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# A Rediscovery of the Connotative Caturvyūha Healing Model in Āyurveda Therapy

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According to the Indian Āyurveda tradition, there are the Three Fundamental Principles (Skt. *trisūtra*), as the cause (Skt. *hetu*), the symptom (Skt. *līnga*) and the medicine (Skt. *auśadha*) as a medical systematic healing procedure in the original Sanskrit Āyurvedic text. While it goes into a deep research in this evolutionary progress that procedure should be extended and transformed to a more perfect matrix as four-factor healing model as the disease, the cause of disease, treatment and RECOVERY from disease. As a consequence, the Three Principles just miss an end result or effect factor which is considered as RESTORATION or RECOVERY. In fact, these four models have already been interspersed among the ancient Indian medical theory and practice but so far not yet formed into a formula or matrix in the early Āyurvedic tradition. However, when go through systematic investigation, there is no difficulty to find out that the concepts of four phases of process were disseminated but connotatively in the Āyurvedic system. Thus, in later Āyurvedic system, Āyurvedic methodologies should be adapted to a procedure of four-factor healing model as symptom, cause, recovery and treatment to be a more useful structural formula. This one more stepped RECOVERY plus to the three principles would renew Āyurvedic system in a holistic way to reveal healing disease and free from sickness in its relevant field more reasonable and effectively. Therefore, it is to be noted that the Four-Factor Healing Model as the doctrine of *Caturvyūha* can be diverse approaches leading to the result in associated cause and effect. In fact, these four steps of model can be divided into two divisions, the first three as philosophy and the last one as practice. In other words, the first two can be set to be the diseases and diagnosis while the last two constitute the prognosis and treatment. Therefore, the four factors of the Healing Model are not in non-singleness of causality condition, but are interconnected into the oneness of matrix. The objective of this research is to make a rediscovery of the connotative four factor medical healing model as a logic and scientific formula or matrix which is also represent with the condition of reduplicative causality in the Āyurvedic system.

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