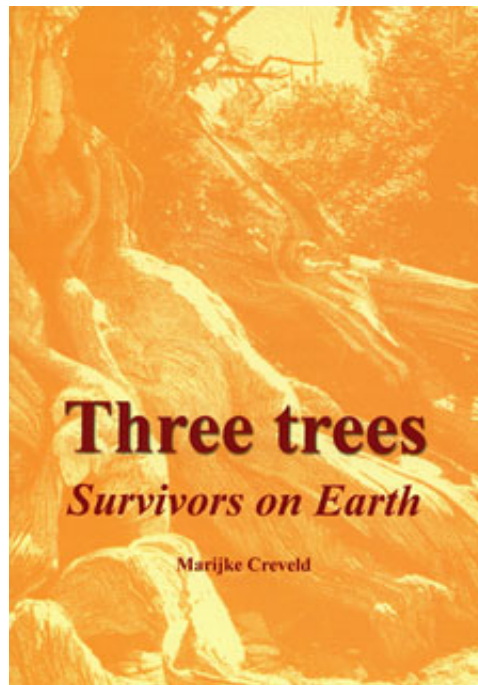


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Welwitschia mirabilis

Introduction

My search for new homeopathic remedies generally leads me to old trees. I have, for example, produced remedies from the Nagasaki kaki tree *Diospyros kaki* and from the Californian *Pinus longaeva*. I was in search of another tree with a major drive for survival and therefore I collected material from *Welwitschia mirabilis*, the great survivor that lives in the Namib Desert. This, the national tree of Namibia, is a protected species, named in Afrikaans 'Tweeblaarkanniedood' which translates as 'Two-leaf-cannot-die'.

Welwitschia felt like a tree that can help us in the final epoch on Earth. I consider this final epoch to be the last stage of the age of Pisces. We're in a time of transition toward the Age of Aquarius. I soon found things to support my choice. In Namibia the San people live, who have the 'oldest' DIMA of all humans. Is Namibia the region of Creation? Did Adam and Eve walk here? A major group of research workers has mapped the genetic diversity of the Africans, reaching the conclusion that the first modern humans lived in the coastal area of Namibia and southern Angola, the area of the San and *Welwitschia*. (ref. Trouw)

This tree is dioecious and can be seen as transitional from gymnosperms to angiosperms. These are indications for support in our struggle with the male and female elements within ourselves and in the transitional period we live in.

There is extensive uranium mining near an important site of occurrence of this tree. Radioactivity also features as a factor in the Kaki tree I collected. Radiation causes (genetic) change and transformation. Moreover I wanted to see the dwarfs among the ancient trees after having visited the giants, *Sequoia* and *Sequoiadendron*, in California

During the dreamproving of *Welwitschia*, the number of two featured in many dreams. This indicates the duality we humans always have to deal with. We must choose between good and evil and often we are Mn two minds' up to the point of feeling 'split up'. We seek a partner in life in order to feel whole again. In the proving themes this is reflected in the female-and-male duality (yin and yang); light and dark, below and above, old and young. Some provers experienced this during daytime as well and expressed feelings like love and hate, Cain and Abel, Adam and Eve. The theme of supernatural knowledge and clairvoyance occurs in both dreams and daytime experience.

Several provers experienced physical, mental and psychic symptoms during the proving. Stomach problems occurred as well as a different sleeping cycle; chest problems, often concurring with tension and temperature problems were found as well.

Happily it proved possible to collect some *Welwitschia* material without damaging the trees themselves. The homeopathic remedy was produced from both female and male trees (seed, seed wing, young male cone and the roots of a dead tree) originating from near the Swakopmund uranium mining area.

Besides this remedy a second remedy, *Radix Welwitschia mirabilis* remedy, was produced. In the first three triturations silicon was used as an energy transferring agent, (ref. Creveld 2008a) Contrary to the other *Radix* remedies I produced, not just the root was used but the seed as well, the seed wing and the male cone. This had to be done since the dead root I collected material of could not be shown to be either male or female.

The radix material was used by two people to dream with and two clairvoyants have examined it, the results of which are enumerated separate, elsewhere in this book.

Botanical classification

Some local names for *Welwitschia* are Tweekblaarkanniedood (Afrikaans), Onyanka (Herero people), Tumboa (Angola), !Kharos and Khurub (both Nama).

Welwitschia is assigned to the Gnetophyta which includes one class, the Gnetopsida which in turn includes three orders: Welwitschiales, Ephedrales and Gnetales. The three orders all have just one family, with just one genus: Welwitschiaceae, with *Welwitschia*, Ephedraceae with *Ephedra* and Gnetaceae met *Gnetum*. *Welwitschia mirabilis* is the only species of the genus. *Welwitschia mirabilis* comprises two subspecies that differ mainly in the anatomy of the male cones, viz. ssp. *mirabilis* and ssp. *namibiana*. The Swakopmund tree belongs to the subspecies *namibiana*

Gnetophyta have some Gymnosperm characters shared with conifers like *Pinus* and *Thuja*, but some Angiosperm characters - like wood vessels in the secondary xylem - as well. *Welwitschia* is not pollinated by wind only (like the gymnosperms) but also by insects (by a bug: *Probergrothius sexpunctalis*). Both the female and male flowers produce nectar; the male flowers produce small quantities of pollen. Both

Phytotherapeutic information

No medical use of *Welwitschia* is known.

Cones of female trees used to be eaten by man. They were baked in hot ashes. The Herero name Onyanga, meaning desert onion, originates from this use. Larger animals like antelope and rhinoceros eat the leaves.

Chemical compounds

C-glycosylflavones

Stilbene oligomers: gnetins C, E, F and I.

Resveratrol dimer glucosides: mirabilosides A (1) and B (2)

Resveratrol trimers: mirabilols A (3) and B (4)

Bergenin, and cyclopropanoid

Calcium oxalate crystals

Fatty acids.

Guaiacyl-syringyl lignins

Frans Vermeulen & Linda Johnston, Plants and Plant Families. 2010:

Main constituents:

C-glycosylflavones.

Stilbenes - stilbene glycosides / stilbenoids - mirabilosides, gnetins, gneunoside, resveratrol.

Stilbenes are polyphenolic phytoalexins, chemicals produced by plants as a defence against pathogenic fungi or in response to irradiation with UV light. The compounds occur naturally in a variety of medicinal plants. Stilbene can be converted in the laboratory into stilbestrol and other synthetic oestrogenic compounds. The similarity in structure between the stilbene resveratrol and diethylstilbestrol (a synthetic oestrogen) has prompted investigations into its potential as a phyto-oestrogen, a plant compound that produces oestrogen-like effects.

The principal stilbenoid in grapes, particularly in grape skin, resveratrol rose to fame due to the claim that its high concentration in red wine may protect against cancer and cardiovascular disease by acting as an antioxidant, antimutagen, and anti-inflammatory. Due to the additional hype of resveratrol as an anti-ageing drug (it was found to extend the lifespan of yeast, roundworms and fruit flies), the substance is now available as a mass-produced nutritional supplement.

Resveratrol is found in grapes, tea (green and black), blueberries, peanuts, some pines (*Pinus sylvestris* and *Pinus strobus*), Asian knotweeds (*Polygonum*), *Welwitschia*, and some fifty other plants. Biological activities attributed to the compound include chelation of copper, inhibition of platelet aggregation, as well as antioxidant, anti-

inflammatory, anticancer, and oestrogenic activities. Plants rich in resveratrol are used in traditional SE Asian medicine to treat such conditions as suppurative dermatitis, gonorrhoea, favus, athlete's foot and hyperlipidemia

Resveratrol and its analogs are deemed promising cancer chemoprevention agents. Currently under investigation in clinical trials, side-effects such as severe diarrhea - a common effect of plant polyphenols - may compromise its future use. Studies have demonstrated that resveratrol inhibits the growth of prostate cancer and breast cancer cells. It has recently been reported to be effective against neuronal cell dysfunction and cell death, and may be of use for diseases such as Huntington's disease and Alzheimer's. To enhance resistance against fungal attack, resveratrol synthase genes have been isolated, cloned and inserted into potatoes, rice, tomatoes, alfalfa and tobacco. The stilbene gnetin has shown activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Candida parapsilosis*, and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (brewer's yeast). Being prone to fungal attack during the first eight months after germination, *Welwitschia* produces a number of stilbenes.

Symbolism

The ecology of the tree and the Afrikaans name Two-leaf-cannot-die suggest that *Welwitschia* is an able survivor. In literature it has been described as a living fossil dating back to the Jurassic age when gymnosperms and dinosaurs were prevalent, (ref.: www.geocities.com). They look like aliens.

Welwitschia grows in the region where the San (Bushmen) live. They have been shown to possess the most ancient DNA of all humans. They are an old people that survived all. Recently a major group of research workers studying the genetic diversity of African people reached the conclusion that the first modern humans lived in the coastal strip of Namibia and southern Angola, the area where the San and *Welwitschia* live, (ref.: Trouw)

During my trek through Namibia I often had a sense of travelling through the land of creation, of being close to man's origins. This was a backdrop for thoughts of Adam and Eve expelled from paradise on account of their lapse into sin. The dualism of the choice between good and evil that followed the ambiguous world. The number Two and transformation are clearly present in the tree: it shows two leaves, is dioecious and is halfway between gymnosperm and angiosperm. Therefore, material from both female and male trees was used. Please note the themes of Two/ Duality light-dark, white-black, love-hate, male-female, yin-yang and of transformation and change.

Two-leaf-cannot-die is Namibia's national tree; Namibian coins show a coat of arms featuring this tree and an eagle. Below the coat of arms the national motto: Unity, Freedom and Justice, is shown.

Welwitschia was named after its discoverer, Welwitsch, creating a possibility for wordplay with well and witch; mirabilis meaning wonderful which is nicely in tune.

The *Welwitschia* material was collected near Swakopmund which is also near the uranium mines. The horoscope largely features Uranus, named after Ouranos (Greek for *the Heavens*), an ancient Greek god, the son of either the goddess Nyx (Greek for *Night*) or Gaia (Greek for *Earth*). Uranus impregnates his mother who subsequently gives birth to the Titans and Cyclopes. One descendant of Uranus is Aphrodite, goddess of love. This theme recurs in two dreams where a mother has a sexual bond with her son (note proverbs 2 and 3).

Astrology

The moment I visited *Welwitschia* to collect material was astrologically significant. In mid heaven, Mercury, Venus and the Luck point were grouped in Virgo. Nearby are the Sun, Saturn (both in Virgo) and Mars (in Libra, near Virgo). On the ascendant Pluto is still just in Sagittarius (also a symbol of healing). In our time, Pluto's part is important, it's the transformer of the dark into light and love.

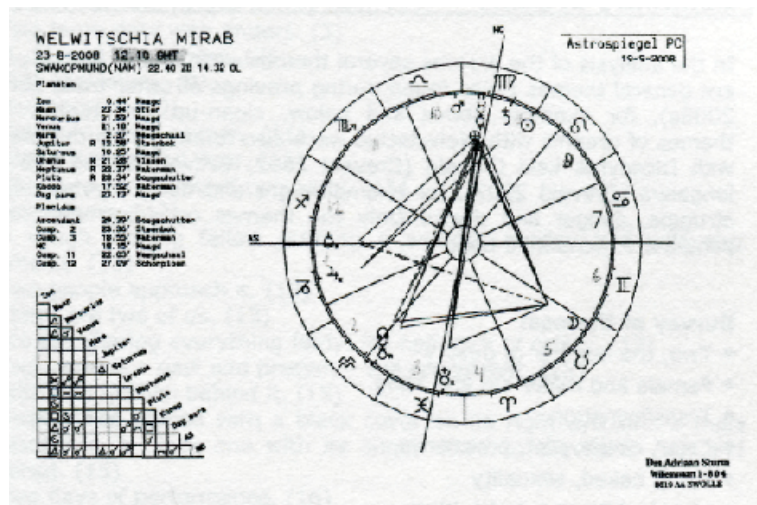
Uranus is on the 1C in Pisces, at a very spiritual point, it is there as a base for the planets; it is the Uranus energy found there (close to uranium mines). Neptune coincides with the Northern Lunar Node (indicating the goal, the karmic) in Aquarius (the Age of Aquarius) on the cusp of the Third House (that of communication and connexions). The Moon is in Aries in aspect with virtually all the planets: triangle aspect with the planets near the MC and a quintile with Pluto and the Ascendant. Jupiter (the healer) is in the First House in Capricorn in a triangle aspect with the MC.

The horoscope confirms what I intuited: this tree can help us to survive in this plutonic age of transformation. The tree offers a transforming power for the new Aquarius age in which we can live more from light and love, using major intuitive powers. An age in which we are more connected to our inner spirituality but also with other people.

Several planet positions of *Welwitschia* are similar to those in the horoscopes of *Diospyros kaki* I had made at that time. Pluto, again, plays an important part. At the moment of impact of the plutonium bomb Pluto aligned with the Sun in Leo. When I visited the tree at

Nagasaki Pluto was in Sagittarius (healing) while Mars and Mercury were in mid heaven in Leo. In 2006 I visited Tibet to deliver Diospyros. While there, Pluto was in the ascendant, in Sagittarius. Mercury and Mars were in mid heaven in Libra.

I have had the horoscopes compared with that of my own birth; some details are striking. With respect to the horoscope at the moment I visited the Welwitschia area it's conspicuous that the Moon aligns with Venus and Sun of my birth horoscope. The sun at that moment aligns with the moon of my birth horoscope. This means that male and female come together with love. The large number of aspects between the planets of both horoscopes is telling. My birth horoscope and the Plutonium bomb horoscope share 52 aspects; mine and the Nagasaki horoscope share 67 aspects; mine and the Tibet moment share 66 aspects and that and the Namibia moment share 56 aspects, of which 20 are triangular. This confirms my feeling that what I do is the road I should walk in life.



Dream proving

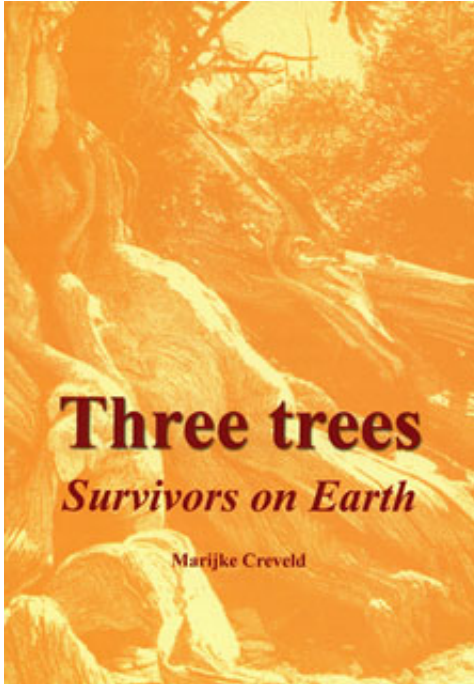
In November, 2008 a total of twenty-seven people (Mr. 1-4, 8, 10-12, 14-21, 23-24, 27-32, 34-35) tried to record their dreams during the same three nights using the *Welwitschia mirabilis* remedy at 200K potency. One of them (Mr. 7, the author of this book) knew the remedy. Four of the test persons have tried to record their dreams for several more nights (Nr. 2, 7, 10, 21) and apart from that, three (Nr. 22, 25 and 33) have recorded dreams on different nights with positive results. Two (Nr. 22 and 33) knew the remedy. They all first held the remedy in a glass tube in their hands and then put it under their pillow. Three (Nr. 2, 7 and 22) have taken the remedy internally and two (Nr. 26 and 33) have smelled it. Two clairvoyant women have not taken part in the dreamproving but have handled the remedy on another day and examined it (Nr. 36 and 37). In all, twenty-two women and ten men aged between thirty-two and seventy-one were involved.

Summary dreams

In the analysis of the dreams several themes were found. Partially these are general themes I also found during provings of other trees (Creveld 2008a), for example above and below, clean-up and repair. Some themes of dreams with *Welwitschia* were also found during the provings with *Diospyros kaki* Creveld (Creveld 2002; Creveld 2006) and *Pinus longaeva* (Creveld 2007), for example light and dark, survival, safety, struggle, danger and death. Only the themes occurring with several people are mentioned here.

Survey of themes:

- Two, the number of duality
- Female and male/ Yin and Yang
- Transformation
- Clear, clairvoyant, prescience
- Being naked, sexuality
- Light/ white and dark/ black
- Gold
- Danger survival and death
- Above and below
- Clean-up, repair
- Old and Young, past and present
- Large size



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