

## THE RADIX CHARGE OF LIVING PLACES\*

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The radix charge of an area varies widely not only from time to time with the weather but from place to place on the earth's surface. Under given weather conditions it varies from country to country, and from one area to another. It varies even from neighborhood to neighborhood, and adjacent homes or buildings can have very different radix charge properties.

Geographic and atmospheric features affect the radix charge. Valleys, dells and other concavities tend to draw in, accumulate, and hold radix charge from the atmosphere. Their atmosphere is "heavier." Houses built in a valley or dell will have a tendency to accumulate radix charge. If other factors encourage the accumulation, such as poor drainage, clay subsoil, metal and masonry construction, poor "Feng Shui" and other factors, chronic radix overcharge of the house can occur. (Feng Shui, like acupuncture, contains large elements of truth about the life force, the chi mixed with its mysticism and myth.) If overcharged, the house will then be unpleasant and unhealthy to live in. The inhabitants will be often sick, and their capacity for creative work impaired. A whole neighborhood can be "contaminated," producing high incidence of illness-prone inhabitants because it is an area of chronic radix overcharge. I'm convinced that high-cancer towns or neighborhoods -- some are many times the national average -- are frequently due to this. Radix overcharge is a severe problem in certain urban areas, where it contributes to the development of smog. In this case the production of overcharge is in large part technological, though I believe natural geographic and atmospheric features always play a role.

Overcharged regions of a city are sensed as subtly unpleasant by many people. This affects their property value. Such areas tend to become economically depressed, and are often the sites of commercial development and of high density low-cost housing. Trees and other vegetation which metabolize radix charge disappear, replaced by concrete, steel and masonry. A high density of automobiles, electrical machinery, fluorescent lights and television drive the radix charge to higher levels.

Those living and working in such areas suffer from the chronically overcharged environment. Their own pulsation must intensify to drive their charge level higher to counteract the tendency for their charge to be drawn away by the overcharged surroundings, and their periphery must contract for the same reason. Individuals with weak or damaged radix systems cannot sustain the increased strain and suffer failing health. Others live with their higher level of charge, tension and contraction. I believe it likely that their life span is reduced, their likelihood of eventually suffering diseases of stress or hypertension increased. However, some seem to adapt to the excessive charge successfully, and may even live longer because of the adaptation.

Certain equipment used in radix experimental work drives the charge level of the environment to extremely high, sometimes dangerous-to-life levels. This problem plagued Reich's work and my own. Both of us experienced having our families become ill, buildings we lived and worked in become intolerably oppressive, trees in the vicinity die.<sup>1</sup> My present [2004]

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\* Appendix C of Kelley, C.R., *LIFE FORCE: The Creative Process in Man and in Nature*. Revised from *The Radix Journal*, Vol. I No. 4, summer 1979. Copyright © 2004 Charles R. Kelley.

<sup>1</sup> See Reich, W., 1951, "The Oranur Experiment: First Report," *Orgone Energy Bulletin* Vol. 3, No.4, largely reprinted in Reich's SELECTED WRITINGS. Some of my own experiences are related in Appendix E of the

view of what occurs is that dor is unmated high charge, i.e., where the flow from lower to higher charge builds from a single source by the lower-to-higher principle, but no mating charge leading to superimposition and discharge flows in.

Because radix charge cannot be readily measured or sensed, the charge level can rise to extreme levels without one knowing it. The situation is made worse by devices which accumulate or induce more charge, including Reich's orgone accumulator. Buildings and grounds are affected. Because the unmated charge converges toward higher charge, an overcharge, once induced, is difficult to dissipate and easily gets worse. The excessive charge inhibits normal radix metabolism. The radix systems that would absorb a normally high charge in an area (e.g., cumulous clouds, trees, vegetation, people) are not effective when the charge is extremely high. A good storm passing over is enormously helpful, but seldom occurs at the time, place, and intensity needed. The excessive charge may remain for months or years, leading into drought and desert formation.

This is how I understand today the radix physics of this stagnant high-charge condition, which Reich referred to as dor (deadly orgone). When a radix charge is unmated and becomes excessive, following the low-to-high principle, it is not metabolized, i.e., discharged. A qualitative change occurs. An overcharged building or area of ground develops a still, oppressive quality. The myriads of tiny superimpositions that give movement, pulsation, sparkle to the surroundings disappear, the charges that produce them having been lost. The unmated overcharged area has swallowed them. The variegation in charge is absent, the distribution of charge more homogenous. The Reichian cultural geographer and scientist James DeMeo writes extensively of his study of these topics in his book SAHARASIA.<sup>2</sup> His point of view differs somewhat from my own, but is related.

The body radix metabolism is affected by an overcharged environment. The millions of cellular level discharge processes are inhibited. Unmated charge therefore accumulates in the body and is not properly metabolized there. Normal relaxed activities and human relations are replaced by either hyperactivity or paralysis induced by the high charge. Creative work suffers, as eventually must the health. Such is the effect of Reich's *dor*.

In the long run, the most important way to handle the unmated radix overcharge is to avoid the places and circumstances that manifest it. These include urban blighted areas, "smog," absence of vegetation and trees, with climates moving toward deserts, masonry and metal buildings, tightly enclosed poorly ventilated rooms, fluorescent lights, TV, radiation sources, overcrowding. Continuing exposure to unmated high radix charge associated with these factors degrades the quality of life, and is eventually life threatening.

To keep the quality of one's life from suffering due to the effects of continuing dor overcharge, a long-range life plan that takes one to live and work in a healthy radix environment is called for. Ideally one would move to a wooded hillside, lakeside, or beach location. Convex rather than concave land configuration is called for (hill rather than dale). Look for well-drained sandy rather than clay sub soil, a wooden house with an open plan, non-metallic insulation and other materials, incandescent lights, and good ventilation all are helpful. Radiant heat may allow better ventilation than tight enclosures with recirculating forced air.

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book, *LIFE FORCE*, and more extensively in *A NEW METHOD OF WEATHER CONTROL*, 1961. [www.kelley-radix.org](http://www.kelley-radix.org).

<sup>2</sup> DeMeo, James, 1998, SAHARASIA. Greensprings, OR: Orgone Biophysical Research Lab.

When one lives in or near a city, certain areas are much better than others. Other things equal, in flat regions of the temperate zone the best area to live in is west and north of cities, toward the prevailing winds. The dor overcharge and its by-products (smog, pollution) will move downwind, east and south. Southeast of the city is therefore usually the poorest choice. Geographic and climatic features will modify this.

Those forced to live in overcharged areas can take steps to reduce the effects. Some buildings are much better than others. High rise buildings are often better than apartments and offices near street level, especially if there are high terraces and patios, or at least windows that open. Fluorescent lights and TV are bad in an overcharged area.

Personal life style is crucial. Sexual and emotional discharge are desirable. Many people react to overcharge by becoming immobilized, and the paralysis of overcharge is best dealt with by body-oriented personal growth work if it is available. Regular exercise, and either regular swimming, use of a hot pool, or long soaking baths are very helpful. Water can absorb unmated overcharge in the body. An excellent temporary antidote to being overcharged is to sink into a bath tub of body temperature water into which two cups of sea salt and one of soda have been dissolved. Head and hair should be soaked along with the body for 10-15 minutes (not longer). After rinsing the salt water off, one should pour or sponge a diluted vinegar solution over hair and body to restore the normal acid condition of the skin. When the overcharge is especially bad, as when the weather is smoggy and oppressive, this bath can be done daily. It is surprising how much better this simple expedient makes one feel when suffering from unmated overcharge, Reich's dor.

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