

Introduction

Today the word "science" has become a ridiculous fetish. It therefore seems appropriate to point out that science is nothing more than the aggregate opinion of living scientists....In time all opinions are forgotten, rejected, or changed. For that reason, the question "What constitutes a scientific truth?" can be answered without exaggeration by saying "An error of today."...We hope to progress from gross to smaller errors, but whether we are really on the right track at all is a matter of extreme doubt so far as biology is concerned.

(from Uxkull in *Umweltund Innenwelt der Tiere*, Springer, Berlin, 1921, quoted in Reich W, *the Cancer Biopathy*, Orgone Institute Press, Usa, 1948).

Orgonic medicine

Orgone

The existence of a cosmic energy is known since ancient times. In India this energy, called *Prana*, was known in times much before the development of the greek-roman civilization in the Mediterranean.

The Chinese, always in distant ages, called *Chi* a vital energy that was supposed to pervade all living and non living matter of the universe.

In Japan the word *Ki* was meant to refer to a dynamic energy available in the universe, both in the mineral, vegetal, and animal kingdoms. In the Jewish Kabbalah it was called *Astral Light*, concept that the Cristian culture later elaborated representing Jesus and the Saints surrounded by a halo of yellow light.

In Europe, Pythagoras around the 500 BC spoke about this energy as a luminous body that could produce different effects on the human organism. Paracelsus many centuries later (around the XV century AD) called it *Arqueo*, defining it as a vital force and matter, and comparing it to an irradiating essence with beneficial effect on the human health.

The concept that this energy could have peculiarities similar to those of a fluid and of the light was not forgotten at all over the centuries. At the beginning of the last century Kilner, studying the energetic human field by coloured filters and screens, found layers of light surrounding the human body that defined as *aura*. He observed the characteristics of the light changed according to the age, sex, and health conditions. In ill people layers showed patches or gaps.

However, by far the most accurate investigation on an universal vital energy was conducted by Reich (1897-1957), a psychiatrist and colleague of Freud that focused his lifetime researches, after a first period of investigations on the emotional energy, towards a cosmic energy that he called *orgone*.

Reich observed that the biological effects of this cosmic energy were evident in all living organisms. Decreasing the energy tiring symptoms and diseases may arise. Reich conceived a device to concentrate this energy. According to him the effects of this device, called orgone accumulator, can be summarised as follows:

- generalised expansive vasotonic effect on all the biological system
- increase of the internal temperature with warm flushes
- decrease of blood pressure and cardiac rhythm slowing down
- increase of intestinal peristalsis and breathing deepening
- increase of the charge and the integrity of the tissues and of the immune system
- overall increase of the energetic content, physical activity and liveliness
- increase of growth rhythm, and injuries and fractures healing

The effects of an energetic charge increase, obtained after the use of the Reich orgone accumulator, may differ. They are more evident in low energetically charged people, while they are less pronounced in subjects with already a good energetic charge.

Unfortunately, given the low economical profit the orgone accumulator provides, very few systematic investigations were performed to date. An experimental and clinical investigation on the accumulator properties and its effects on human health was recently started at the University of Milan, Italy. Preliminary results will be available in the very near future.