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Wilhelm Reich

*Harman Bains*

Wilhelm Reich (1897–1957), the famed Austrian psychoanalyst, was renowned for developing methods to harness the power of pleasure. Intent on researching the power of pleasure for the advancement and well-being of the human body, Reich found himself preoccupied with the functionality of sexual satisfaction.

Pain as a condition of sexual pleasure is a well-documented phenomena; bodies carousing in limitations opposed by facets of inhibition no longer impart fear into the conventional. Sexual pleasure as a cure for pain is a relatively unknown condition. Often considered as a short-lived chemical experience pleasure derived from sexual interaction to oneself or another promotes a sense of a calm and well-being through an instant but soon diminishing release of oxytocin.

*The prospects of cure and the success of the cure are directly dependent upon the possibility of establishing the capacity for full genital gratification.*
galvanised steel
steel wool
fibreglass
steel wool
fibreglass
steel wool
fibreglass
wood frame
soundboard

On entering a large hollow capacitor composed of alternate layers of insulators and conductors, the resting biological state of the human body manifests to a parasympathetic state, otherwise referred to as a ‘pleasure reaction’. A single seat housed inside an unassuming rectangular box harnesses energy that directly charges the bioelectric circuits of the human body. Named by Wilhelm Reich, the Orgone Accumulator was created to channel this energy and was observed by Reich to have a direct effect onto the human biological system, directly expressed in the emotion and sexual function of the user. A persons’ overall volatility and aliveness was a function of human atmospheric organ charge impulsion — which Reich titled ‘the bioelectrical investigation of sexuality and anxiety’. This simple enclosure ensured a high charge of energy to collect inside its walls and pass freely through the body within. The organic layer attracted and held an energy originating from the atmosphere. The metallic layer attracted then simultaneously repelled the life energy in both directions. The organic layer than re-passed the life energy back to the metallic later and the metallic layer begins to radiate the life energy to the inside where it remained. A one-way flow was set up from the outside layer to the user, similar to a capacitor or diode. A feedback effect was created as the person inside reflected their own living energy resulting in the full charging of the human body.
The orgone charge of the tissues was a fundamental component of the immune system and sexuality. In opposition to anxiety or danger impulses, pupils dilated in response to the heightened pleasure environment. Water glands, including salivary and sweat, exhibited their output by celebrating secretion; the dominant heart muscle demonstrated its response by slowing its pulse and the plentiful piloerector muscles relaxed to display un-bristled smooth skin. Genitals demonstrated their induction of pleasure, the male penis, once aroused, would enlarge from its flaccid state, whereas the female vagina would begin to secrete fluid from its original dry state. There is only one thing wrong with the neurotic patients: the lack of full and repeated sexual satisfaction.

Individually self-regulated sexual existence relies upon orgasms as a gateway to health and freedom. This release of energy by the body, once inside, provided evidence that the Freudian Libido was in fact a real energy discharged during emotional expression and sexual orgasm. Punishment manifested through parental or social hegemony, against youthful expression of emotion, or sexuality turned to internalised repression. This repression was manifested by the literal tightening of ones muscles, a binding force of conflict and tension evidenced by the formation of a neuro-muscular armouring that blocked the capacity for pleasure and happiness, including sexual excitation. Reich considered the analogy of the female egg that divides when internal pressure and surface tension reach a certain level. Since the human organism cannot do this, it can only be masochistic, pleading to an orgiastic discharge of pent-up energy. The orgasmic energy appeared to move in two directions out of the self, towards the world.

The discovery of the life energy would have been accomplished long ago, had this 'I don't want it, I fear it, I loathe it, I'll kill it, I'll flatten it out, I won't let it exist live, or exist'. If that had not been in their structures, not in their desires, not in their positive conscious wishes. They cannot tolerate it and they fear it. They
fear it by way of structure. Their tissues, their blood cannot stretch out, cannot take it, evades it — avoids it and loathes it.

Orgasmic potency is the capacity for sexual surrender without any reservations, the capacity for complete discharge of all dammed-up sexual excitation through involuntary, pleasurable convulsions of the body.

THE PLEASURE

aluminium frame
tempered glass
sliding door mechanism
chrome
brushed nickel
swivel connection
anti lime-scale nozzle
lead pipes
viaduct system

An unremarkable set of coincidences allowed for the discovery of a variable pressure showerhead to induce orgasms. The wonderment of this breakthrough instructs the vaginal glands to manage copious amount of secretion in an already wet environment. The constant supply of water and slight changes to temperature during high pressure allows for hands free masturbation. The jet stream will hit the hood of the clitoris and inner labia but fail to penetrate the vestibule of the mouth of the vagina. Without vaginal invasion the orgasm can induce feelings of emptiness, but a prolonged feeling of fullness to the vulva continues to warm and plump.

Curiosity is a fundamental motivation for the exploration of body parts. The location of ones genitalia, the differences in function and use for the opposite sexes enlightens a sense of belonging to one’s body. The deterrence of such curiosity can cause a hyper state of sexuality that if not acted upon and can
impose a trauma to the body. The understanding of Reich’s ob-
jective for a full simulation of mind and body for the possibility
of pleasurable stimulation, is to access a higher state of oneself.

If not too un-slightly an orgasm can be achieved in the most or-
dinary of environment, a re-purposed domestic space that can
be used comfortably and repeatedly for orgasmic pleasure can
in effect achieve a loosening of body armor in similar to Reich’s
orgone accumulator. The original was not specially designed
to house spontaneous orgasm nor did most achieve this, but a
heightened state of pleasure was foreseeable. A fit for purpose
accumulator depending on levels of genital stimulation can
achieve higher amounts of orgasmic fulfillment, thus disarm-
ing one’s body.

Two glass panels held together by an aluminum frame were
positioned in the corner of the room. One point five meters in
length, the focal showerhead was mounted on the tiled wall to
the left. On entering, the human body would gravitate towards
the right panel until the correct water temperature was in full
flow. Aforementioned piloerector muscles constrict to preserve
body heat abruptly exiting the fleshy mass. A temperature
of forty degrees is the common denominator for a successful
cleanse. Forty-five degrees is preferential. A removable show-
erhead with varying pressure outputs is essential for sustained
pleasure. On wetting the body a suitable position is assumed
directly below the flow, the rounded head, an arms width away.
The removal of showerhead from its bracket begins the process
of pleasure. The turning of the pressure clockwise ensures that
a strong force of current is maintained. A seated pose, though
optional, can be adopted to ensure ease to the spreading of legs.
The nozzle points directly at the hood of the clitoris. On impact
the labia will be forced apart, the discomfort at first will ease
and a slight numbing sensation will assist in the continued use
of high pressure to the genitalia. As if by chance the very manu-
facturing of this object is suited to both the grip and the vagina
of the beholder.
Legs parted, the tendons located in either thigh are pulled tightly as the coccyx is adjusted to avoid any discomfort from the hard wet floor. One arm lay beside the angled body, the other rose above stretched legs — the chrome head reflecting a thirsty labia. The force of the jets leaping from the cunt to the glass sliding door, a vigorous tapping the glass panel, small droplets forming on the aluminum frame. As the body adjusts to the constant pounding a slow surge of pleasure will began to ooze out from the drenched pink skin, a thicker texture effortlessly combining with the water. A slight elevation in the pelvis ensures that the pressure caresses the most outward flesh. The pulsating jets, if prepared correctly, can enable a sustained and powerful orgasm. The reaching of the climax will begin to transform the lower abdomen as it tenses, the sensation will travel through to the perineum allowing the bodily form to change shape uncontrollably; violent spasms wrecking form, an effort to maintain control whilst the body contorts through the vicious pleasure tremors, the jets become a force too hard for the now tenderized flesh — the swivel connection reversed until normal pressure resumed. Standing upright a gentle hand against the lower abdomen will ease discomfort and all for water stored in the vestibule to be released. The tender pink. The combination of liquids; dense and solvent.

THE PAIN

Composite construction
2mm CR4 double skin steel plate wrapped and fully welded door leaf
internal steel structural core matrix with internal thermal / acoustic insulation Optional viewing windows
food hatch
shackle hatch
inundation points
anti barricade facility
'Paranoia manifested by delusions of grandiosity and persecution and ideas of reference.'

On being convinced the scientific world would recognize the value of his work and appreciate the great benefit of orgone energy, Wilhelm Reich encouraged a great pain onto his body. In February 1954, an injunction was issued forbidding the interstate shipment of orgone accumulators’ also denying the existence of orgone energy and thus sabotaging his work and legacy. Refusing to abide by the terms of the injunction, Reich argued the legal court could not evaluate his scientific work, thus summoned to trial and arrested in May 1956. Awaiting trial, Reich’s published journals, papers and publications were burnt and many accumulators axed to oblivion. In March 1957, Reich was imprisoned.

Prolonged stress imbalances the central nervous system. When these emotion sensors of the brain activates its sympathetic nervous system, but is uncompensated by the parasympathetic nervous system, a rush of adrenalin is released into the body, over time and if the stress is constant it can cause myocardial cells to break down, thus affecting the blood flow to the heart muscle. Total deprivation results in an area of infarction, causing vital cells to die and thus resulting in the tissues becoming necrotic. The most outstanding symptom of acute myocardial infarction is a sudden painful sensation of pressure in the chest, occasionally radiating to the arms, throat and back and persisting for a number hours. Pallor, profuse perspiration and signs of shock are present. Extreme apprehension and a sense of impending death are apparent.

The organization of social life determines the quantity and the quality of the equalization of tension and discharge in the psychic apparatus. If there is a lack of social possibilities for genital gratification; if the measure of unpleasurable stimuli is too great owing to distress and want, the psychic apparatus works with substitute mechanisms that seek to bring about some discharge
at any cost. The results are neuroses, perversions, pathological changes of character, anti-social manifestations of genital life and, not least, work disturbances.

On the 3rd November 1957, Reich suffered a blockage in his left heart ventricle, and died in Danbury Federal Prison. A myocardial infarction of the interior wall of the left ventricle results in a secondary thrombosis conclusion of the interior-ascending branch of the left coronary artery, death imminent. Decomposition begins several minutes after death. This self-digestion is caused by the now defunct heart muscle failing to pump oxygen to vital organs and cells in the body. This deprivation increases a toxic by product of chemical reactions causing enzymes to consume the cell membrane and leak out as the cell breaks down. Body temperature begins to drop as rigor mortis begins in the eyelids, jaw and neck muscle before continuing into the limbs. Filamentous proteins actin and myosin are depleted of their energy source, unable to slide along each other they lock in place causing the muscles to become rigid and locked.

*It became clear that repression of sexuality has the function of making people susceptible to exploitation and suppression.*