

The Key To Medicine Lecture 7: On Modalities & the Healing Process

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James Bond on Hikma

"Taking medicine only suppresses these symptoms of yours. Medicine doesn't get to the root of the trouble. It only conceals it. The result is a more highly poisoned condition which may become chronic disease. All drugs are harmful to the system. They are contrary to nature. The same applies to most of the food we eat – white bread with all the roughage removed, refined sugar with all the goodness machined out of it, pasteurized milk which has had most of the vitamins boiled away, everything overcooked and denaturized.

Why,' M. reached into his pocket for his notebook and consulted it, 'do you know what our bread contains apart from a bit of overground flour?' M. looked accusingly at Bond. 'It contains large quantities of chalk, also benzol peroxide powder, chlorine gas, sal ammoniac, and alum.' M. put the notebook back in his pocket. 'What do you think of that?' Bond, mystified by all this, said defensively, 'I don't eat all that much bread, sir.' 'Maybe not,' said M. impatiently. 'But how much stone-ground whole wheat do you eat? How much yoghurt? Uncooked vegetables, nuts, fresh fruit?' Bond smiled. 'Practically none at all, sir.' 'It's no laughing matter.'

M. tapped his forefinger on the desk for emphasis. 'Mark my words. There is no way to health except the natural way. All your troubles' – Bond opened his mouth to protest, but M. held up his hand – 'the deep-seated toxaemia revealed by your Medical, are the result of a basically unnatural way of life. Ever heard of Bircher-Brenner, for instance? Or Kneipp, Preissnitz, Rikli, Schroth, Gossman, Bilz?' 'No, sir.' 'Just so. Well those are the men you would be wise to study. Those are the great naturopaths – the men whose teaching we have foolishly ignored.

Fortunately,' M.'s eyes gleamed enthusiastically, 'there are a number of disciples of these men practising in England. Nature cure is not beyond our reach.' James Bond looked curiously at M. What the hell had got into the old man? Was all this the first sign of senile decay? But M. looked fitter than Bond had ever seen him. The cold grey eyes were clear as crystal and the skin of the hard, lined face was luminous with health. Even the iron-grey hair seemed to have new life..."

- Ian Fleming, Thunderball (9th book in James Bond series)

Types of Modalities

Determinants of Health:

- Lifestyle Medicine
- Homeopathy
- Acupuncture
- Cranio-sacral
- Herbs
- Body Work
- Psycho-Spiritual Approaches
- CBT
- Trauma Healing
- Pharmacological Methods
- Surgery

- Hydrotherapy
- Chiropractic
- Music Therapy
- Aromatherapy
- Dance
- Yoga
- Chi Gong
- Martial Arts
- Art Therapy
- Etc...

Reflection

Question is, how do we integrate these all into a system that makes sense?

The Therapeutic Order

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WHAT IS THE THERAPEUTIC ORDER?

A set of guidelines to help naturopathic physicians completely resolve the patient's symptoms and address the underlying cause while using the least force necessary.

Aid damaged organ systems

Stimulate the healing power of nature

Determinants of health

High Force Interventions

Synthetic Symptom Relief Use of drugs to palliate

Natural Symptom Control
Use of natural substances to palliate

Address Physical Alignment
Restore proper structural integrity

Support and Restore Weakened Systems

Aid regeneration of damaged organs

Stimulate the Self-Healing Mechanisms
Recognize the Vis Medicatrix Naturae

Establish the Foundation for Optimal Health

Identify and remove the obstacles to cure; assess the determinants of health

Suppress pathology

Synthetic symptom control

Naturopathic symptom relief

Restore structural integrity to the body

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Every healer should be able to address the first 5 levels of treatment with any legitimate modality of their preference:

- Lifestyle
- Energetic
- Targeted herbs & supplements
- Body Work
- Symptom palliation

Lifestyle medicine based on the Sunnah of the Prophet and the Fitri Order, individualized to the individualized constitution through one of the traditional systems:

Unani, Ayurveda, TCM, etc.

Energetic Modalities include:

Homeopathy, hydrotherapy, acupuncture, counseling

Targeted herbs and/or supplements

Body Work:

 Chiropractic, cranio-sacral, somatic trauma release, yoga



Emphasis on Levels 1 & 2

"In the state of health the spirit-like vital force (dynamis) animating the material human organism reigns in supreme sovereignty.

It maintains the sensations and activities of all the parts of the living organism in a harmony that obliges wonderment. The reasoning spirit who inhabits the organism can thus freely use this healthy living instrument to reach the lofty goal of human existence."

-Samuel Hahnemann, Organon of Medicine, aphorism 10

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ORGANON OF MEDICINE

SAMUEL HAHNEMANN



THE FIRST INTEGRAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE DEFINITIVE SIXTH EDITION OF THE ORIGINAL WORK ON HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINE

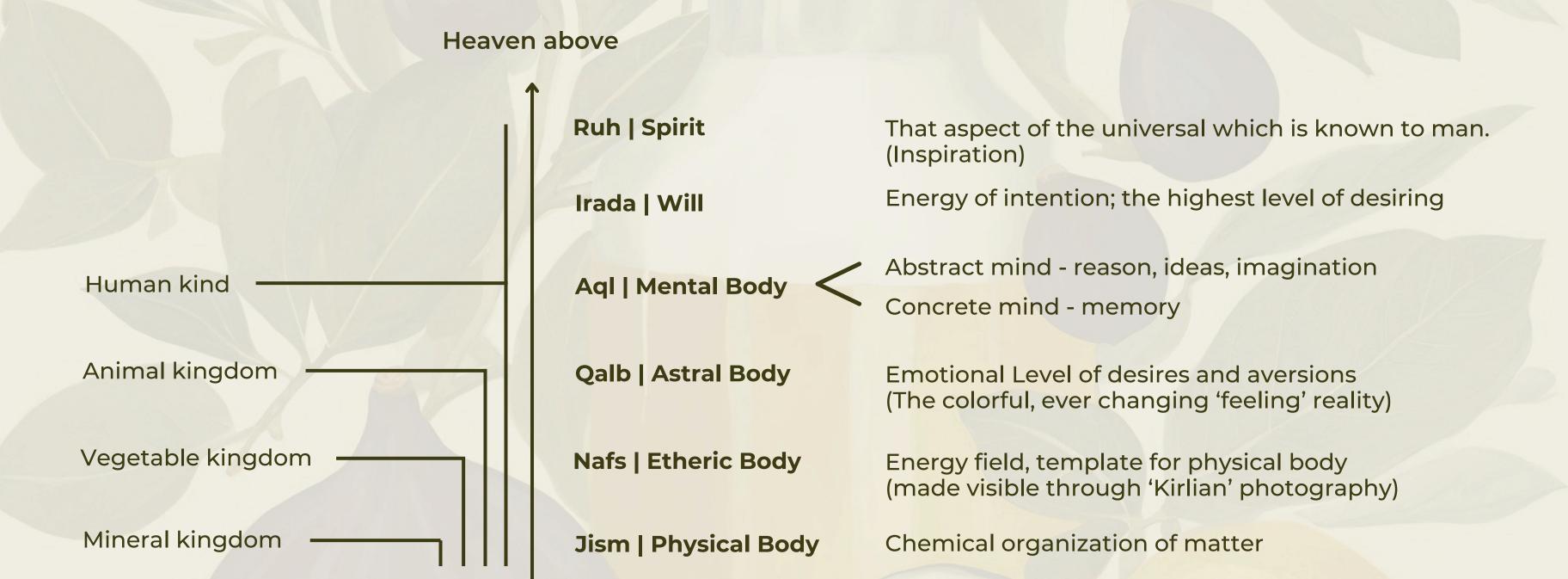
Emphasis on Levels 1 & 2

"After that (taking hx of present illness) the patient's age, way of living, diet, activities, domestic situation, social circumstances, etc, must be considered, to ascertain whether these things aggravate his trouble and to what degree they might help or interfere with the treatment. Similarly, one should not overlook his emotional and metal disposition, to ascertain whether it might be an impediment to the treatment and whether psychological attention might be necessary to guide, encourage, or change it."

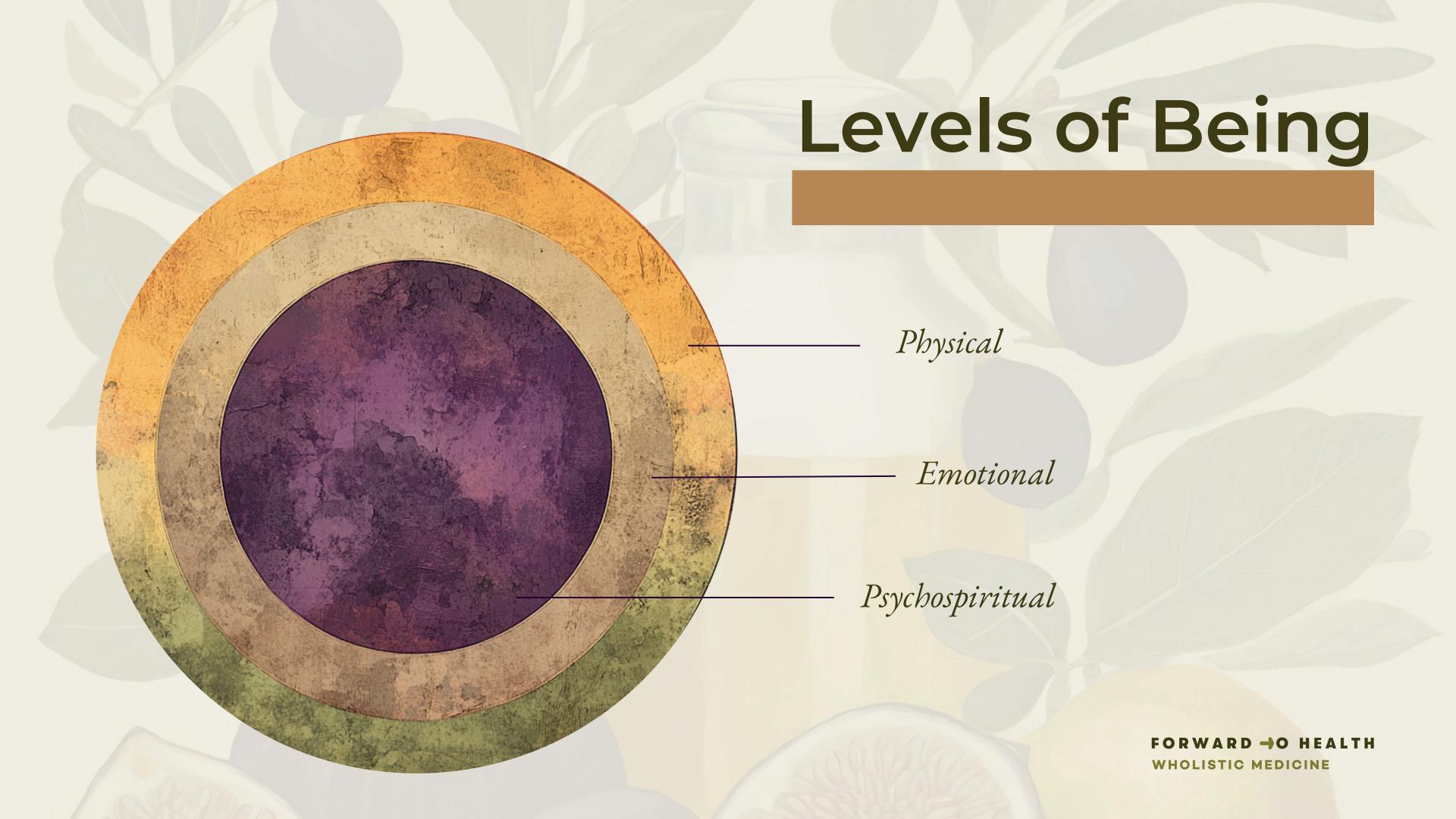
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The Process of Healing

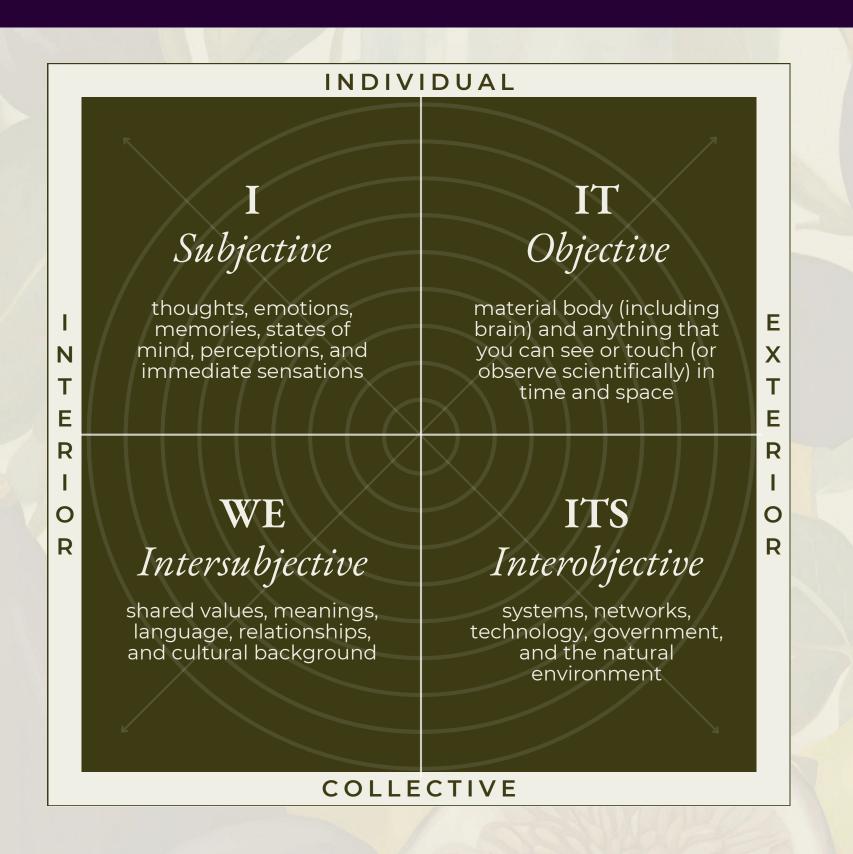
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Earth below



Four Quadrants of Integral Theory



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Case #1 32 YOF presents w/ chief concern of anxiety:

Reports alternating anxiety with depression and loss of purpose. Feels a lack of agency but wants to contribute something great to the world but stuck.

Also presents with vaginal candida overgrowth, fatigue, eczema, oily scalp, hair loss.

FH:

Mother- acute pancreatitis; arthritis; tremoring

Father: diabetes, hypercholesterolemia

MGF: Alzheimer's

Sister- PCOS

PMH: Accutane in 2008

LIFESTYLE:

Appetite: low

Diet: typical SAD with desi dinners

Hydration: 3 cups of water, 2 cups of tea

Sleep: 6 hours on average, wakes up

unrested

Libido: high

Personality: rebellious, creative,

independent

Case #1 Treatment

Level 1:

Increase hydration and sleep hygiene Food Intolerance Diet: Meat; Potato + Grain

Level 2:

Homeopathic Borax 30C bid Home hydrotherapy/Contrast showers Holistic Counseling

Level 3:

Melissa officinalis tincture Kali phosphoricum 6x cell salt DIM

Level 4:

Level 5:

Yeast Arrest Lemon balm tincture Yeast Arrest supplement Kali phosphoricum 6x cell salt

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Case #1 Patient Update

Salaam Dr Mazen,

I just wanted to share some positive updates with you since we have not worked together in a while! Alhumdulillah, my physical and mental health have made such amazing progress.

Physically, the candida seems to have dissipated! i think the Thuja worked. My scalp is definitely more balanced - no more over dryness or oiliness. my skin looks amazing mashAllah. (i did get back on the DIM vitamins, because before then, my skin continued to break out).

My whole biological clock has shifted so I actually want to sleep earlier and wake up around 6am ready to go, play tennis, work all my passion jobs, cook, spend time with family and do it again. I have never had this much energy and motivation in my life.

Thought to share all this with you and all the amazing work you did to help me get here!

Also wanted to know if you have any more openings for new patients for your somatic healing. I have a friend who is interested. Hope all is well inshAllah.

Best,

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Case #2 29 YOM presents w/ chief concern of anxiety, OCD, porn addiction:

Patient has extensive history of preexisting conditions like Hashimoto's hypothyroidism, ED, XXY Klinefelter's, obesity, diabetes, inguinal hernia, abcesses, sleep apnea, and more.

FH:

Mother- diabetes, hypertension Father: diabetes, heart disease

Sister: OCD

Sister: Ulcerative colitis

MGF: dementia PGF: Alzheimer's

MGM: pacemaker, heart wall defect

PMH: Hernia surgery: 2009; Suicide attempt in 2012; Orchiectomy: 2017;

Appendectomy: 2019

LIFESTYLE:

Diet: sandwiches, convenient eating, carb heavy Hydration: 4 cups of water, 2 cups tea with sweetener and sugar; 1 can diet soda daily

BMs: constipation

Exercise: n/a

Sleep: Sleeps 8 hours

Spirituality: struggling with 1 prayer/day

Stress: 6/10 Energy: 3/10

Libido: morbidly high

Personality: intellectual, money-minded, analytical, low self-esteem/confidence

Case #2 Treatment

Level 1:

Daily movement, regular exercise; sleep hygiene Food Intolerance Diet: Dairy; Fruit + Sugar

Level 2:

Homeopathic Lycopodium Constitutional hydrotherapy 3x weekly Holistic Counseling

Level 3:

Gentian/skullcap tincture Probiotic Thyroidinum 6x

Level 4:

Chiropractic adjustments Massage

Level 5:

NAC Cod liver oil

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