

➤ mentioned and not developed, as the author wishes to illuminate the less well-known symptoms, which he thinks will be of help to the practitioner in identifying the simillimum.

Dalpé's other motive for writing this book is to educate the practitioner, and here he means all practitioners, and not only homeopaths. He laments the number of lives lost through incorrect prescribing by allopaths, and earnestly hopes that this book might be read by some of them and used to affect a change in the way that medicines are used to cure rather than poison patients.

His advice to practitioners and students alike comes up in every section of the book,

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although he begins with a chapter debunking common myths about homeopathy such as antidoting remedies with mint or coffee, but reserves his biggest reproach for the unfounded belief that homeopathy cannot cure serious disease. He builds the practitioner's confidence through sharing his successful ways of prescribing, and passes on the knowledge he has acquired through practice and observation. I learned, for example, that

Arsenicum album is one of the most difficult remedies to antidote, and proving will continue for the life of the patient (shortened markedly) if it is not antidoted properly by a professional homeopath.

As *Arsenicum* often features in articles written for the general public on self-prescribing for a host of acute complaints, and is a mainstay of most remedy kits, I found this rather alarming.

Dalpé is thorough in his referencing and pays homage to the masters who taught him, including Vithoulkas. As you might expect, he rails against polypharmacy and other 'non-classical' practices, but seeks to redress the

balance by showing how to observe the patient and recognise the remedy by being the unprejudiced observer. Although, given his frequent soapbox pronouncements on everything from dog faeces and spitting in the streets, to homophobia, I wondered how easy it was for him. Still, he recognises that we all need encouragement and support to develop this skill.

I found the opening chapters, where he is at his most zealous about what is wrong with the world in general, sometimes tiresome; and these and the rest of the book could have been improved with better editing to eliminate repetitions and the many errors of grammar. However, my attention span increased once I began reading the chapters on the remedies themselves. These were colourful and thought-provoking, and there was much new material to consider.

It is heart-warming to come across such an enthusiast for homeopathy, which has taken such a battering in the media of late, and Dalpé is unapologetically leading the attack on the unhealthy practices of allopathic medicine while laying out the principles by which homeopathy can be safely and effectively practised for the good of all.

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HOMEOPATHIC APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS: Methodology leading to the cure of developmental disorders in children and case records
By Torako Yui

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This is the second in the homeopathic life series of books by Torako Yui, and the title makes a very bold statement. Whilst it is linked strongly to the first book in the series, which looks at immunisation, it is a stand-alone book, packed full of interesting ideas. (For a review of the first book, *The Thesis of Immunization Impossible*, see *HIP* Spring 2009.)

Torako starts the process by looking at the current situation, with increasing numbers of children across the world displaying 'developmental disorders', desperate parents looking for help, and the medical profession at a loss to help. She touches on the prejudice that these families experience and then proposes her opinion that immunisation is behind all these problems. The book then expands this thesis and Torako's experiences in treating children with these problems.

As with the previous book, initially the phrasing takes some adjusting too, but generally I found this book easier to read than the

previous one. Torako's explanations of complex pathological issues are simple and straightforward, making it fairly easy to understand her view of the poisoning that is happening to the children of the world. Make no mistake this is quite emotive stuff and Torako leaves you in no doubt about her views. The chapter titles give a clear indication – 'The culprit for tormenting children is artificial poison', 'What is destroying the brains of children?' and 'Homeopathy is the light of hope'.

Torako does not make these statements without showing clear reasons why she believes them to be true. The book appears to be well researched and includes recent topical news reports and statistics that support the proposal. She mentions a CNN report that had the American government admitting a possible link between autism and mercury in vaccines, in a court trial. The reference for reading that report is

www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1721109,00.html – it's a fascinating article, especially as the parents of the child are both medically trained.

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There are detailed sections looking at the chemicals involved in vaccinations, especially mercury and aluminium. Torako explores both these chemicals in depth. She looks at their functions, how they affect the body in the short and long term, and then compares the materia medica symptoms of the homeopathic provings of these chemicals, with the symptoms displayed by many children within the autistic spectrum.

Throughout the text, whenever any terminology is used, there are clear explanation boxes and also, occasionally, some helpful diagrams and charts. There is also some good, basic homeopathic philosophy. In the chapter 'Homeopathy is the light of hope', Torako explains why she believes homeopathy can hold