

Aurum Metallicum

Affinities

MIND, VASCULAR SYSTEM, Nerves, Heart, Bones, Glands, Liver, Kidneys, RIGHT SIDE, Left side.

Causations

Emotions. Ailments from disappointed love and grief, offence or unusual responsibility, abuse of mercury or allopathic drugs.

Aurum belongs to the syphilitic miasm but has elements of sycosis (Aur-Mur).

Vithoukas describes the theme of Aurum as doom and gloom and suicidal impulses and Sankaran describes the serious and responsible side of the remedy. Scholten suggests the most characteristic aspect of the remedy as someone who cannot let down the person or the task that has been entrusted into their care. 'As soon as Aurum is unable to live up to the responsibility they are inclined to drop everything. Eventually they will drop themselves, preferably from a great height.

Gold is named after the English word 'gaolo' meaning yellow. The chemical symbol is Au. It has a high price and is held in great value and is traditionally used in coins, crowns (even dental crowns), jewels, medals and other objects of great value.

The group analysis of Aurum is:

- Holding onto their power
- Trying to hold out as a leader
- Holding onto the throne
- Showing respect
- Maintaining responsibility
- Preserved because of responsibility
- Holding onto power: conservative
- Protector of organisations: shepherd
- Expanding the organisation
- Enjoying success
- Wealthy through religion
- Holding onto sex

They hold onto power by trying to keep the organisation intact. They want to hold onto their own position as leader. The king wants to extend his reign for as long as possible.

They feel responsible for the task they have taken on. They are workaholics and are driven to perform to the best of their ability. They are morally upright people and work helps alleviate their depression. This responsibility makes them very serious as they feel everyone depends on them. Precise and

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fastidious. They feel important in their position at the top and they want to be treated with respect and will do their best to protect the workforce.

They feel lonely because they are leaders and so can't share their success. Inability to maintain the business means they have failed and the responsibility may get too heavy and they cannot carry such a heavy burden. They feel responsible for the downfall and there is no one to fall back on. Other people's advice is ignored.

They become depressed as soon as they can't live up to their expectations. They have failed and it is all their fault. They think of jumping from a high place.

Kent said of Aurum 'All the affections, natural to healthy man, are perverted. So great in extent is this that one of the fundamental loves, which is the love of living, of self protection, is perverted, and he loathes life, longs to die and seeks methods to commit suicide. . . . Absolute loss of enjoyment in everything. Self-condemnation, continual self-reproach, self-criticism, a constant looking into self; does nothing right, everything is wrong, nothing will succeed, hopelessness. . . Has neglected something (duty)-neglected his friends. . . Broods. . . This is the train of thought that runs constantly through his mind. . . Is wholly unfit for this world, and then longs to die'

Aurum is associated with deeply depressive states and melancholic mood. Everything is black inside (Helleborus look black on the outside – a dark, dusky remedy: dark face, sooty nostrils, dark lips and hands etc). Suicidal or, whether conscious or subconscious, looking for risks and dangers. SUICIDAL DISPOSITION, better when thinking of suicide – a feeling of freedom – cheerful when thinking of death; planning suicide in silence. SUICIDAL from PAINS (despair from the pains) – Throwing themselves from a height.

Gold is a precious metal and held in high esteem by many. The Aurum person is often held in high esteem and attains high positions in society, hence they can be the head of a corporation or hold positions of responsibility. They have a very strong sense of responsibility. It is when they cannot live up to this responsibility or something happens that results in a failure that this dark depressive mood takes over. They blame themselves (*delusions, fail, everything will*), they feel they have done wrong (*delusions, neglected his duty, that he has*). DUTY BOUND, ANXIETY OF CONSCIENCE, GUILTY FEELING and REMORSE. WORKAHOLICS; INDUSTRIOUS; AMBITIOUS, wants to be the best, always busy and working, never finished, strong sense of honour.

Lack of self confidence (mind, confidence, want of self, and thinks others have none which makes her unhappy). Pessimistic, self-reproach, self-depreciation and low self esteem (mind, succeeds, never).

OVERSENSITIVE TO CONTRADICTION (Nat-m), resulting in explosive fits of anger and violence. Oversensitive to the opinion of others, FORSAKEN

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FEELING. Closed and serious, laughing and having fun is difficult, reserved and alone, no friends or just a few superficial acquaintances.

General oversensitivity (odours, taste, noise, touch, music etc). Fears the least noise. Amelioration from music. Music can be the one thing that lifts their depression (with Nat-m music will affect the mood they are already in so if sad will listen to sad music and if happy will listen to happy music. Religious mania.

Other rubrics include; Mind, anger, at absent persons. Mind, hatred of persons who have offended him. Mind, hurry, occupation, in, desires to do several things at once. Mind, weeping alternating with laughter. Mind, questions, speaks continually in.

The polarities of gold

Bright and glittery.....*Dark and tarnished*
Lively and excited.....*Dull and depressed*
Strong but Malleable.....*Hard and inflexible*
Indestructible.....*Self-destructive, mortal*
Purity and worship.....*Sensuality and greed*

General / physicals

Bone pains. Awakened by bone pains, suffering so great he despairs, does not want to live. Pain in knees as if they were tightly bound. Skull as if broken.

Ulceration of cornea and nose. Ulcerated, agglutinated, painful nostrils, cannot get air through the nose. Soreness of both nostrils. right nasal bone and adjoining part of upper jaw painful to touch. Syphilitic ulcers palate and throat.

Rush of blood to the head. Tearing pressure left forehead and crown and right side of crown. Pressure from within outwards in eyes, worse when touched. Tension in eyes interferes with vision.

Tightness of chest, also when sitting and not moving, always takes a deep breath and cannot get enough air. Great weight on chest especially heavy weight on sternum. Violent palpitation of heart. Fatty degeneration of heart.. Remarkable ebullition in the blood, as if boiling in the blood vessels.