

A poem told by Bernd Müller-Thederan:

New Healing Methods

Being famous depends on one thing:
Create a system for reasoning!
Take something crazy and explain:
For healing, all other things are in vain!
Any illness can be defeated
Is the wound with cow-dung treated.
Reason further, what is more
Even the Aztecs had it in store.
If you're mistaken for a fool,
You need to insist in your tool.
Then people slowly will begin
To see reason in your sin.
Many a disciple you will gain,
"Strength from cow-dung!" they'll maintain.
Underline your remedy through scientific act,
And faithfully preach your tip as fact.

Eugen Roth

A sentence told by Dr. Peter König:

No flowers shall ever grow in spring there, where we know it all.

Jehuda Amichais

A joke told by Jeremy Sherr (his comment to the whole debate):

Once, in a Jewish community there arose a discussion about the question if praying should be performed while staying or while sitting. Both sides argued with the tradition; the struggle became more and more impassioned; neighbours stopped speaking to each other, violence inside of families arose. Things could not continue anymore like this; finally an old man suggested to ask the wise old rabbi who was sick in hospital.

Both sides sent a deputation to the very old rabbi, who received these people and heard both sides.

First the speaker of "praying-has-to-be-performed-standing" spoke to the Rabbi: "Rebbe, you know and we know what is the tradition - so, please tell them, praying has to be done while standing!" – "No, " said the very old rabbi with his trembling voice "No, that is not our tradition!"

Now started the speaker of "praying-has-to-be-performed-sitting" already triumphantly: "Rebbe, now you just tell these people, that our tradition is sitting while praying, and all our struggles will be finished."

But the old rabbi with trembling voice answered: "No, that is not our tradition"

Then all spoke at once: "Rebbe, you can't do that! Please help us! If you are not making a decision; quarrels will never stop, we are arguing and killing each other!" – "Yes" said the old rabbi "yes, that is our tradition."

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Jörg Wichmann

Encountering a fascinating new remedy: „Owl’s Milk“ (Lac-owleum)

The idea to use this new remedy occurred to me in a dream I had during a time, when I was thinking intensively about a proper remedy for a patient of mine, for whom I had mainly been thinking of snake poisons.

In this dream I saw my patient sitting in front of a snake and an owl staring at both of them in confusion. Thinking about this I recognized how much owls and snakes have in common. Both of them show these large staring eyes, both animals have been connected with wisdom, both are predators catching their prey by swift action, and both of them lay eggs. So perhaps many of our „snake-patients“ would have been better off with an owl’s remedy.

To find the possible simillimum for my patient, I read a lot about owls and I tried to find out, which kind of „owl substance“ would be the most appropriate to be made into remedy. Blood would be convenient, but is not known as a healing substance at all, neither are feathers or egg shells.

At last I came upon a note about a certain secretion of the rump-gland of these birds, which was commonly called „owl’s milk“ by hunters. The owls apply the secretion of this gland next to their tail with the help of their beak on to a wound, especially when their young ones are injured. In former days people thought, that the birds were feeding their young with this secretion and therefore erroneously called it „owl’s milk“. Since wounds treated with this substance heal very fast, it was used widely in folk medicine during the medieval times, though it was rare and expensive. Later the whole thing was disregarded as superstition, until, in the late seventies an Hungarian biologist rediscovered the healing properties of this secretion of the owl’s rump-gland.

Taking into account that my patient Sonja M. had suffered from cracking and bleeding skin since twenty years, showing no reaction to any other therapy, I decided to give her „owl’s milk“ as the most proper simillimum. Immediately the skin symptoms vanished after the usual initial aggravation. But the patient, who did not know the remedy’s name until then, also told me that her daily rhythm had changed totally and that she now, at last, was able to work before dawn. A wonderful confirmation for this first owl’s case. The only thing that had disturbed her were some dreams, which she refused to tell me more about, although she mentioned they had to do with mice.

During the following weeks I did a little proving with our group of colleagues. As modern homeopaths we didn’t care much about those time-wasting double blind methods of course, instead we approached the remedy consciously and face to face. In addition to the previously mentioned skin symptoms and the day-night-rhythm, the proving showed the following symptoms, either in dreams, or in fantasy-travels, or on the so called objective level: a strange wink of the eyes (2), lids as if flapping; very fine structure of the hair; delusion as if soaring (3); food desires meat, esp. rabbit (2); aversion to bathing and diving; memory active; vision reduced, worse during the day, ameliorated at night; and most striking: periodic retching in the throat with ejection of lumpy remains of food, which relieves (keynote). These symptoms are already prepared as additions to the repertory of course, some of them quite similar to the original wording.

A few weeks later - I was just succussing elephant's skin for a case of lymph oedema - a Greek woman from Athens consulted me. She was suffering from a globus feeling in the throat, felt depressive, had an allergy against sunshine, and told me that she was unforgiving and could never forget anything. At first these symptoms didn't remind me of a specific remedy, but I had a clear feeling, that it must be a so called „small remedy“. For such cases we are used to consider the „Dictionary for Mythology and Symbols“ as the most appropriate repertory since it encompasses the deep levels of our patients' personalities much more than the common works of Kent & Co., which tend to focus on the body in a more or less superficial way. „Coming from Athens“ seemed the most prominent symptom in this case, for it had never before occurred in my practice. So I opened the book under the rubric „Athens“ and there I found „Athena, goddess of crafts, wisdom and cunning, patroness of Athens; symbolic animal: the owl“. So there I was presented with the proper remedy, which really helped the patient a lot for a while. By the way, the globus feeling in her throat changed into a retching of food remains, well known from the provings. So we can add Lac-o under: globus hystericus (or throat, lump) and under: sensitivity sun, against.

If you, dear colleagues, have any ideas, cases or dreams regarding Lac-o, let us put them together to get a full picture of this fascinating new remedy, which will probably turn out to be of special importance for our Greek colleagues.