

The Astrology of Homeopathy

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So why was Paracelsus a homeopath?

- ❖ Paracelsus emphasized the *vital spirit*, which he called the *archeus*.
- ❖ It is at the level of the *archeus* that “like attracts like,” and that operates through the Doctrine of Signatures, an old herbalist understanding.
- ❖ Notice that his was primarily an alchemical viewpoint, and only secondarily an astrological one.

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Why this Lecture

- ❖ Even Hahnemann reluctantly admitted that homeopathy goes back to Paracelsus (Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombaste von Hohenheim, 1493-1541).
 - ❖ Paracelsus himself acknowledged the astrological tradition in medicine
- ❖ Cornell indicated popularity of the homeopathic model among astrological medical practitioners.
- ❖ Many of the references are not in English or seriously out of print.

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Enter Samuel Hahnemann...

- ❖ 1755-1843
- ❖ Hahnemann began practicing medicine in the period of the breakdown of humoral system – but when there was still nothing to replace it.
- ❖ The primary medicines of the time were chemical – and Hahnemann rapidly realized their futility.
- ❖ Hahnemann hit upon a variation of Paracelsus' understanding – that a poison could cure exactly the symptoms that it produced *as a* poison.

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Why this Lecture

- ❖ Unfortunately, homeopathy really only became well known following Samuel Hahnemann, and by this time classical astrology had lost its punch.
- ❖ The results is that we have had several systems of rulerships proposed – and we shall review them.
- ❖ The purpose of this lecture is to present some of the ideas that have been proposed: not as answers, but as questions worthy of future research.

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Hahnemann's Contributions to Homeopathy

- ❖ Hahnemann worked with higher dilutions than had ever been tried – or imagined
 - ❖ They were driven by what became known as Hering's Law of “aggravation” - the tendency of the correct medicine to make a condition worse before curing it
 - ❖ Aggravation was reduced by greater dilution
 - ❖ It was only later that he realized the greater potency of greater dilution
- ❖ Developed the system of “proving”
- ❖ Initiated the idea of looking for a single remedy that matches the totality of symptoms

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Paracelsus (1493-1541)

- ❖ Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombaste von Hohenheim, a wandering Swiss doctor with a colorful life
- ❖ Paracelsus was the nexus between traditional astrological medicine, alchemy, homeopathy, and even allopathy – but with magic thrown into the mix!
- ❖ To understand how this happened, we have to go back to Ficino.



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Hahnemann's Contributions to Homeopathy

- ❖ Developed the “polycrests:” toxic substances that cured a variety of conditions, because the poison would produce a variety of toxic effects
 - ❖ Poisons could be used because they were given at sufficient dilution
 - ❖ Traditional herbs were often “too mild” to produce symptoms in diluted doses
- ❖ This is in contrast to standard herbalism where milder remedies tend to be used

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Hahnemann's Contributions to Homeopathy

- ❖ In working on chronic illness, he discovered a series of substances he called anti-psoric, what are now called constitutionals.
- ❖ Constitutionals are substances that work on the whole body, and have led to the theory of constitutional (personality) types.

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The Astrology of the Cell Salts

- ❖ By Cornell's time, the astrological rulerships had been established for the 12 salts.
- ❖ Cornell suggested that whatever sign the Sun was in, the Native would tend to have a chronic deficiency of that salt.
- ❖ He then went on to suggest the same for the Moon sign, the Ascendant sign, and the signs in which the malefics are posited – and possibly even more than that!

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How Hahnemann's Contributions affected Astrology

- ❖ The emphasis on “polycrests” makes it difficult from the standpoint of assigning rulerships
 - ❖ Poisons traditionally were almost always assigned to either Saturn or Mars
 - ❖ Does this imply that a homeopathic poison should be classified in the same way?
- ❖ Many of the non-plant substances were never given rulerships.
- ❖ There is no traditional system equivalent to the idea of the constitutional types.

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George W. Carey (1845-1924)

- ❖ George W. Carey's work on the cell salts combined standard biochemical info with a strong metaphysical perspective.
- ❖ Used the same rulerships as Cornell.

“A shadow cannot be removed by chemicals; neither can disease be removed by poison. There is nothing (no thing) to be removed in either case; but there is a deficiency to be supplied. The shadow may be removed by supplying light to the space covered by the shadow.”
p 21

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General Types of Homeopathic Remedies

- ❖ Regular substances
- ❖ Polycrests
- ❖ Constitutional types
- ❖ Cell salts

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Later Researchers

- ❖ C. E. O. Carter's article can be seen as a critical review of Carey's conceptions.
- ❖ Bob Jansky also gave a secondary sign rulership to each cell salt.
- ❖ Here, we will go through each cell salt: its usage from Boericke, and its rulership(s).

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Cell Salts

- ❖ The most astrological references exist to the cell salts, so we shall address them first.
- ❖ The cell salts were developed by Dr. William H. Schuessler beginning in 1873, who started out as a homeopath, but later rejected the rest of the field, claiming “his” salts were a different form of therapy, which he called biochemic.
- ❖ The typical dilutions of cell salts (6x and 12x) are much less than most conventional homeopathic remedies

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Kali Phosphoricum (♃)

- ❖ Conditions arising from want of nerve power, as prostration, exertion, loss of mental vigor, depression.
- ❖ Mental: Anxiety, nervous dread without any cause, gloomy moods, etc... **Depressed spirits, general irritability**, or great impatience.
- ❖ Head: **Cerebral anaemia**
- ❖ Eyes: Weakness of sight
- ❖ Ears: deafness from want of nervous perception
- ❖ Nose: thick yellow discharge
- ❖ Tongue: excessively dry in the morning

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Natrum Sulphuricum (♁)

- ❖ Aggravation from lying on the left side
- ❖ Mental: suicidal; mental troubles arising from a fall or other injuries to the head
- ❖ Head: violent pulsating headaches
- ❖ Eyes: yellowishness of the conjunctive
- ❖ Ears: earache; tinnitus
- ❖ Tongue: **dirty, greenish-gray or greenish-brown coating on the root of the tongue**

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Kali Sulphuricum (♁♁)

- ❖ Rise in temperature at night producing an evening aggravation.
- ❖ Mental: *Very irritable.... Timid*
- ❖ Head: Vertigo
- ❖ Eyes: Cataract.... yellowish or greenish, purulent discharge
- ❖ Ears: deafness from congestion
- ❖ Nose: Colds with yellow, slimy expectorations
- ❖ Tongue: coating yellow and slimy

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Kali Muriatricum (♁)

- ❖ White or gray coating [of] ... tongue, white or gray exudations, glandular swellings...
- ❖ Mental: imagines he must starve
- ❖ Head: Headache with vomiting
- ❖ Eyes: Discharge of white mucous
- ❖ Ears: **chronic catarrhal conditions of the middle ear**
- ❖ Nose: catarrh, phlegm white, thick
- ❖ Tongue: see above

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Natrum Phosphoricum (♁)

- ❖ Sour eructations, sour vomiting, greenish diarrhea
- ❖ Mental: anxious and apprehensive fear; dull and without ambition
- ❖ Head: headaches on crown of head; on awakening
- ❖ Eyes: Discharge of golden-yellow, creamy matter
- ❖ Ears: sore, externally, burn and itch
- ❖ Nose: prickling in the nares
- ❖ Tongue: **Thin, moist coating**

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Calcarea Fluorica (♁)

- ❖ Mental: depression, fears of financial ruin, indecision
- ❖ Head: Bruises or bumps on the head
- ❖ Eyes: flickering and sparks, *cataract*
- ❖ Nose: head cold, ineffectual desire to sneeze
- ❖ Tongue: cracked appearance with or without pain
- ❖ Gastric: vomiting of undigested food
- ❖ Urinary: copious urine, frequent urgings
- ❖ Respiratory: *chief remedy in true croup*; asthma with specks of yellow mucus

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Calcarea Sulphurica (♁)

- ❖ **Pus with a vent**
- ❖ Mental: changeable mood; sudden loss of memory; of consciousness
- ❖ Head: Vertigo
- ❖ Eyes: Inflammation with discharge of thick, yellow matter, Deep ulcers of the cornea
- ❖ Ears: deafness with discharge of matter
- ❖ Nose: thick, yellowish, purulent secretion
- ❖ Tongue: flabby, resembling a layer of dried clay. Yellow coating at base

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Magnesia Phosphorica (♁)

- ❖ Symptoms changing in locality, and are **relieved by warmth and pressure**.
- ❖ Mental: inability to think clearly... Talking to herself constantly or sitting still in moody silence
- ❖ Head: headaches always relieved by **application of warmth**
- ❖ Eyes: **Orbital and supraorbital neuralgias, worse on the right side and relieved by warmth**
- ❖ Ears: condition improves with heat
- ❖ Nose: Loss or perversion of the sense of smell

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Silicea or Silica (♁)

- ❖ Ailments attended *with pus formation*
- ❖ Mental: stronger mentally than physically; **oversensitive** to noise, etc., with anxiety
- ❖ Head: Vertigo; inclines to fall toward the left; **headache from nape to vertex, more on the right side, aggravated by noise, exertion**
- ❖ Eyes: **styes**
- ❖ Ears: sensitive to loud sounds
- ❖ Tongue: induration; ulcers; sensation of a hair on the tongue

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Calcarea Phosphorica (☾)

- ❖ Pains where bones form sutures or symphyses and numb
- ❖ Mental: impaired memory, mental anxiety
- ❖ Head: Headaches worse from dampness and change of weather Crawling, as if ice water were on upper part of occiput.
- ❖ Eyes: photophobia
- ❖ Ears: outer ears feel cold
- ❖ Nose: point of nose icy cold
- ❖ Tongue: swollen, numb, stiff, with pimples

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Bach Flower Remedies

- ❖ Ridder-Patrick cites Peter Damian for the following correspondences:

Aries	Impatiens	Libra	Scleranthus
Taurus	Gentian	Scorpio	Chicory
Gemini	Cerato	Sagittarius	Agrimony
Cancer	Clematis	Capricorn	Mimulus
Leo	Vervain	Aquarius	Water violet
Virgo	Centauray	Pisces	Rock rose

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Natrum Muriaticum (♁)

- ❖ Malnutrition and emaciation. Anaemia. Transparent, watery, coarse, frothy mucous
- ❖ Mental: Depression with tendency to dwell on disagreeable and depressing subjects
- ❖ Head: Hammering headaches, generally worse in the morning
- ❖ Eyes: Sunstroke
- ❖ Ears: Cracking when chewing
- ❖ Nose: Old nasal or pharyngeal catarrhs with loss of smell and taste

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Regular Homeopathy: Terestchenko

- ❖ Recommends looking for astrological tendencies in the birth chart
 - ❖ Avoiding dissonance that should not be emphasized
 - ❖ Looking for harmonies to be enhanced
- ❖ Pick planets where the influence is:
 - ❖ Too pronounced, in order to moderate it
 - ❖ Harmonious, in order to balance it
 - ❖ Too weak, in order to either reinforce it, or re-establish equilibrium

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Ferrum Phosphoricum (♃)

- ❖ Febrile disturbances and inflammations at their onset, especially before exudation commences
- ❖ Mental: indifference
- ❖ Head: Bruising, pressing, or stitching pain and soreness to the touch.
- ❖ Eyes: inflamed, red, with burning sensation, sore and red-looking, and retinal congestion.
- ❖ Ears: sensitive to noise
- ❖ Nose: first stage of all colds of the head

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Terestchenko's Astrological Considerations

- ❖ The phase of the Moon
 - ❖ Waxing or Ascending: absorptive
 - ❖ Waning or Descending: evacuative
- ❖ The Sun, to fortify vitality
- ❖ Temperament
- ❖ Planets representing the disease need to be fortified

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Summary: Cell Salts

- ❖ Some of the rulership attributions seem better than others.
- ❖ It may be that the correspondences would have been better with the planets than with the signs.
- ❖ It may be for our purposes that this isn't quite the "right" list of cell salts.
- ❖ Always pay attention to the symptoms
 - ❖ Almost no one has all of them – if they did, they would be barely functional!
 - ❖ You are really looking more for an image or picture than for a literal correspondence

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Marcia Wiecher's Work

- ❖ Refers to her work as a tribute to Karen DeWitt, who began the process of classifying the polycrystals, and published her results privately in 1991.

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Wiecher's Aries

- ❖ Bach flowers: Impatiens* and Chesnut bud
- ❖ Polycrest: Nux vomica (☉)
- ❖ Others: Kali phos. (⋈ cell salt), Aconitum nap. (♁), Arnica(♂), Ferrum met.(♂), Ipecacuanha(♃), Cicuta vir.

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Wiecher's Leo

- ❖ Bach flowers: Vervain*, Heather and Vine
- ❖ Polycrest: Sepia(♃)
- ❖ Others: Kali sulph.(♁ cell salt), Strophanthus hisp, Aurum met.(☉), Chamomilla vul.(☉), Digitalis purp.(♀), Cactus grand

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Wiecher's Taurus

- ❖ Bach flowers: Gentian*, Gorse and Oak
- ❖ Polycrest: Sulphur (♁)
- ❖ Others: Nat sulph.(♁ cell salt), Hepar sulph.(♁), Cuprum met.(♀), Kali carb.(☉), Sulphuricum ac. (♁), Borax

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Wiecher's Virgo

- ❖ Bach flowers: Centaury*, Crab apple and Elm
- ❖ Polycrest: Arsenicum album
- ❖ Others: Kali sulph.(♁ cell salt), Graphites(♁), Mezereum(♀), Rhus tox.(♁)

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Wiecher's Gemini

- ❖ Bach flowers: Cerato*, olive and white chesnut
- ❖ Polycrest: Phosphorus (♀)
- ❖ Others: Kali mur.(♁ cell salt), Bryonia(♁), Merc. vivus, Gelsemium(♀), Kali bichr.(♃), Apis mel.(♁)

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Wiecher's Libra

- ❖ Bach flowers: Schleranthus*, Red chestnut
- ❖ Polycrest: Ignatia amara(♀)
- ❖ Others: Nat phos.(♁ cell salt), Cantharis(☉♁), Zinc met.(♀), Clematis erecta(♀), Sarsaparilla

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Wiecher's Cancer

- ❖ Bach flowers: Clematis*, aspen and Honeysuckle
- ❖ Polycrest: Calcarea carb. (☉)
- ❖ Others: Calcarea fluor.(♁ cell salt), Belladonna(♁), Argentum nit.(♃), Phytolacca dec.(♀), Baryta carb.(♁), Selenium(♃), Petroleum(♁)

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Wiecher's Scorpio

- ❖ Bach flowers: Beech, chicory*, holly, star of Bethlehem, sweet chesnut
- ❖ Polycrest: Lachesis(♃)
- ❖ Others: Calc. sulph.(♁ cell salt), Secale cor, Iodum met.(♀), Hyoscyamus nig(♁), China off. (♁), Aesculus hipp.(♃)

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Wiecher's Sagittarius

- ❖ Bach flowers: Agrimony*, wild oat, wild rose
- ❖ Polycrest: Silicea terra(♀ and ♂ cell salt)
- ❖ Others: Chelidonium maj(☉), Berberis vul.(♁), Alumina(♃), Stannum(♃), Aloe soc.(☉)

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Lee's Homeopathic Rulership Experiment

- ❖ I decided to list character traits from some of the polycrests, where I had a sufficient number for a single author.
- ❖ I then tried to correlate each trait with a rulership, the same way I had compared different sources for rulerships.
- ❖ I could then tally up which gave the highest results

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Wiecher's Capricorn

- ❖ Bach flowers: Cherry plum, Mimulus*, Mustard, Larch and Willow
- ❖ Polycrest: Lycopodium ver.(♃♃)
- ❖ Others: Calcar. phos.(♁ cell salt), Hydrastis can.(♃), Plumbum met.(♃), Kali iod., Carbo veg.(♃), Ledum pal.(♃), Colocynthis(♃), Equisetum

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Comparative Results

- ❖ The results obtained by key words are not necessarily those which other people studying these homeopathics get.
- ❖ The next slide compares some of these results between Wiechers and the keywords

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Wiecher's Aquarius

- ❖ Bach flowers: Hornbeam, Rock Water and Water violet*
- ❖ Polycrest: Nat mur.(♁ cell salt)
- ❖ Others: Thuja occ.(☉♀), Staphysagria.(♀), Veratrum alb.(♃), Medorrhinum

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Keyword Comparison

	<u>Wiechers</u>	<u>Lehman</u>
Aconitum	Ar	Me (11), Ma (8), Sa (8)
Arnica	Ar	Sa (6)
Bellabonna	Cn	Ju (16), Mo(13), Ma (12)
Chamomilla	Le	Ar (11), Ma (7), Sa (7)
Ferrum phos	Pi	Ma (16), Ar (8), Sa (7)
Nux vomica	Ar	Ma (13), Me (8), Ar (7)
Rhus tox.	Vi	Ma (7), Sa (6), Su (6)
Sulphur	Ta	Ma (8)
Veratrum alba	Aq	no classification found

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Wiecher's Pisces

- ❖ Bach flowers: Pine, Rockrose*, and walnut
- ❖ Polycrest: Pulsatilla(☉♁)
- ❖ Others: Fer. phos.(♁ cell salt), Stramonium(♃), Hamam. vir.(♁), Opium(♃), Cannabis sat.(♃)

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Summary

- ❖ Needs more research!
- ❖ Cell salts need re-examination
 - ❖ Is it the right 12?
 - ❖ More consideration of how and when to use
- ❖ Homeopathic polycrests
 - ❖ Seems to have more correlation with planets than signs
 - ❖ Can we get to the point of recommending a polycrest *before* a transit?

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Summary

- ❖ There are many more remedies than either zodiac signs or planets
- ❖ Does this mean that several should be mapped to the same astrological symbol?
- ❖ If so, then what's the difference between the remedies?
- ❖ Is the relationship between homeopathy mapping, analogy, or signature?

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