

In Memoriam

Roger Wyburn-Mason, M.D., Ph.D.

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Roger Wyburn-Mason



Joan Wyburn-Mason

Professor Roger Wyburn-Mason was curing folks of so-called incurable rheumatoid disease (including rheumatoid arthritis) way back in the 1960s. Folks in England, Australia, Canada, United States and on other continents would hear of his success from those cured. They'd contact him and he'd tell them how do achieve this wonderful result!

As you will see from the following mini-biography Roger was a brilliant scholar, researcher and world-famed nerve specialist until he publicly touted his successes when treating this crippling disease. Then he was suddenly ostracized by the know-it-all medical profession, according to his wife, Joan, in her *Dedication, Love and Humor: My Life With Professor Roger Wyburn-Mason*. [<http://www.arthritistrust.org>]

Although he resisted the idea that the *Amoeba chromatosa* was the sole cause of Rheumatoid Disease by a friend and world-renowned protozoologist, Vice Admiral Stamm, Professor Wyburn-Mason did finally accept the idea. While no one has yet been able to reproduce their laboratory findings, at least the treatment based upon their hypothesis works, curing folks worldwide when nothing else is [or was] available.

In fact, nothing else is available worldwide to this day, except the treatment that this foundation derived from Roger Wyburn-Mason's perhaps faulty hypothesis plus the treatment based on the work of Thomas McPherson Brown, M.D., claiming that a mycoplasma is the primary culprit.

To Dr. Wyburn-Mason's credit, he rescinded his belief that the *Amoeba chromatosa* was the essential cause of rheumatoid diseases. His assertions and objections to their review were reported in in the April 24, 1979 *Lancet*, as follows:

"Sir,

"Referring to your nine line review in your issue of April 7th. 1979 of my 479 page monograph *The Causation of Rheumatoid Disease and Many Human Cancers. A New Concept in Medicine*, 1978, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the term "*Amoeba chromatosa*" to which you refer was used in a previous book by me published in 1964, but that in the monograph that you were supposed to be reviewing further work over 14 years described in this has shown that the organism is probably one or more species of *Naegleria*, and the term *Amoeba chromatosa* abandoned, but you fail to mention this. Your statement that my ideas should be refuted or confirmed is welcome, but if the monograph had been carefully read full details of the properties of the organism had also the names of the workers and establishments where the isolation of this organism has been confirmed would have been found. In a leading article in your own journal (1) on "Pathogenic free-living amoebae" you state "the discovery that free-living protozoa (including amoebae) are able to infect man and animals has revolutionized the very concept of parasitism". Why then should you be surprised at my discovery of an amoeba in the tissues? You also refer to the findings of Cursons et al. (2) using a direct fluorescent amoebic antibody test on the sera of 200 people in New Zealand, including new-born children, who found fluorescence in all, either with neat serum or with serum diluted up to 1/20 of *Naegleria* and 1/80 of *Acanthamoebae*, suggesting that all humans are or have been infected with one or more of these organisms, the new-born through the placenta.

Furthermore using immunofluorescent amoebic antibody techniques the presence of these organisms in the tissues of both normal and diseased subjects has been confirmed by eminent workers in this field in this country and is described in my monograph. The markedly beneficial effects of various anti-amoebic drugs on cases of active rheumatoid disease described by me in this and confirmed in several countries throughout the world itself proves the causation of the disease is an amoeba in the tissues.

“May I ask two questions - 1) why, if the monograph was going to be reviewed at all, was it not read carefully in order to follow the closely argued deductions and the effects of anti-amoebic drugs in rheumatoid disease ignored and the statement made that my ideas have not been taken seriously by most of the medical profession, this last is made because they have obviously not read it or attempted to confirm my findings? and 2) why do you find it impossible to believe the confirmed evidence of the presence of an amoeba in the body tissues from various sources which are before you in the monograph? Fortunately elsewhere in the world minds have been more receptive to new discoveries and the tremendous relief of suffering in cases of active rheumatoid disease by my discovery of the use of anti-amoebic drugs realised, appreciated and practiced.

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When I was at last cured of this dreaded, crippling rheumatoid arthritis, I never dreamed of embarking on a worldwide challenge to professional rheumatologists, and the gigantic and ineffective Arthritis Foundation, and the American pharmaceutical industry that siphons \$15,000,000,000 a year in the United States of America from the sick and the lonely, chiefly for aspirin substi-

tutes and failed cancer chemicals that simply treat arthritic symptoms and not causes.

Somehow the Good Lord has seen fit to successfully guide my path -- along with other determined, sincere people -- to bring the good message to all --

There’s a cure!

It’s simple!

It’s cheap!

It’s available everywhere!

And here’s how you do it!

My book *Rheumatoid Diseases Cured at Last*, written under my pen-name of Anthony di Fabio, was monitored by Professor Roger Wyburn-Mason, and based on his original work, *The Causation of Rheumatoid Disease and Many Human Cancers - A new Concept in Medicine* (1978) [Also on the *Pre’cis* of the *Causation of Rheumatoid Disease and Many Human Cancers*.] My first arthritis book, published in a hurry, was designed for the ailing to find hope, to convince them, to be carried to their family physician for further use where they would be treated. More often than not, the book was heaved into a nearby waste-basket by an angry, know-it-all authoritarian physician!

My small book, also launched *The Roger Wyburn-Mason & Jack M. Blount Foundation for Eradication of Rheumatoid Disease* (AKAs: *The Arthritis Trust of America* and *The Rheumatoid Disease Foundation*), which is now successfully off and running, millions of messages having already spread the good word. Many fine humanity-conscious physicians and non-physicians are now members, or independent practitioners of life-saving, pain-relieving treatments, and working toward common goals set by Professor Roger Wyburn-Mason.

Since that beginning we’ve also published *The Art of Getting Well*, *Arthritis: Little Known Treatments*, and *Arthritis: Osteoarthritis and Rheumatoid Disease Including Rheumatoid Arthritis* -- all stemming from Dr. Wyburn-Mason’s work, and our website, <http://www.arthritistrust.org> contains all of our work -- books, articles, physician referral list, research reports, letters, etc. -- and grows each year.

By his consistently successful treatments Professor Roger Wyburn-Mason produced a key to the riddle of one of man’s oldest curses, so called “uncurable” rheumatoid diseases. He strived with every ounce of his great intellect to bring to all humanity his discoveries. We prayed to be there when he walked across the stage to receive his Nobel Prize, and other prizes that were his due -- but God, in his great wisdom, decided

otherwise, and so we must accept.

To the famous names of Semmelweis, Jenner, Koch, Harvey, Ross, Lister, Pasteur, Ehrlich, Sister Kenny, and Roentgen we now add Wyburn-Mason -- a most brilliant, brave, humanity-loving man who pursued evil forces causing them to acknowledge that humanity need not always feel pain, suffering, depression and disillusionment.

What you will read in Wyburn-Mason's 468 page *The Causation of Rheumatoid Disease and Many Human Cancers* is a wonderful example of the detailed nature of medical/scientific analysis performed years earlier than the present "gold-standard," today's "double-blind" study.

Medical analysis in Wyburn-Mason's day required a great deal of knowledge, clinical experience, and wisdom. He often made fun of double-blind studies, claiming that one of his medical students invented it as a joke -- but that the world-wide medical audience took it seriously -- and, he said, it was "OK for determining whether one aspirin substitute was better than another aspirin substitute, but could never replace true medical evaluation based upon human clinical experiences and their critical evaluation."

This book is a tribute to not just the man who wrote it, but also to those who roll up their sleeves and dig into human suffering with a passion to end it!

Some six weeks before his death I wrote, asking that he please send a summary of his professional life and writings.

Reluctantly, Professor Roger Wyburn-Mason sent this, his last letter, before the Good Lord called him on June 16, 1983.

"I was born in Monmouthshire, England. On my mother's side I am a descendent of Bishop Stephen Gardiner, who was Lord Chancellor of England, that is the most powerful person in the country after the Monarch in the reign of King Henry VIII, King Edward VI, Queen Mary the first and Queen Elizabeth the first. He conducted the marriage of King Philip II of Spain to Queen Mary the first of England in Winchester Cathedral, where he is buried in a magnificent tomb. My mother's cousin was the former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Nash. My godfathers were the greatest English Composer, Dr. Ralph Vaughan Williams of Cambridge University and now buried in Westminster Abbey, and the his-

torian H.A.L. Fisher, the head of New College Oxford, both of whom held the decoration of Order of Merit (O.M.), the highest honour that can be bestowed by the Monarch.

"I attended a public school (a public school in England is the opposite of one in the United States, being privately as opposed to state owned and includes such distinguished Institutions as Eton, Harrow and Winchester Colleges). At the end of school years I took the necessary final examinations and gained the top marks in the whole of Great Britain and was awarded a State Scholarship and an Open Scholarship to Christ's College, Cambridge (founded in 1405 A.D.), where the poet John Milton and the great scientist Charles Darwin were also students. Here I occupied the same rooms as those of Darwin himself.

"At Cambridge I obtained double first class honours in the final examinations for the B.A. (Bachelor of Arts) degree. I also represented my University at Rugby football and Athletics. At the end of my period as an Undergraduate I remained in Cambridge as a Bachelor Fellow of the College and did research in pathology and particularly protozoology. I afterwards was awarded the degree of M.A. (Master of Arts) a higher degree and the only University scholarship awarded to graduates completing their clinical studies at a London Hospital where I finally obtained my M.B. (Bachelor of Medicine) and B. Chir. (Bachelor of Chirurgerie). I afterwards held the posts of Registrar (the equivalent of Instructor in America) in the foremost hospitals in London, namely the Middlesex Hospital, the Brompton Hospital for Chest Diseases, the National Heart Hospital, the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases and the Royal Marsden Hospital for Cancer. While at the Middlesex Hospital I took part in the first Clinical Trials of the first sulphonamide antibiotics. While working at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases I wrote my thesis for the M.D. (Cambridge Degree -- This is a higher degree unlike it is in the United States and other countries). I also sat for M. R. C. P. (Member of the Royal

College of Physicians) examination in which I obtained the top marks of all the candidates. My M.D. thesis was entitled "The vascular tumours and abnormalities of the spinal cord and its membranes" and received with acclaim as it was the first description of these matters. It was published as a monograph and has remained the standard work on this subject. While working at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases I published a number of papers in medical journals and two of these described new diseases which have since been named after me and I am the only living doctor who has such a distinction. One of these conditions describes the presentation of cancer as a peripheral neuropathy, that is a disturbance of the nerves of the limbs before any other evidence of cancer is present. The other describes a congenital blood vessel disease of the skin of the forehead, the fundus of the eye, the optic nerve and the brain.

"I later was elected Research Fellow at the Royal Marsden Hospital for research into cancer and later Research Fellow at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, where I continued my research into the nature of cancer and first isolated from all human malignant tumours and from cases of rheumatoid arthritis an hitherto unknown, very small free-living amoeba. For this I received the Ph.D. degree.

"While working at the Royal Marsden Hospital I discovered that human tissues affected by herpes zoster (shingles) and by herpes simplex (cold sores) which are both due to virus infections, were liable to develop cancer of the skin at a later date. This was the first description of human cancer caused by a virus and it resulted in my invitation by the late Professor Duran-Reynals, who was working at Yale University on the viral cause of human cancer, to Yale to work with him as his assistant where I continued after his death. I later travelled to the Mayo Clinic and worked with [my friend] the late Dr. J.W. Kernohan, the neuropathologist.

"I became convinced that while viruses cause cancer in animals, they rarely do so in man. During these years I published many papers and monographs (books) on my re-

searches, and as a result of these I was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science of Cambridge University (a rare honour) and elected a Fellow of my old College.

"After twenty years work on the new organism which I had discovered I was able to show that this was the cause of rheumatoid arthritis. Furthermore, infection with species of this organism in susceptible subjects seemed to be the cause of a large proportion of cases of human cancer, which can be prevented by taking appropriate substances which kill the organism. This work has all been described in a book entitled *The causation of rheumatoid disease and many human cancers - A new concept in Medicine*, and it has caused worldwide interest.

"After a time it became necessary for me to return to England where I continued my work in the laboratories and wards of the National Health Service.

"Among my publications are the following -

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June 10th, 1983"

Summary:

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of Surgeons, London, England; Fellow, Royal Marsden Hospital, London, Proffit Research, London, England; Formerly Associate Professor Microbiology and Lecturer, Yale University Medical School, U.S.A.; Member of High Table, Christ's College, Cambridge, England; Former Consultant Physician, Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow Health Authority (Teaching) London.

"It is in the very nature of things that the study of disease, to be effective, must begin as it must end with the disease itself, and that all knowledge applicable to human disease must owe its inspiration, directly or indirectly, to intimate contact with disease as this exists in living man."

Sir Thomas Lewis

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