Farewell, Dear Baba



“I do not fear death. I have lived a very satisfying life.”

– Dr. Prasanta Banerji

Today we say goodbye to Dr. Prasanta Banerji. Though this great man has passed on, he leaves the world a better place than when he entered it. There are certain traditions in life that provide inspiration and enrichment to society, and one of them is paying homage to the extraordinary few who merit honor. Dr. Prasanta Banerji is one of those few. The world will long remember his legacy of devotion to the suffering, to the ill and to the poor through homeopathy and a compassionate heart.

Prasanta didn't come to this alone. It was in his blood. His father and great uncle built a foundation that Prasanta inherited and added to, but Prasanta earned his place among them through his own innovations, brilliance, long hours and hard work. Following the multi-generational philosophy of devoting themselves to the needy, Prasanta was a champion for those who had none; a tireless advocate; a kindly and gentle doctor; a patient and understanding but also a brilliant and efficient healer.

Having had the privilege of working by his side day after day for weeks at a time over seven years, I was graced with being offered to call him Baba; the affectionate and revered Hindi name assigned to an honorable father/teacher.

Indeed, he was honorable, a great father and a great teacher.

As a young doctor, Dr. Banerji assisted his own father in the practice of homeopathy, and when he opened his own clinic in 1950 he was visited by over 500 patients daily. It soon became clear to him that the sheer numbers of patients filling his waiting rooms and spilling out into the streets required a new approach to homeopathy if he were to have any chance of helping them all.

The old classical method of homeopathic case taking and

prescribing was too slow and unwieldy for the job required of Prasanta. Prasanta's father Pareshnath, attending to his own massive crowds of patients seeking aid, had already begun the process of developing standardized protocols for common ailments. Inspired by his father Prasanta took that approach a step further. And this is where Prasanta and his father stand out from the crowd; the crowd of practitioners that would have given up would have turned people away, would have remained unexceptional and conventional. This is where Prasanta distinguished himself as among the great heroes of the world.

With brilliant innovation and painstaking, meticulous labor, Prasanta drastically distilled the practice of homeopathy, revolutionizing the art and science of homeopathy along the way.

Necessity, as they say, *is the mother of invention*. But necessity only provides the fertile soil for invention, it takes an inspired and courageous thinker to plant a seed in that soil, and countless hours of resolute and persevering work to bring forth a great harvest. Pareshnath planted the seed and cultivated the metaphorical garden. Prasanta inherited that garden from his father and built a massive orchard.

Within a few short years of running his own clinic, Prasanta had honed his skills enough to be able to determine patterns that allowed him to standardize treatment protocols for every disease. This is a very different method of treatment from that of Classical Homeopathy and is actually closer to conventional medicine in its speed, efficiency and focus on reproducible results.

Prasanta Banerji, more than any other person to date, is the man that built a bridge between conventional medicine and homeopathy, and in doing so he and his son Dr. Pratip Banerji have captured the attention of conventional medical

institutions and medical researchers from all over the world, particularly in the field of cancer research.

In 1993 Prasanta founded The Dr. Prasanta Banerji Homeopathic Research Foundation. This foundation has the aim of bringing homeopathy to the masses through comprehensive health care as well as keeping a database of all serious cases treated with the Banerji Protocols at the Foundation's clinic.

These serious diseases include various types of cancer, renal failure, multiple sclerosis, and other debilitating ailments. The Foundation also funds conventional diagnostic tests for underprivileged patients. Today, twenty-five years later, they have over half a million visits recorded.

Dr. Prasanta Banerji along with his son, Dr. Pratip Banerji, have been regularly invited to speak at international scientific symposiums to present their method, known to the world as "The Banerji Protocols". In 1995, Drs. Prasanta and Pratip presented the paper "Regression of brain tumors by ultra-dilute medicine" at the 5th International Conference of Anticancer Research in Corfu, Greece. In attendance were over a thousand delegates from all over the world, and researchers from the USA, UK, Australia and the West Indies invited the Banerjis for scientific collaboration. They regularly presented at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to crowds including cancer specialists from leading Cancer Centers such as the Memorial Sloan–Kettering Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins Medical Center, the University of Texas MD Anderson Center and many others.

Over the past two decades worldwide interest in "The Banerji Protocols" has grown, and they have completed research projects with various institutions. In 2003, the *International Journal of Oncology* published the results of a study the Banerjis conducted in collaboration with the Department of Molecular Genetics at the MD Anderson Cancer

Center in Houston. The Cancer Center's investigators found that the homeopathic preparation of *Ruta graveolens* 6C administered in combination with *Calcarea phosphorica* 3X induced complete regression of tumors in eighty-six percent of the glioma patients who took part in the study. Oncologists consider this particular form of cancer as practically incurable, and the usual five-year survival rate for adult glioblastoma patients is around 10 percent.

From 2004 to 2013, the Banerji Clinic treated over twenty-four thousand cancer patients. Half experienced either improvement or complete regression of their cancers, with a further twenty-eight percent achieving stable condition, getting neither better nor worse. Today, the Clinic treats twelve hundred patients per day, not just cancer cases but practically every illness known to man, and out of that twelve hundred, seven to eight hundred are seen free of charge.

Dr. Prasanta, was so tireless and dedicated that he never fully retired. He performed many speaking engagements this year at various conferences and summits and oversaw complex cases.

Dr. Prasanta Banerji was the soul of homeopathy and the heartbeat of the vision that homeopathy be spread throughout the world – not just to be used in clinics by practitioners, but by anyone who was willing to learn. My dear mentor, my dear teacher, dear Baba will be greatly missed but never forgotten. I believe that Prasanta's impact on the world will only continue to grow, exponentially.