

My Research and Its Ills

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I have published,
A lot of work ;
I knew very well,
That it was always redundant;
Many problems are unanswered,
And are vital ;
I know very well,
That my work is trivial;
Alas ! it is also incoherent ;
Yet I persist,
This is called Disjunctivitis.

My research,
Yields results :
It is always significant !
Because publishers so desire :
Significosis I conjure.

I claim my results
To be new :
They represent a paradigm shift,
To the current view!
Mechnikov knew that
Neutrophils cause phagocytosis,
And pyogenic infections cause Neutrophilia;
I claim that my results,
Are novel ;
This is
Neophilia !

Studies which I undertake,
I myself randomize;
I know very well,
Such studies should be called fake.
The study lacks rigor,
Arigoriumit is !

Thus, I am now
An established scientist;
I knowingly contribute,
To the prevailing Rigor Mortis.

-Swapnil Paralikar-

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