

**DEPT. OF ORGANON OF  
MEDICINE**

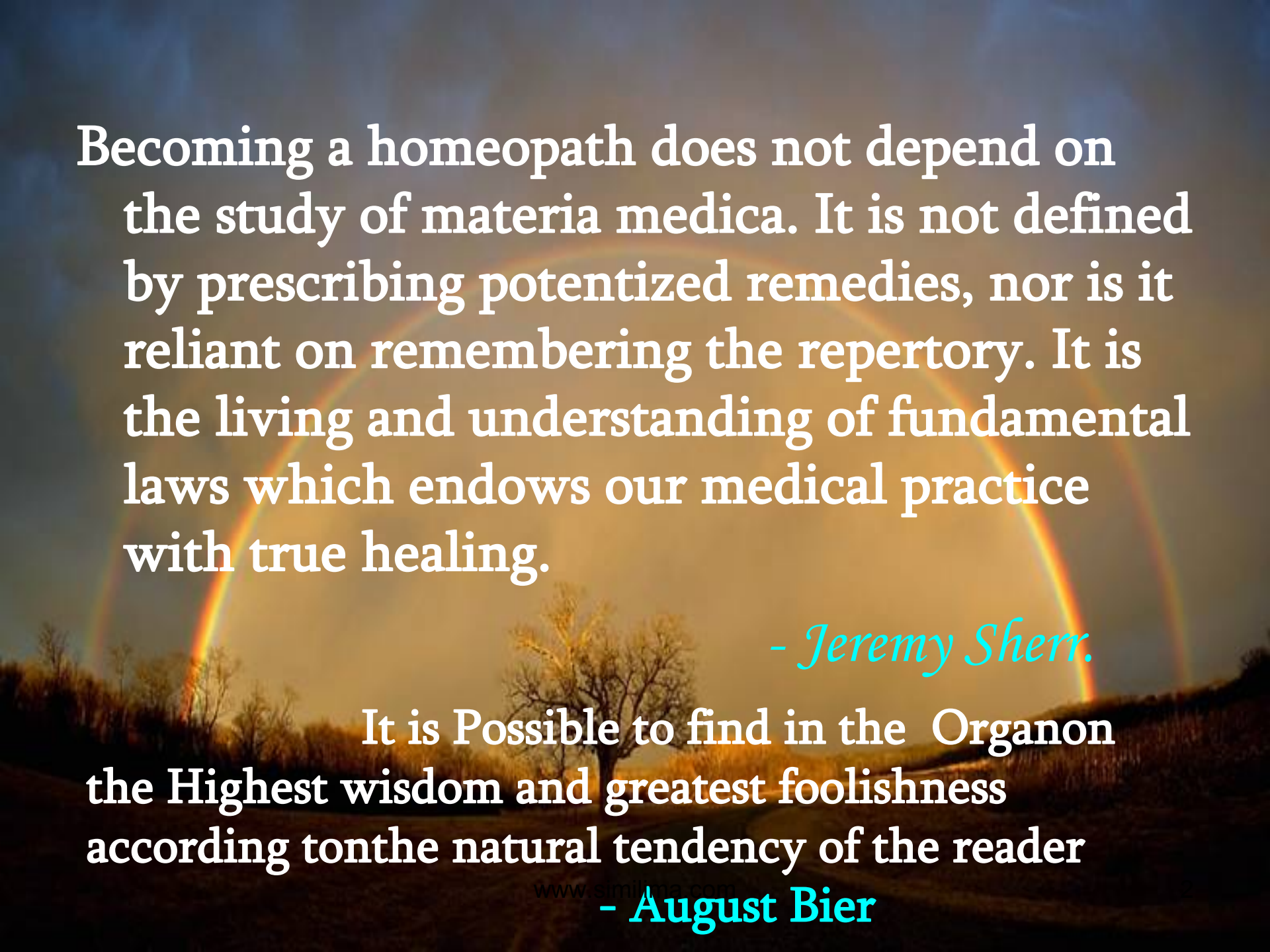
**WELCOMES YOU ALL**

**A STUDY ON  
EVOLUTION OF  
ORGANON OF MEDICINE**

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A landscape photograph featuring a double rainbow arching across a sky with soft, golden light. The foreground shows a field with some trees and a path. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

Becoming a homeopath does not depend on the study of materia medica. It is not defined by prescribing potentized remedies, nor is it reliant on remembering the repertory. It is the living and understanding of fundamental laws which endows our medical practice with true healing.

*- Jeremy Sherr.*

It is Possible to find in the Organon the Highest wisdom and greatest foolishness according to the natural tendency of the reader

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*- August Bier*



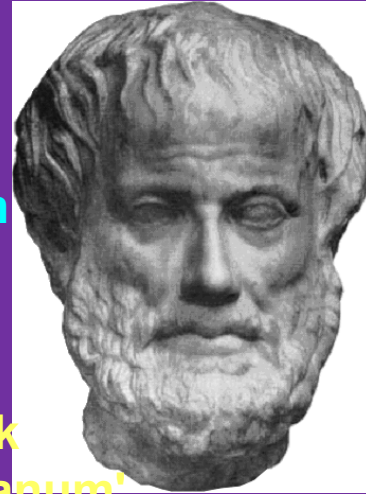
# ORGANON OF MEDICINE

- **Organon** (lat. organum: Instrument) is a Greek word by its origin and literary means "implement, musical instrument, organ of the body" or "a tool"
- In the new English lexis it has the meaning of "*an instrument for acquiring knowledge; specifically: a body of principles of scientific or philosophic investigation*". In this sense we can simplify the semantics of ORGANON to:
  1. *A method of scientific investigation,*
  2. *An instrument of thoughts,*
  3. *A system of logic,*
  4. *Literary work.*
- It also means,
  5. An organ or system.
  6. A group of logical requirements for scientific inquiry or demonstration.
  7. Any major work of an author which sets down many fundamental principles in that specific topic.



# Organon of Medicine

The word Organon was used for the first time by the eminent Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-312 BC). Under the common title of the 'Organon' the work of Aristotle was summed up on the logic treatise.



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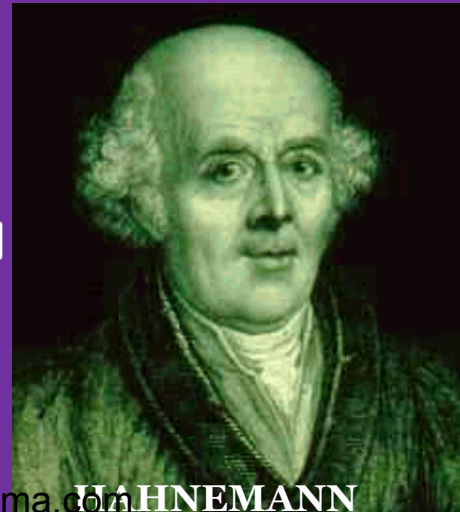


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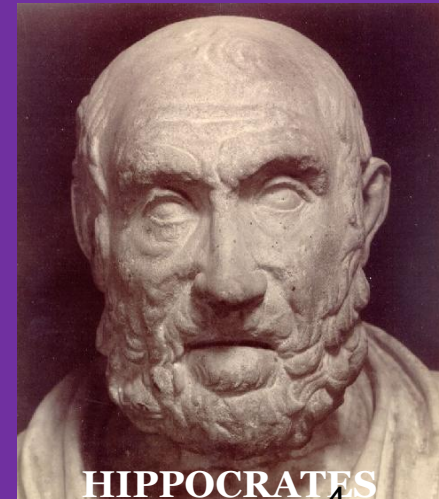
Francis Bacon (1561-1626 AD) wrote a book either on logical subject titled 'Novum Organum' (New Organon), probably referring to Aristotle's Organon; the book was in Latin language.

It is presumed that Hahnemann was influenced with the word Organon, because its meaning had some practical relationship with his discovery of Homoeopathic medical science. The organon is the base of classical homoeopathy.

He wrote his book in the style of aphorisms which were originally Hippocratic.



HAHNEMANN



HIPPOCRATES

# IMPORTANT WORKS OF HAHNEMANN

## PRECEDING ORGANON

- 1796 : Versuch über ein neues Princip Zur Auffindung der Heilkräfte der arzneistoffen nebst einigen Blicken auf die bisherigen (Essay on a new principle for ascertaining the curative powers of drugs and some examinations of the previous principles)
- 1797: Sind die hindernisse der Gewissheit Und Einfachheit der practischen Arzneykunden unübersteiglich? (Are the obstacle to the attainment of simplicity and certainty in practical medicine insurmountable?)
- 1805: Aesculap auf der Wagschale (Aesculapius in the balance)
- 1805: Fragmenta de viribus medicamentorum positivis sive in sano corpore humano observatis
- 1805: Heilkunde der Erfahrung; (Medicine of Experience) Reprinted in Hufeland journal in 1806., Vol.22, st.3, 5 bis 99.
- 1807: Fingerzeige auf den homöopathischen Gebrauch der Arznein in der bisherigen Praxis (Indications of the Homoeopathic Employment of Medicines in Ordinary Practice)

**AN ESSAY ON NEW PRINCIPLES FOR ASCERTAINING  
THE CURATIVE POWER OF DRUGS (1796)**

**FRAGMENTA DE VIRIBUS (1805)**

**MEDICINE OF EXPERIENCE (1805)**

**ORGANON OF RATIONAL ART  
OF HEALING (1810)**



The Organon is divided into two broad sections:

1.THEORETICAL PART

2.PRACTICAL PART

- Basic Principles, containing definitions of fundamental ideas, the law of similars
- Demonstration that the homeopathic method is the only one to achieve cure
- Study Plan = Study of the Disease, Study of the remedies, and application of the remedies to the diseases
- Also included are sections on how to conduct the treatment and how to prepare the remedies
- Other Therapies in the field of Medicine .

# ORGANON OF MEDICINE

## PUBLICATION

1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION

1810, At Torgau, Hahnemann was 55

2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION  
(Augmented)

1819, At Leipzig, Hahnemann was 64

3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION  
(Improved)

Hahnemann was 69

4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION  
(Augmented)

was 74

5<sup>TH</sup> EDITION  
(Augmented)

78

6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

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The original sixth edition manuscript of the Organon is currently held in the rare book collection of the **University of California at San Francisco**. It consists of a copy of the fifth edition, bound with a sheet of paper between each page of text, upon which Hahnemann made handwritten changes to the fifth edition. This interfoliated volume includes a synopsis which served as the table of contents, a preface, an introduction, and 291 numbered paragraphs of text.

300 extra pages  
etc. At Paris, Hahnemann was 87.



# TITLE

<p>1 ST EDITION</p>	<p>"Organon der rationellen Heilkunde" {Organon of Rational Healing Art or Organon of Rational Medical Doctrine/Science [Hughes] or Organon of Rational Healing Art according to Homoeopathic Principles} <b>Gellert Poem was Quoted on the Cover page.</b></p>
<p>2 ND EDITION</p>	<p>"Organon of the Rational Healing Art" <b>Organon Cover</b></p> <div data-bbox="517 445 1690 731" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RATIONAL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Consistent with or based on or using reason</li> <li>•Having its source in or being guided by the intellect (distinguished from experience or emotion)</li> </ul> </div>
<p>3 RD EDITION</p>	<p>"Organon of the Rational Healing Art" <b>Healing</b></p> <div data-bbox="467 759 1676 1145" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> <p>'Cure' referred to medical intervention while 'healing' referred to the human organism's own efforts to recover from disease or injury. In German, however, it has only one term (Heil-) that covers both healing and cure,</p> </div>
<p>4 TH EDITION</p>	<p>"Organon of the Rational Healing Art" <b>Healing</b></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>"Organon der Heilkunst" {Organon of Medicine - R. E. Dudgeon or Healing Art - Wesselhoeft or Art of Healing - <b>DR. JERALD</b></p>

## PREFACE & TEXT

1 <sup>ST</sup> EDITION	Its Preface Had 4pages,6 paragraphs And 48 lines. No INHALT ie, Content or text
2 <sup>ND</sup> EDITION	Its Preface had 9 pages,18 paragraphs and 203 lines. <i>Contents or Text {INHALT} was introduced, of 14 pages</i>
3 <sup>RD</sup> EDITION	Its Preface had 2 pages,3 paragraphs, 1 footnote and 32 lines. Contents in 12 pages
4 <sup>TH</sup> EDITION	Its Preface had 4 pages,4 paragraphs and 76 lines. Contents of 10 pages
5 <sup>TH</sup> EDITION	Its Preface named as "Vorrede Zur fiinfteen Ausgabe(Preface to the 5 <sup>th</sup> edition) had 8 pages,7 paragraphs and 3 footnotes Contents of 12 pages
6 <sup>TH</sup> EDITION	Its Preface had 4 paragraphs. Contents was



# EINLEITUNG – INTRODUCTION

ST 1 EDITION	43 Pages, 64 paragraphs, 1 F.N, paragraphs were not numbered and was continuous writing, It contained the examples of unintentional cures of homoeopathic principles of prominent physicians.
ND 2 EDITION	62 pages, 70 paragraphs, 268 F.N It was divided into 3 chapters. The end of the chapter was indicated by a closing line (-)
RD 3 EDITION	52 pages, 70 paragraphs, 70 F.N, It was divided into 3 chapters
TH 4 EDITION	104 pages, 138 paragraphs, 303 F.N. It was divided into two parts, Part I consisted of 66 paragraphs and 25 F.N as divided into 8 chapters & Part II consisted of 72 paragraphs and 278 F.N as 3 chapters
TH 5 EDITION	76 pages, 99 paragraphs and 47 F.N, It was divided into 12 chapters.
TH	30 pages, 99 paragraphs and 46 F.N, the paragraphs were not

## APHORISMS

1ST  
EDITION

§ - 271, F.N - 76, Pages - 222., *F.N were not numbered and appeared at the end of the the aphorism denoted by ANM {Anmerkung = note, remark, footnote}*

2ND  
EDITION

§ - 315 (But numbered wrongly as 318), F.N - 130, Pages - 281., Aph 216, 217, & 218 were not numbered as after 215 the next aph is numbered 219. *F.N appeared at the bottom of the page denoted by (\*) Or (†).*

3RD  
EDITION

§ - 319 (But numbered wrongly as 320), F.N - 146, beginning from 1 on each page and were denoted by numbers. Pages - 229., Aph 216, 217, & 218 were not numbered as after 215 the next aph is numbered 219. There were 2 new aphorisms viz, § 319, §320 and 2 additions §108b and §167b

4TH  
EDITION

§ - 292 F.N - 135 and were numbered separately on each page from 1 onwards. Pages - 203.,

5TH  
EDITION

§ - 294 F.N - 159. Aphorisms were numbered serially and the F.N were separately numbered serially as 1, 2, 3 etc for each page. Pages - 228.

6TH  
EDITION

§ - 291 F.N - 224(?). Aphorisms were numbered serially and the F.N were separately numbered serially as 1, 2, 3 etc for each page in violation to Hannoverian's style, were printed at the end of the book. Pages - 114.,



## NOVELTIES

1  ST EDIT ION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•It contained the examples of unintentional cures of homoeopathic principles of ancient or contemporary physicians. The Axioms "CONTRARIA CONTRARIIS CURENTUR"&amp; 'SIMILIA SIMILIBUS CURENTUR" was given complete in Paragraph 1 &amp; 2., which were mentioned in An Essay of a New principle Paragraph 47 &amp; 64 respectively.</li> <li>•GELLERT'S Poem on cover page</li> </ul>
2  ND EDIT ION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Title of book was changed.</li> <li>•Gellert poem was replaced by Latin Words of HORACE, 'AUDE SAPARE'</li> <li>•149 new Aphorisms were added, FN marked by (†) &amp; (*), INHALT was introduced.</li> </ul>
3  RD EDIT ION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•F.N was marked by numbers and not by(†) &amp; (*).</li> <li>•Mesmerism was dealt in §319 &amp; 320.</li> <li>•Two new aphorisms were added 108 =108a &amp;108b,167=167a &amp; 167b</li> </ul>
4  TH EDIT ION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Theory Of Chronic Miasms were introduced</li> <li>•Introduction was divided into two parts, Part 1:dealing with the fundamental defects of allopathic system</li> <li>•Part2: contained examples of Homoeopathic cures by renowned allopaths.</li> </ul>
5  TH EDIT ION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Doctrine of Vital Force was introduced.</li> <li>•A definite drug vehicle ratio was fixed and a method of Drug Dynamization was introduced</li> </ul> <p>The introduction of 12 chapters was kept and rest of its portion of 4 edition was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.similima.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">dropped</p>

## A Comparison with Previous Edition

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•Its preceding writing was *Medicine Of Experience*(1805)  
1 edition retained some portion of *Medicine Of Experience* but written in the style of

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Aphorisms.

•F.N1 to paragraph 29 deals about Hahnemann's prevision about hazards of pollution, adulteration, occupation, sedentary etc mentioned in §223-226 of 1 & §285 Of 2nd & 3 &



# TRANSLATIONS

1 1 English translation by Dr.C.E WHEELER in 1917(?).

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<sup>st</sup>  
2 English translation by Dr. Mahendra Singh.

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2 •The second edition was never translated in English.

# ORGANON OF MEDICINE

(GROUND PLAN -  
5<sup>th</sup> edition)

## THEORETICAL (1 - 70)

**Mission & Ideal of cure  
(1 & 2)**

**Knowledge of a physician  
(3 & 4)**

**Knowledge of disease  
(5-18)**

**Knowledge of drugs  
(19-21)**

**Application of drug knowledge  
to disease knowledge (22-27)**

**Knowledge of choice of remedy,  
different modes of treatment,  
superiority of homoeopathic  
therapeutics (28 to 70)**

## PRACTICAL (71-294)

**3 points, which are necessary for  
curing (71)**

**Classification of disease  
(72-80)**

**Case Taking  
(83-104)**

**Knowledge of medicinal power  
drug proving . (105-145)**

**Most suitable method of employ  
medicine to a patient (146-261)**

**Diet & Regimen  
(262-263)**

**Preparation of medicine  
(264-271)**

**Administration of medicine  
(271-292)**

**Mesmerism 293-294**



# ORGANON OF MEDICINE

(GROUND PLAN - 6<sup>th</sup> edition)  
Adopted by Dr.B.K.Sarkar

**THOERETICAL (1-70)**

**PRACTICAL (71-294)**

**Physician's Mission  
(1&2)**

**Requisite knowledge  
of a physician (3 & 4)**

**Knowledge of disease  
(5-18)**

**Knowledge of drugs  
(19-21)**

**Application of drug knowledge  
to disease knowledge (22-27)**

**Knowledge of choice of remedy,  
different modes of treatment,  
superiority of homoeopathic  
therapeutics (28 to 69)**

**Summary (70)**

**3 fold items of practical  
Knowledge to be acquired  
by a physician (71)**

**What is to be known in order  
to cure the disease (72-104)**

**How to acquire knowledge  
Of Medicines (105-145)**

**Most suitable method  
of employing medicines for  
cure of diseases(146-285)**

**Selection & Mode of  
Administration Of Remedies  
(146-263)**

**Homoeopathic Pharmacy  
& Dynamization of Drugs  
(264-285)**

**Therapeutic Agents  
other than drugs**

**Magnetism &  
Electricity (286-287)**

**Mesmerism  
(288-289)**

**Massage  
(290)**

**Bath  
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- Organon of Medicine 5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup>Editions with an Introduction and Commentary by Dr.B.K.Sarkar.
- History of Homoeopathy,Ludolf Fishner, Compiled, Edited & Redacted by Dr.Mahendra Singh.
- The Principles and Practice of Homoeopathy, Dr.Richard Hughes.
- The Lesser Writings, Samuel Hahnemann.
- The Hidden Treasures of Last Organon, Pierre Schimidt.
- Organon of the medical art , edited and annotated by Wenda Brewster O'Reilly ; the sixth edition of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann's work of genius based on a translation by Steven Decker.



Organon contains the word 'or,' which in Hebrew means 'light.' In the beginning God made light which, endowed with love and truth, fertilized life with the seeds of source. In the medical world, Hahnemann's Organon represents this light. Here lies the organic origin, the creative core of true healing. Like rays of sunlight traveling to earth, Hahnemann's wisdom shines through the mists of time to illumine our way, brighten our thoughts, warm our hearts. Like the true simillimum, Hahnemann's genius is timeless and his work is as relevant to all medical practices today as it was two hundred years ago.

- Jeremy Sherr.

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