

My Eleven Years with Wilhelm Reich

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Chapter 1*

This narrative is not primarily about Wilhelm Reich. I could not begin to write adequately about him. Rather, it is an account of the eleven years in which I was associated with Reich. Like Leonardo da Vinci, he was not only good at everything he did but an absolute genius. Einstein formulated a theory which robbed us of the ether man had believed in for millenia. Reich replaced it, but instead of a static medium, he discovered a moving, vibrant, sparkling ether that he called cosmic orgone energy. He showed how the galaxies, stars, and planets moved on this ether which causes them to revolve and pulsate. Through research, Reich deduced that cosmic orgone energy is behind all creation, from the galaxies to the varied forms of life, and can be called life energy. Reich discovered the function of the orgasmic convulsion. It maintains a stable energy level within the living organism by periodic discharge of energy. He thus discovered an unknown function of sex even as important as reproduction. He also discovered armoring in the human, which inhibits natural functioning, and he learned how to dissolve it.

In studying galaxies, hurricanes, and the aurora borealis, he found that all showed superimposition of two energy systems, cosmic superimposition, which is basic to the growth of matter and thus the builder of the universe. In the living, superimposition produces new life. He completely changed psychiatry, discovering a criterion of health based on the free movement of energy. He delineated the destructive character which he called the emotional plague, which throughout history has killed most of the truly great men. The emotional plague is that destructive reaction which exists on the social scene and is used by people for the purpose of destroying healthy social activity, which they cannot tolerate. He is credited with being the father of the sexual revolution that is still in progress. He presented an understanding of fascism. He invented the accumulator, the orgone energy motor, the cloudbuster and the DOR-buster, and he demonstrated biogenesis in his laboratory by Experiment XX. He was well advanced toward the solution of negative gravity. The final equation died with him. These are but a few of the great gifts he gave to the world.

But he and his work were not understood. He was maligned, called insane, a quack, and a sex maniac. The American Psychiatric Association

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