at the University of Oslo this fall on "The Development of a Psychotherapy on a Biophysical Foundation." After his visit to the United States in 1946, Dr. Raknes built an accumulator in his own home, with much opposition from everyone including his own associates.

Dr. Raknes gave a brief account of the present activities of former co-workers of Reich. He also told of a state school in Sweden called "The Children's Village" where the children have an unusually great amount of freedom.

In the discussion period, Reich—in regard to certain techniques that are now used by therapists in Scandinavia who were formerly students in sex-

economy—stressed emphatically that it was not a question of these techniques being permissible or unpermissible, but solely of whether they were useful or not, i.e., whether they went after the real emotions in the patients, whether they kept orgasmic potency at the center of focus or evaded it. As regards Dr. Raknes, the general consensus of opinion was that his fight in Norway is still a very lonely one and that America is much further than Europe in these questions.

Dr. Walter Hoppe's report (delivered in German and excellently translated by Dr. Wolfe) on orgone therapy in Israel was started on the same night, but was completed two days later because of lack of time on the first evening. It is reported here in toto (*supra*, p. 12). Recently, Dr. Hoppe said, the work has gained much prestige. The very fact that Dr. Hoppe was able to make the trip to the U. S. reflected this growing influence, for exit visas are granted only if the trip is made in the interest of the country.

Dr. Hoppe's work is limited to physical orgone therapy. He has used a twentyfold accumulator (as well as regular accumulators) in order to establish the work in the beginning through rapid and intensive effects of orgone treatment. Angina pectoris, duodenal ulcers and osteoporosis, to mention only a few of the cases Dr. Hoppe reported on, have been successfully treated. A remarkable case was that of a man who had suffered a compound fracture of the index finger. His physician did not believe he would ever again have active flexion of the finger. After two months of orgone treatment, however, the patient recovered both active and passive flexion. His doctor regarded it as a "miracle cure," and when told of the orgone treatment only laughed. This was typical of the reactions of physicians who treated the patients with orthodox means at the same time the patients were using the accumulator. Again and again it was a "miracle cure"; the physicians would not consider, they did not wish to consider, possible benefit from the accumulator.

In the discussion period, Dr. Hoppe was congratulated on his independent and courageous work. He had gone further than American orgone therapists in his use of the twentyfold accumulator. Here the fear existed that there might be danger in such an intense application of the orgone, but Dr. Hoppe reported no case of injurious effects. Nevertheless, Reich advised the greatest caution in the use of the accumulator. The danger lay

in the patient reacting to the expansion from the accumulator with a sudden contraction, since neuroses and biopathies are built not only on a contraction of biological energy, but also on a *fear* of pleasurable expansion.

Reich also mentioned that the regarding of orgone therapy cures as "miracles" is one of the greatest obstacles. A genuine "miracle cure" means simply that there has been a stimulation of biological energy, of the automatic nervous system. This is basically what all real medicine has done since Hippocrates, that is, used and encouraged the "vis naturalis" (today scientifically understood and treated as the "orgone") in the organism. The knowledge of the efficacy of the orgone would break through sooner or later, but in the meantime there is the tragedy of the millions who could benefit from the orgone and are prevented from doing so by the "authorities" and by such murderous smear articles as Mildred Edy Brady has written.

On August 31 in a meeting limited to the physicians, Dr. Simeon Tropp lectured on an experimental use of psychiatric orgone therapy in the ordinary medical office. The field is full of promise, but still needs much study and considerably more clinical data before the results can be published. Dr. James A. Willie also reported on a special dummy which he uses in psychiatric orgone therapy, in order to increase the effectiveness of breakthroughs of hatred in the patient, and to divert the destructive impulses of the patient from the therapist to an image.

On September 1, Reich spoke on "Consequences of orgone in vacuum." This talk grew out of the discovery last winter that orgone exists in the so-called "vacuum" and that a vacuum tube, if sufficiently charged, luminesces *blue* when excited by another orgone field or a small amount of electrical voltage. Reich demonstrated this phenomenon and then went on to speak of the tremendous problems involved in the discovery of the orgone.

The greatest question, Reich said, was not the discovery itself, but the puzzle: "Why wasn't the orgone discovered much earlier?" This question hooked up the physical with the psychiatric task. For the same fear that prevented the discovery of the orgone, blocked the discovery of the true nature of the child, and smashed the incipient knowledge of the child that was contained in Freud's discovery of infantile sexuality.

Unable to penetrate to the primordial, cosmic orgone, man erected two systems of thought, mysticism and mechanism, which were essentially built

around the concepts of *God* and *ether*, respectively. God was behind all subjective, spiritual, qualitative phenomena, the ether behind all material, physical processes. These two concepts were indispensable, but still man could not push through to their actual knowledge. More, there was a taboo against knowing them.

Without intending to, Reich said, he hit upon both the God and ether problem when he discovered the cosmic orgone. The orgone, like God and ether, was everywhere and permeated everything. It was behind both the physical processes in nature and the perceptual processes in the human organism. But where hitherto man mechanically split up the cosmic energy into spiritual "God" and physical "ether" and then was unable to really reach either, functional thinking and experimentation discovered the cosmic orgone and was able to understand and handle it *practically*. And the same fact that (through the centuries), prevented the discovery of the orgone, of orgastic potency, of "what it is like to be a child," namely man's armoring, now is at the basis of the tremendous fear and hatred of orgonomy. Man's armoring makes him run away from the essential, from the core problems of life. Whenever he meets them, e.g. the disturbance of orgastic potency in neurosis, the question of biogenesis in biology, the flickering in the atmosphere and on solar bodies in physics and astronomy, he excludes them from the beginning and then explains away their orgonomic solutions as "sexual monomania," "Brownian movement," or "heat waves" and "bad seeing."

Reich spoke with great intensity of the painful experience of hearing again and again from people to whom he showed orgone experimentation: "Very interesting," and no more—in words or actions. This wall before the real life problems, this constant, impotent "Very interesting" had to be overcome before any genuine progress could be made. How to penetrate this wall and how to fight the emotional plague which represented not just the escape from the essential, but the violent hostility toward it and those concerned with it, was left for the next day's discussion.

Reich concluded by saying that there were no authorities in the field of orgonomy and to look for them was only a reflection of our anxiety before the gigantic responsibilities inherent in the discoveries. If orgonomy represented a new way of thinking and a *new* science, then to ask the authorities of the *old* science to confirm it, was—to say the least—naive.

After the lecture, a film, photographed this summer by Kari Berggrav, of Orgonon and laboratory experimentation was shown.

On September 2, the conference continued with a discussion of the emotional plague. Reich emphasized that "emotional plague" was not a curse word and should not be used loosely. To do so was to destroy an indispensable tool. The term applies solely to those whose neurosis manifests itself in socially harmful actions. A spinster who is resigned and bothers no one is simply neurotic; a spinster who gossips about the love life of young people is pestilent.

In the discussion several main points were stressed as guiding lines in the struggle against the emotional plague. I shall list them here briefly:

1. The avoidance of any rigid organization. The organizational structure in orgonomy should remain fluid and informal, with the total emphasis on the work. All participation should be based on merit and not on any formal connection as for instance marriage.

2. As great an effort should be made to decentralize, to have independent workers take responsibility for their own tasks. Self-government should be a reality, not a mere slogan.

3. Plague attacks should not be suffered passively but actively fought. The carriers of the plague are basically cowards who shrink before honesty and fearlessness. But they are very quick to exploit any guilt feelings in us over the nature of the work, particularly the affirmation of infantile and adolescent sexuality. Hence the elimination of such guilt feelings is one of the most essential tasks in what Reich termed the "cleaning process," i.e. the continual criticism of irrationality inside and outside oneself which is necessary in orgonomy.

It was mentioned that the real danger lay not so much with the general public as with certain glib and sadistic individuals, "the sergeants of the emotional plague," who stirred up the dormant plague in the average man. Reich was of the opinion that the general public was far ahead of professional circles in its willingness to accept new ideas, in education particularly. Physicians speaking before groups of parents could do much in changing public opinion toward self-regulation. Collaboration here between social workers and physicians could also be most effective.

The discussion ended with renewed emphasis upon the gigantic task of mastering the emotional plague now that it was finally understood. This required indefatigable work, a knowledge of one's own limitations, and a strict watch against the dilution of the scientific concepts which are our main weapons in the struggle.

A DANGEROUS TENDENCY IN CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT

By MYRON SHARAF

In the January, 1948 issue of the English magazine, *The New Era in Home and School*, there is an article by Lance Whyte which very clearly illustrates a tendency in present-day thinking, which, to my mind, deserves the sharpest condemnation. Let us first examine the article and then move on to the larger implications which it illustrates.

The author begins by describing the current chaos in human civilization and thought. Considering offered solutions, he rejects—we need not go into his reasons here—both religion and Marxism as inadequate. The slogan: "More education" is empty because it does not say *which* concepts are to be taught to the young generation. Other usual answers he also finds sterile.

No, says Mr. Whyte, nothing less than a "new foundation for human consciousness, i.e., for all thought, scientific or other," is necessary. This foundation must be universal, applicable for social and personal as well as scientific integration. The "new" methodology Mr. Whyte proposes is that of a non-mechanical "unitary formative process, a process in which patterns are developed and transformed according to some law which has not yet been discovered." This idea of a formative process, if justified by physics, would form the coordinating principle for knowledge already accumulated, and would replace the mechanical principles of the Newtonian outlook which furthered "the great dualism of mind and matter which has so long haunted human thought." It would be "very like what Dialectical Materialism would have been if the Dialectical Materialists had not allowed many of their conceptions to become static." Instead of analyzing systems into permanent and unchanging entities and then studying their interactions, it would study the formative processes displayed in the system comprising all the "interacting" entities.

Whyte gives an example. "When two adolescents fall in love a psychosomatic change . . . takes place in each of them, each being changed under the influence of the other. But it is impossible to describe this process as the interaction of two unchanging entities, because each of them is changing. Therefore the only way to regard it is through the conception of a *single process affecting them both and developing complementary characteristics in each of the two*. Here we have the essentials of a formative process, the two individuals *forming one developing pattern of complementary parts.*" (Italics the reviewer's.)

I have quoted from Whyte's short article in some detail because it is important to note exactly what he is saying. To the student of orgonomy, all of it—right down to the example—sounds familiar, too familiar. It is an unconcrete version of what Reich has been writing for many years, most fully and over the ground Whyte covers in "Orgonotic Pulsation" (*International Journal of Sex-economy and Orgone Research* 3, 1944, Nos. 2 & 3). But Whyte's very unspecificity betrays the crucial difference: whereas his formulations are still only theoretical and do not tell us how to proceed factually, Reich's thought technique of functionalism, *the guiding line of which for over 15 years has been the principle of a simultaneous identity and antithesis in nature*, is today a proven mirroring of basic natural processes. Developed originally through a consistent study, continued over decades, of the *emotions* in general and the orgastic function in particular, the thought technique of functionalism led to the discovery of the cosmic, primordial energy, the orgone, which is itself neither mechanical nor mystical, but functional, changing, "unitary and formative." Its discovery and *practical* application proves the validity of the thinking behind it.

Here, concretely, is all, and much more than Whyte was asking for. Here is the way of thinking that can be *and has been* applied to human and social life as well as to the natural sciences, that eliminates the dualism between mind and matter, that replaces mechanism without being mystical, that is very like what Dialectical Materialism would have been if it had not become static. Here, in tangible form as opposed to Whyte's hopeful proposals, is the "new foundation for human consciousness."

And yet Whyte is strangely silent about Reich and his work. Not so much as a mention, though Reich's thought seems to permeate every line. Having written the author telling him about Reich's work and asking him whether

he was familiar with it, and having received the answer that he "had heard of it though did not know it in detail," I am forced to the conclusion that the article is another example of conscious or unconscious intellectual plagiarism.

We are familiar with such diluted borrowings from sex-economy: Franz Alexander's "Character-Analysis" (cf. "Character-Analysis" by T. P. Wolfe, *International Journal*, 1, 1942, 90 ff.), Eric Fromm's books on the fear of freedom in the masses (cf. Harry Obermayer's review of Fromm's *ESCAPE FROM FREEDOM*, *International Journal*, 2, 1943, 173 ff.), current pedagogic writings on "freedom for the child" with little mention or watered-down statements on the genital rights of infants, children and adolescents. These are only a few examples; one could cite many more. Their common factor—the factor that betrays them—is that, while taking over parts of sex-economy and orgonomy, the *central* point of the elucidation of the energy function of the orgasm is never treated. No one could use this fact fruitfully without connecting in honest, clear fashion with Reich's work. What they do is take over only what can be used comfortably within the present framework of thinking and leave behind the dangerous rest. To quote from *LISTEN, LITTLE MAN!*, they want the raisins from Reich's pie but not the thorns of his roses. Then they are hailed for their "daring," "original" thinking (but still how safe it all is!) and the real thing is ignored or fought.

It is not our intention to blame anybody. We realize why these writers avoid mentioning the orgasmic function and the orgone. But we do believe that diluted articles on "unitary, formative thinking," "self-regulation," an "organismic psychology" etc. are in the long run more dangerous than writings which are openly reactionary and inimical to orgonomy. For while the latter are transparently off-the-track and reveal themselves to all for what they are, the former give the impression to the general public of being progressive and of grappling honestly with crucial contemporary problems. This *seeming* functionalism, self-regulation, mass psychology, psychosomatic medicine or whatever could destroy the findings of orgonomy by passing them on to the public after dissecting their spine—the study of energy processes in sexuality which, with inescapable logic, led to the discovery of the cosmic orgone energy.

It is necessary to expose the basic cheat of these attempts and to demonstrate their ultimate sterility. One cannot have a genuine functionalism

without studying that which is functional within human beings, the emotions, and moving from there to the basic natural process which follows the same laws as do the emotions. One cannot have a genuine self-regulation without a clear and unequivocal orientation on the sexual life of infants, children and adolescents. One cannot have a genuine mass psychology without understanding the irrational structure of contemporary man. One cannot have a genuine psychosomatic medicine without tackling the basis of psychosomatic illnesses: the stasis of sexual (biological) energy in chronic muscular armorings. All attempts to detour logical thinking degenerate into words without substance and serve to confuse the true issues. We intend to go into this in detail in future articles. Suffice it here to say that there is no easy way. Only the very factual, consistent and dangerous work on forbidden functions yields what Mr. Whyte and others are calling for—the *real* solution of the personal, social and scientific problems which haunt our age.

NOTES

Orgonomy: A Threat

Sometime ago, a psychiatrist concluded his review of one of Wilhelm Reich's books as follows: "The orgone accumulator and some of the techniques of the Reichian school *threaten to make a mockery* of the science of psychiatry and psychoanalysis."

That this threat is being felt very acutely is demonstrated by an unprecedented low in vile journalism in the *Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic*, a bi-monthly publication presumably devoted to scientific articles. The Drs. Karl and William Menninger are considered "leading" psychiatrists and psychoanalysts, past and present Presidents of such bodies as the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychoanalytic Association.

In May, 1947, the *New Republic* published a scurrilous article, entitled, "The Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich," by a Mildred Edie Brady, "economist and free-lance writer." This was thoroughly shown up as a slanderous piece in Wolfe, *EMOTIONAL PLAGUE VERSUS ORGONE BIOPHYSICS*, which was published early in 1948.

Then, in March, 1948, the *Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic* reprinted this scurrilous article, *editorially endorsing it*. It is indeed a sorry spectacle to see leading psychiatrists and psychoanalysts line themselves up with the yellow press in the irrational fight against orgonomy. The only possible explanation for such behavior is panic.

When leading psychiatrists and psychoanalysts, lacking any objective argument against orgonomy, deputize a "free-lance writer" of scurrilous articles "to warn the public of their non-approval of Mr. [!] Reich"; when they give her scurrilous article their approval by editorially calling it "*a valid presentation*"; then something *very serious* indeed must be wrong with psychiatry and psychoanalysis and the "leading" psychiatrists and psychoanalysts.

Where there is no objective argument, the mechanisms of the emotional plague, defamation and distortion are employed. The emotional plague has been able to flourish because its workings were unknown. They are known now. They will inexorably boomerang on those who employ them. Orgon-

omy needs no more than its own validity. It is altogether independent of the "approval" or "non-approval" of self-styled authorities, of "leaders" in fields which, in the face of orgonomy, they feel crumbling about themselves.

We take seriously the threat which orgonomy represents to psychiatry, psychoanalysis, medicine, biology, physics and education, in brief, to the mechanistic-mystical Weltanschauung in general. Not because we want it to be a threat—it is not of our making—but because we have more regard for facts than for ideologies, parties or formal organizations. If they feel threatened, they have three ways open to them: to keep quiet and let us do our work in peace; to fight orgonomy by the means of the emotional plague; or to acknowledge the facts. It is up to them.

A Warning

It has come to the knowledge of the responsible workers of the ORGONE INSTITUTE that at the Psychiatric Convention in Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1948, a group of psychoanalysts and neurologists decided to smash Reich's work. In connection with this decision, several obviously malicious attacks, unworthy of physicians, have been launched:

1. The "investigation" of some of our doctors by incompetent neurosurgeons.
2. The publication in a psychiatric organ, the *Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic*, of an obviously slanderous article about Wilhelm Reich written by a public crank who has nothing whatever to do with psychiatry or medicine, who poses as a psychiatrist and medical doctor, and who wrote this article primarily on behalf of a certain political party whose basic tactics is slander and defamation; she published it in the *New Republic*, then under the editorship of Henry Wallace, about whose loyalties the American public no longer has any doubts whatsoever.
3. An increase of rumor-mongering in circles of the Psychoanalytic Institute to the effect that Wilhelm Reich is insane, that his orgone theory is clear proof of his insanity, that he has been committed to an institution, and other rumors in the same vein.
4. The report in a public lecture in Oslo, Norway, by a neuro-psychiatrist

to the effect that Wilhelm Reich is regarded in the U. S. A. as insane and his orgone work as a paranoid delusion.

5. Several instances of denunciation to authorities who are ignorant of the true issues involved in this struggle within psychiatry and biophysics.
6. Sudden outbursts of malicious gossip in mental institutions and in university lectures to the effect that patients are "being masturbated" in orgone therapy.

We have many legally executed testimonies of witnesses regarding this concerted campaign of defamation of orgonomy. We have transmitted all documents to our law office for eventual legal prosecution of these criminal gossipers who, instead of helping to solve the misery of children and adolescents, are busy with defamation, slander, lies, distortions. They busy themselves to such an extent and in such manner, because they have nothing that they can say against Reich's work—*not one single argument*.

We are determined to put the whole material before the widest public and the courts, if this nuisance-like behavior does not stop instantly wherever it has arisen. This would be our duty as physicians and educators, in the name of the millions of sick and newborn whose health and well-being are in our hands.

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Committee on Medical Orgone Therapy

Note Regarding Rumors

Many people, physicians as well as laymen, report to us rumors of different kinds, among them repeated rumors that Wilhelm Reich has died, that he has been confined to a mental institution, and similar gossip. We know where such rumors originate. We also know by whom and why these rumors are spread. These attempts on the part of the emotional plague to hamper, and if possible to destroy our educational and medical work, have been discussed many times among the prominent scientific and medical workers of the Orgone Institute.

For more than a decade we have ignored these rumors. But now we have come to the conclusion that something should be done to stop them. We advise the following policy in handling rumors:

If a rumor is reported, he who tells it should be asked for the source of his information. He should also be asked whether he is ready to sign a legal statement as to the exact content and source of the rumor.

These legal statements will be collected and eventually be used in a court action, should such action become necessary.

If the person who reports the rumor is not willing to stand up for what he says in the form of a legal statement, one should not listen and should tell him that one is unwilling to listen to mere rumor.

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Notes Regarding the Use of the Orgone Accumulator

For the past few years, a number of questions have been asked repeatedly by many users of the orgone accumulator regarding its use. From now on, we shall answer such questions in the *Bulletin*.

Q. Is there any special time of day when the accumulator is more effective than at other times?

A. Electroscopic measurements show the greatest concentration of orgone energy between 12 noon and 2 P.M. However, these variations in a given day are so small that it will not make any significant difference at what time of the day the accumulator is used. It can easily be regulated by timing.

Q. Does it lessen the effect of the accumulator if any part of the body comes in direct contact with the metal walls?

A. It is better if no part of the body touches the metal walls. However, this can not always be avoided and it does not lessen the effect to any considerable degree.

Q. If two or three people use an accumulator rapidly in succession, is the orgone "used up", does the last one to use it get less energy?

A. The effects of the orgone accumulator consist of a mutual excitation

of the orgone energy which is concentrated within the accumulator, and the body-orgone energy of the user. It can be assumed that the successive use of the accumulator by several persons will not lessen its efficacy.

Q. Should you spend more or less time in the accumulator, depending on the humidity?

A. Since the orgone energy concentration in the atmosphere diminishes with high humidity, it is advisable to prolong the use of the accumulator on very humid days.

Q. Can the tonsils be irradiated by holding the tube from the tube box near the open mouth?

A. Of course, the tonsils can be irradiated in this way.

Q. Does the funnel for the pipe of the tube box have to be metal?

A. Yes, since plastic or other non-metallic material will tend to "hold" orgone energy, while the metal will give it off immediately.

FROM RECENT REVIEWS

THE DISCOVERY OF THE ORGONE, vol. II: THE CANCER BIOPATHY, by Wilhelm Reich.

"Sexual pathology is the central theme in this study of cancer which is looked upon as a general disease with local manifestation in a tumor . . . While the theories in this book may seem fantastic, they are not to be cast aside lightly. The postulates are capable of verification or the opposite, and should be studied in detail before being rejected. The riddle of cancer is not yet solved, and the theory that it is a general disease with local manifestations has much in its favor. Readers who try to keep apace with current trends, such as the Kinsey report, will not be greatly surprised at Dr. Reich's new angle on sex. He has been trying to take the fear out of this emotionally charged subject for many years; to dissipate the secret anxieties and guilt feelings which he believes are the background of many diseases . . . This present text deals with the role of sex in the development of cancer. Those who thrive on the exploitation of anxiety and guilt have already attacked Dr. Reich's theory, but every progressive physician will want to familiarize himself with it."

Electronic Medical Digest, Autumn, 1948

In an article, "New Light on the Cancer Problem," by Dr. Francis I. Regardie, in the same publication, same issue, we read the following:

"Recently a new book has come my way which confirms as well as amplifies some of the empirically demonstrated electronic concepts of biological phenomena from a startlingly new point of view. It is THE CANCER BIOPATHY by Wilhelm Reich, M.D., who . . . developed many highly significant concepts and practices which are worthy of note . . . Although educated as an orthodox medical man, Wilhelm Reich is no passive adherent of traditional allopathic viewpoints. Even the bacteriological content of science receives hard experimental blows from him, of the kind that corroborate the viewpoint that bacteria may develop from other more primitive forms in living tissue, autogenously, through degeneration of body cells. He affirms that the typical cancer spindle or caudate cell is a protozoal growth from disintegrating tissue which has suffered previous 'suffocation' and disturbance in vital

function . . . A feature of any good piece of research is that it permits previously discovered but disorganized facts to be fitted into the framework of a new theory. Some of Reich's experiments throw a great deal of light on some curious but not disproved research done decades ago by Reichenbach. Reichenbach claimed to have discovered a vital emanation from living organisms and from some inanimate objects. He called this 'Od.' This emanation is noticed by Reich as one of the characteristics of the 'bion' which he believes to be the vital vesicle carrying life, and which he describes as having a blue shimmer . . . Whether or not the research work described in *THE CANCER BIOPATHY* will be accepted by orthodox medicine in general, and by the cancer research foundations in particular, they can profit by reading about it and by attempting to reproduce it. I doubt that anyone will do anything about it because it runs so violently counter to traditional medical views, and to orthodox experimental routines and procedures . . . Significantly enough, Reich is no blind over-optimistic fanatic who believes his 'orgone' theory will transform overnight the world of pathology. He is not only a psychiatrist but a man of keen sociological insight, recognizing the innumerable defects in our social structure that have developed our present-day mechanistic, industrialized, antibiological way of life. Against this setup he directs the full force of his heavy artillery—with telling effect . . . It appears to me that all types of therapy stand to benefit by further detailed investigation of the extraordinary concepts developed in *THE CANCER BIOPATHY*."

While this article gives a true picture of orgonomic cancer research, it does not come to grips with the essential significance of the discovery of the cosmic orgone energy, and, as a result, with the basic difference between orgonomy and electronics.

LISTEN, LITTLE MAN! A Document from the Archives of the Orgone Institute.

"Every day millions of people read their newspapers and shake their heads. The condition of the world is certainly grave. Dr. Reich, after many years of psychiatric experience, has written an essay in popular education which tells them in effect to stop thinking about the world and start thinking about themselves. Responsibility for general conditions rests squarely upon you and me, he tells us; if the times are out of joint it is because of

our own profound destructiveness . . . It tells us something that we all can afford to hear and it tells it with an energy that might have been hampered by scientific restraint. It is as if a psychiatrist, fed up with our evasions, had decided to let us have it. William Steig's imaginative drawings add a new dimension to the text: they deserve a review of their own as among the best illustrations of the year. I hope they will entice many Little Men to read about themselves, especially those Little Men in politics who are building our future on the Common Man."

GERALD SYKES, *New York Times*, 31 October, 1948

"It was not intended for publication, but in its published form it is an interesting, challenging book, with fitting illustrations by William Steig. It amounts to a telling, pointed lecture to the human race, most of which unfortunately will not believe it, though it is manifestly truthful to every reader who is aware . . . A clerical friend who read the book thought it blasphemous, believed it ought to be suppressed. On the contrary, it ought to be made required reading."

AUGUST DERLETH, *Capital Times*, Madison, Wisc., 3 December, 1948

Editor's note: The term, "Little Man," is often misunderstood. It denotes a certain *characterological behavior*, and *not* an economic or social position. In the light of this definition, a dictator is a microscopically little man, whereas our caretaker at Orgonon, who works faithfully and efficiently and tries to help our work wherever he can, is a great man.

THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION, by Wilhelm Reich.

Apology and Retraction

"A review of THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION in the October, 1945, number of this *Quarterly* libelled Wilhelm Reich by reporting that when he arrived in this country after fleeing Norway as a refugee from the Nazis, his admission was delayed while the federal government investigated charges of immorality. Dr. Wolfe, Dr. Reich's translator and editor of the Reich school's publication, *The International Journal of Sex-Economy and Orgone-Research*, has called the attention of *The Quarterly* to the fact that this report was a

complete fabrication, with no basis whatever in fact; Dr. Reich's admission to this country was not delayed; there were no such charges against him; and Dr. Wolfe, who met him at the pier, tells *The Quarterly* that there was no untoward incident whatever. *The Quarterly* wishes to extend its formal apologies to Dr. Reich and the personal apologies of the reviewer. How the reviewer concocted this fabrication is a piece of psychopathology which need not be discussed here; he believed, and so assured the editor, that he had seen this imaginary incident reported in Dr. Reich's own journal. Furthermore, his conscious intent in setting it down was sympathy for Dr. Reich, who has been the victim for years of vicious Nazi persecution, he believed he was reporting an incident inspired by that persecution.

"Dr. Reich's views are revolutionary in the psychiatric, social and biological fields. His opponents are legion. The validity of any or all of his tenets or of those who differ with him is not in question here at all. Many of his bitterest opponents would be among the first to concede his brilliance, his scientific integrity and his great personal courage in upholding dangerously unpopular social and scientific theses. This note is added to the reviewer's apology for the imaginary immorality charges because it was not apparent to Dr. Wolfe and may not have been to other readers that reference to the conflicts Reich arouses was intended to be sympathetic. The reviewer's note that *THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION* was a 'fascinating demonstration of how to make enemies and enrage people' suggests to Dr. Wolfe that Reich was being pictured as a sort of Dale Carnegie in reverse. That was, indeed, the reviewer's intent; and he considered that he was paying Reich a compliment; there is hardly a person from priest to psychoanalyst, or from Communist to 'economic royalist,' who would not find at least one belief, tenet, complex, idea or personal irrationality outraged by this book; and many, in addition, will fail to understand the book and will conclude that Reich is advocating unchecked and immediate 'free love,' something he most plainly and most emphatically not only does not advocate but strongly warns against. Reich has been and still is a tireless and courageous fighter for human freedom, as he sees it, in the most troubled times western civilization has ever known; and, if there is humiliation in an apology, there is some compensating pleasure in the opportunity to pay tribute to an outstanding figure in psychiatry who—right or wrong in his views—has never

ceased to battle for what he holds to be the rights of man. But Reich has broken far more taboos than his great teacher, Freud; of course, people become hostile and enraged at his extremely frank discussions of tabooed material; few personalities are organized well enough even to consider calmly, let alone accept, such revolutionary views as his on psychiatry, sexuality and orgone-biophysics. And this, this reviewer thinks, is all to the credit of Reich."

The Psychiatric Quarterly, January 1946

"This book is an examination of sexual morality, its purpose and its contradictions; an analysis of the arguments for and against compulsive morality, an examination of the social function and political purpose of sexual repression; a collection of facts showing the possibility of natural self-regulation in order to overcome the sexual chaos of our age. Drawing upon a vast amount of clinical experience, Reich shows that the healthy individual has no compulsive morality, because he has no impulses which call for moral inhibition. To the patient who has been restored to full genital health, intercourse with a prostitute becomes impossible; sadistic fantasies disappear; and incestuous fixations lose their interest. 'All this points to the fact that the organism is capable of self-regulation.' Reich opposes the view that a free sexuality is incompatible with culture and work, and shows in detail the fallacies contained in this argument. He puts forward the right of adolescents to their own sex life and shows the biological and psychological need for it. His description of the sexual misery of people in general, and of youth in particular, is the clearest and most moving account of present-day sexual conditions that has ever been written. He issues a challenging appeal on behalf of youth, and demands that the right to a full love-life be guaranteed by society . . . Here is a book on sex which is a unique exposition of the scientific and rational attitude toward human problems. It is a book with revolutionary conclusions, a book that deserves to be widely read. Not a gospel of 'free love,' but an analysis of the causes of the bondage of love in our age, showing why love cannot be 'free' under the conditions in which we live. Reich smashes the moralists' arguments to bits in a detailed step by step criticism. There have been many attempts at criticism of morality.

This is the most consistently scientific and most modern work on the subject that it has been my privilege to read. I do not hesitate to describe it as brilliant, and as one of the most important sex books that have ever been written."

BERNARD BAKER, *Journal of Sex Education*, London, December 1948

EMOTIONAL PLAGUE VERSUS ORGONE BIOPHYSICS, by Theodore P. Wolfe.

"It is nearly inevitable that new ideas should produce hostile reactions, especially from quarters which are threatened by such ideas. New ideas in the field of sex are especially apt to provoke such reactions, in which hostile fear and anger take the place of judgment and reason . . . But although one expects this, it is impossible not to be disgusted on each new occasion by the forms such attacks take—their meanness and pettiness, their unconcern for truth, their use of any and every trick for smearing the sex reformer, their indifference to the sometimes tragic result of their foul polemics . . . Brady's article has been copied in various forms, often with additional embroidery of their own, by other smear writers . . . More important still, however, is the fact that her scarcely veiled insinuations that Reich is a charlatan who does very well out of a 'sex racket,' have been the starting point for an investigation by a government department, the Food and Drug Administration. This claims to be an independent investigation, but Dr. Wolfe is able to show that every question asked is based on the slanderous allegations of Brady. Thus, an irresponsible magazine article has been the starting point for a campaign which serious research workers have to take time for refuting, and which may well jeopardize the whole work which Reich has set in motion . . . Dr. Wolfe points out that all this campaign is part of the response of irrationalism, of the emotional plague, which cripples the emotional and sexual life of civilized man. It is not proper to stand by and just watch such campaigns carry on with their smirching of honest work. We have given some account of Reich's work in relation to sexual attitudes because this work seems to us immensely important. We have made no comments on the biological, and more specifically biophysical, aspects of it because we are not competent to pass judgments in this field. Like Dr. Wolfe, we insist that Reich's detractors among the yellow journalists and

the State departments are equally incompetent to pass such judgments. Of one thing we are quite clear: that Reich's work is of tremendous importance. We are not prepared to stand by and see it go down before a dirty slander campaign backed by 'independent' government investigations."

JOHN HEWETSON, *Freedom*, London, 29 May, 1948

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