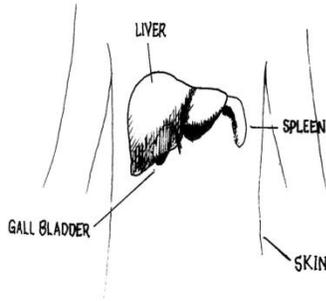




# Antidotes for Healing the Human Body



## The Liver

### Spiritual Correspondences of the Liver

The liver corresponds to interior purification because its job is to purge the blood and make it useful for the body. Spiritually speaking, the liver works to separate resentments and hatreds instilled into our blood from negative thought patterns. We see in the book *Physiological Correspondences* that these resentful thoughts “prevent harmonious cooperation with others, especially such as are self-asserting, bitter, and fault-finding.”<sup>i</sup> When these qualities are not addressed in life, the function of the liver is affected, and it becomes sluggish and loses its ability to properly purge the blood.

### Spiritual Causes and Antidotes for Cirrhosis of the Liver

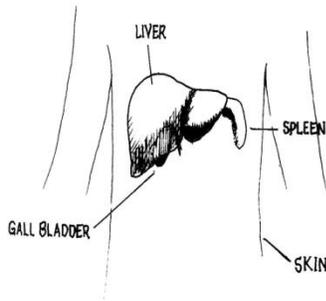
Cirrhosis of the liver is spiritually caused by harboring hatreds and refusing to address them. Feelings of hatred can be overwhelming and cause us to feel hopeless. Many bury their feelings in excessive alcohol use to escape their inward animosity, eventually damaging the liver. This leads them down the road to the self-destructive lifestyle that is noted in the book of Isaiah:

“Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning,  
that they may follow strong drink;  
that continue until night, till wine inflame them!”<sup>ii</sup>

By facing our hurts and resolving them, we eliminate the stress we have inadvertently placed upon our liver. Resolving pent-up anger restores energy back to the liver so that it can effectively perform its purging work for the body. There must be a willingness to see ourselves from a higher perspective in order to realize the damage that unresolved hatred causes. A desire for truth can give us the uplifting strength to get to the root cause of these feelings. Many times the walls that we put up seem to be our protection, but they are the very barriers that prevent our own recovery.



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### Spiritual Causes for Hepatitis

Hepatitis is spiritually caused by harboring intense hatreds that have been solidified within ourselves. As a result, our source of life (blood) becomes contaminated, for we have not addressed these hatreds and inadvertently call them good. The natural result is an inflamed liver caused by a virus from contaminated water, food, or blood. These cause the liver to swell, producing uncleanness in the body. We draw to us circumstances that are reflective of our inward state with God. Below are some antidotes that help provide spiritual direction and healing for liver diseases.

### Antidotes for Liver Diseases

Our job is to address the attributes of an overcritical mind-set by identifying its patterns in our lives. Once we see them, look at them as a separate entity. Cast them out in Jesus's name and replace them with angels of longsuffering, love, and forgiveness. Begin to work on applying these three qualities for the next three weeks, until it becomes a habit. As the negative feelings arise, counteract them with actions of longsuffering and kindness. Doing this on a daily basis, will begin to eliminate stress on the liver and undo the habitual reactions that we have previously allowed.

“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”<sup>iii</sup>

“A wise man restrains his anger and overlooks insults. This is to his credit.”<sup>iv</sup>

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”<sup>v</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> John Worcester. *Physiological Correspondences*. Bryn Athyn, PA: Swedenborg Scientific Association, 1987, 106. Used with permission

<sup>ii</sup> Isaiah 5:11.

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<sup>iii</sup>1 Peter 2:1–2.

<sup>iv</sup>Proverbs 19:11 TLB.

<sup>v</sup>1 John 1:9.

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