

That's Not Placebo!



How often have you heard that homeopathy is, at best, a placebo?

If I had a nickel for every time I had to counter that argument, I'd ... well, I'd have an impressive stack of nickels (with which to buy more homeopathy, of course)!

So, as an early Christmas gift to you, I'd like to share an excellent retort to that baseless argument.

When I lived in Canada, we had a gorgeous old maple tree on our property. I estimate that it was at least 60 feet tall and would take maybe three people's outstretched arms to encircle the trunk. Its large canopy stretched for metres! (Since it's a Canadian tree, I suppose it might think of itself in the metric system.)

This was an ancient tree. Neighbors whose parents and grandparents had lived in the neighborhood estimated the tree to be about 200 years old from the stories they'd been told.

Think about that. That means this maple tree was a mere samara (the fruit/seed pod of the maple family) while homeopathy was a kernel in Dr. Samuel Hahnemann's mind! As this tree grew in Canada, homeopathy grew across the world!

Our tree had lived a healthy and gorgeous life – until our neighbors decided to put in a pool.

Now, even though the tree was on our property, as I mentioned, its canopy stretched way past our property lines. Generally, tree roots spread underground to an equivalent distance as the branches above. But to make matters worse, maples are known for aggressive root networks extending beyond the pruned and carefully tended canopy.

Take a moment, close your eyes and imagine a tree's root system. What can you compare it to in the human body?

Yes! You got it! A tree's roots compare to our vascular system. Both systems carry life-giving nutrients through a complex network.

When the digging occurred (to accommodate the neighbor's pool), our tree's root system was severely injured, and that whole side of the maple began to suffer immensely.

So, what could I do homeopathically to help my tree?

I've often given [cell salts](#) to my trees and plants as support for their health. That might have been a place to start.

Once, when a massive windstorm blew through, big branches broke off of the maple. I gave it [Arnica 30](#) at that time. So, perhaps, *Arnica* alone would have sufficed quite well.

But this was a severe injury to the plant's "vascular system" – a level of damage that could have killed this ancient, majestic tree!

This situation called for more. So, using the same method with which I've addressed injuries to the human vascular system, I chose to give my maple [*Hamamelis* 200](#) mixed with [*Arnica* 3](#).

It's easy to do. One can simply dissolve the medicines in a watering can and apply liberally around the root line.

Lo and behold, the maple began to recover; the stressed foliage began to revive.

But how could that be? According to the detractors, homeopathy is mere placebo! Did my conversation with Buster as I watered somehow convince the tree that homeopathy would help? Yep. That's it! The tree heard me talking!

Obviously not. Plants have no mechanism to be persuaded that a medicine will help. Okay, okay, corn stalks do have ears, but I don't think they listen very well.

Folks, if this doesn't prove the validity of homeopathy, I don't know what does!

Want something even more technical? I've mentioned the video of this particular study before, but I think it bears repeating. Watch this [two-minute video illustrating a study in which duckweed was used to investigate the effectiveness of homeopathy](#).

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Pass on the good news of homeopathy!

Warmly,



P.S. Remember what a great gift homeopathy can make for the holidays! You may choose to give the remedies themselves (read [Give the Gift of Homeopathy](#) for some tips).

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