ACUPUNCTURE DEMONSTRATION

WESTERN DOCTORS IN RECOVERY
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Conflict of Interest Statement…

I AM NOT EMPLOYED BY ANY OF THE MULTITUDE OF COMPANIES PROVIDING ACUPUNTURE NEEDLES AND / OR OTHER PARAPHENALIA USED IN PRACTICING THE ART OF ACUPUNTURE.

I DO NOT RECEIVE ANY PAYMENT / INDUCEMENT FROM ANYONE FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION.

MY MOTIVATION IS TO SHARE MY ENTHUSIASISM FOR THIS AMAZING TOOL THAT I HAVE GLEANED FROM MULTIPLE SUCCESSFUL ANECDOTES OF A VARIETY OF DIFFICULT CASES OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS.

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Purpose of Demonstration…

You will witness a fully licensed physician treat 3 volunteers picked randomly from the audience with an acute [or chronic] medical condition.

You will witness:
(i) the subjective improvement of symptoms
(ii) the objective improvement in signs and
(iii) the objective improvement in function

This demonstration will stimulate a reminder to those who have read the Big Book about "*When the spiritual malady is overcome, we straighten out mentally and physically*" (*Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book p. 64, 4th ed. (2002), Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Inc)*

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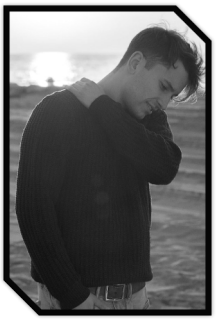
Brief Review of Disease Fundamentals…

Three Basic Concepts:

All illnesses have these:
1) Symptoms
2) Signs
3) Impaired Function



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Brief Review of Disease Fundamentals…

Two Other Rudimentary Concepts:
- Acute Disease
- Chronic Disease

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Volunteers…

For purposes of logistics, I asked for volunteers prior to my talk

Jenny Melamyd will keep records

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Post Acupuncture Demonstration…

Applause for the volunteers and Jenny!

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Concepts…

Questions?

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Michael's Ramblings…

Personal journey & anecdotes

Placebo effect?

"The Web That Has No Weaver"
by Ted Kaptchuk

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HERMENEUTICS…

HERMENEUTICS is the theory and methodology of interpretation - especially the interpretation of biblical texts, wisdom literature and philosophical texts.

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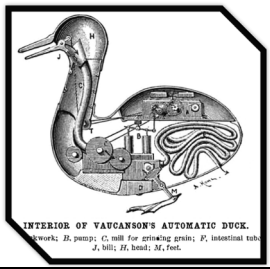
REDUCTIONISM…

"Reductionism is one of the most used and abused terms in philosophical lexicon"



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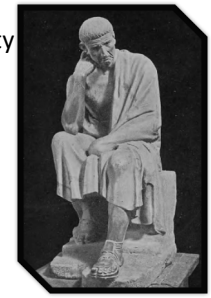
REDUCTIONISM…

Ontological Reductionism:
- a belief that the whole of reality consists of minimal number of parts.



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REDUCTIONISM…

Methodological Reductionism:
- the scientific attempt to provide an explanation in terms of ever smaller entities

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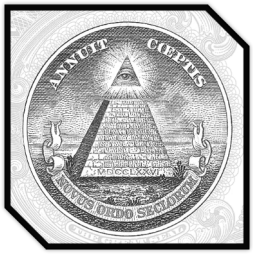
REDUCTIONISM…

Theory Reductionism:
- the suggestion that a newer theory does not replace or absorb an older one, but reduces it to more basic terms.



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REDUCTIONISM…

Timeline in Western Biomedicine:

1761 - Mortgagni: located disease in organs
1800 - Biclats: focused on tissues
1830 - Broussais: lesions in tissue
1848 - Virchow: locations in cells
1882 - Koch: germ theory
… all the way to modern dissection of genes

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Dr. Steven K. H. Aung

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at the Ancient Forest,
Prince George
September 2019

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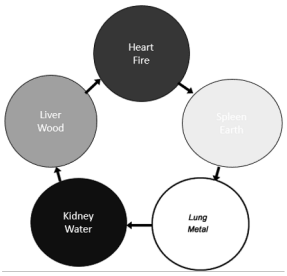
Eastern Philosophy…

The question being:

"Who is the person who has the disease?"



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