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The Philosophy of Chiropractic is founded upon the knowledge of the manner in which vital functions are performed by Innate in health and disease. When this controlling intelligence is able to transmit mental impulses to all parts of the body, free and unobstructed, we have normal action which is health.

Innate directs its vital energy through the nervous system to specialize the co-ordination of sensation and volition through the cumulative and vegetative functions.

Displacement of any part of the skeletal frame may press against nerves which are the channels of communication, intensifying or decreasing their carrying capacity, creating either too much or not enough functioning, an aberration known as disease. The nature of the affection depends upon the shape of the bone, the amount of pressure, age of patient, character of nerves impinged upon and the individual make-up.

Chiropractors adjust, by hand, all displacements of the 200 bones, more especially those of the vertebral column, for the purpose of removing nerve impingements which are the cause of deranged functions. The long bones and the vertebral processes are used as levers by which to adjust displacements of osseous tissue of the body. By so doing, normal transmission of nerve-force is restored.

Vital functions are individualized, physical expressions.

Knowing that our physical health and the intellectual progress of Innate (the personified portion of Universal Intelligence) depend upon the proper alignment of the skeletal frame, we feel it our bounder duty to replace any displaced

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bones so that physical and spiritual health, happiness and the full fruition of earthly life may be fully enjoyed.

Chiropractic resembles Osteopathy more so than any other method; yet they are as different as day is from night. In practice, Osteopaths are absorbing Chiropractic. Osteopaths state that Chiropractic is a part of Osteopathy; yet their schools affirm that they do not teach it.

That the investigator may see the difference between the two methods, I append a definition of Osteopathy given by Dr. William H. Cobble, an Osteopath:

“Osteopathy is a science of drugless healing, based upon the principle that the body has been endowed by Nature with all the fluids and forces necessary for the preservation of health and recovery from disease, providing the mechanism which produces and distributes these fluids and forces in perfect mechanical adjustment.”

Dr. A. P. Davis, a student of the first class in Osteopathy under A. T. Still, the founder, states in his masterly work of 851 pages:

“Diseases are recognized as only the result of the interruption of the onward flow of the fluids of the body; in their various rounds to build up and tear down the various tissues in itself, and that when these tissues are normally built up and the waste material properly eliminated, health is the inevitable result.”

Osteopathy is thus defined by A. T. Still, the founder:

“Natural flow of blood in health and disease is the effect of local or general disturbance of blood—that to excite the nerves causes muscles to contract and compress venous flow of blood to the heart; and the bones could be used as levers to relieve pressure on nerves, veins and arteries.”

“Historical: Osteopathy was discovered by A. T. Still of Baldwin, Kan., 1874.”

“Chiropractic Physician.” A Chiropractor is one who is versed in the science of Chiropractic and the art of adjusting displaced vertebrae. A physician is one who has received the degree of M. D., Doctor of Medicine, and is licensed to practice medicine. It is barely possible that the author of this card is a Chiropractor and a physician. But the expression, a Chiropractic physician, or a physician Chiropractor, is the joining of two words of opposite meaning. “Disease is a result of deranged functions.” Disease is a disturbance of function or an abnormal condition of any part of the body. “Disease is imperfect coordination of mind and body” In many diseases

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the mind and body co-ordinate. The reasoning of an insane mind is co-ordinated by muscular movements of the body. A diseased condition may exist, a condition in which Innate is not able to transmit an impulse as given, and yet the mind and body may have the same degree; may be in harmony with each other and yet not be in accord with Innate. "Chiropractic adjustments eliminate the cause and effects." Effects cannot be adjusted; causes can be "Abnormal conditions in the spine are **at the bottom** of every ailment." What is at the top? "Innate intelligence" is, or should be, personified, used as a proper noun, therefore, should commence with capitals. "After other healing systems have failed." Chiropractic is not a healing system. It has nothing in common with any other system and is not therapeutical, does not use remedies, does not treat, cure or heal.

From a Chiropractic's booklet I copy, "The spine is the line shaft of the body."

A line-shaft is the main bar of steel cylindrical, solid or hollow, used to support rotating pulleys, flywheels, transmitting power by rotation in a shop or factory.

The human body is not a shop or factory, it does not manufacture goods, wares, or utensils. There is no resemblance whatever between a line shaft and the spine or backbone. In appearance they are as unlike as any two objects on earth; they are not similar in shape, material, structure and very unlike in their use. Why not talk Chiropractic instead of childish nonsense?

"A stiff, irregular spine is a **sure** indication of mental or physical disturbance."

There are many, very many, exceptions to the above, in fact, the exception is the rule. Hunchbacks are as free of disease, or more so, and as frequently live to a ripe old age, as the ordinary.

"These (the above) are axioms upon which the science of Chiropractic is founded."

An axiom is a self-evident truth; a proposition or quality of being true which is so evident that no reason or demonstration can make it plainer. I see nothing in the above two copied lines, except absurd stultiloquy. I hope no one will think for a moment that I built the science of Chiropractic on such nonsensical absurdities.

Chiropractic as a science is founded on tone. Its philosophy deals with the knowledge of biological phenomena,

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that state of a body, or any of its organs or parts, in which the animal and organic functions are performed with normal vigor. Biological philosophy deals with the origin, development, structure, functions and occurring phenomena accompanying in life, growth and reproduction. The one who reduces these principles to practice, gives philosophical reasons for their cause, energy and the laws governing vital action and those of the intellectual of the human economy, is a philosopher. The science of Chiropractic is not founded on chemistry, shops, factories, line-shafts or machinery.

“Most of diseases have their origin in a combination of pressure.”

I am frank to say, I am not onto the combination. I prefer being specific, definite and precise in locating causes and just as explicit and exact in adjusting.

“In typhoid fever there is always pressure at second lumbar, fifth and tenth dorsal, first and fifth cervical”

I have given relief to many typhoid cases by adjusting the sixth dorsal and nowhere else. Why adjust five places? This “combination system” does not seem to harmonize with “the direct brain system.”

“Acute diseases yield rapidly to adjustments.”

To be rapid is to advance with haste or speed. To yield is to give up, to surrender, relinquish. My boy, you have used the wrong words; words of nearly opposite meaning; words which do not express what you desire to say.

“The intervertebral discs should be normally a fourth of an inch in length.”

You certainly intended referring to their thickness; discs have no length. A flat, round circular plate of iron, paper or cartilage has no length; it has circumference, diameter and thickness.

“From subluxations come the pressure which holds back from the organs and tissues the vitalizing currents.”

Hello! You have vital energy and electric fluid mixed. Their mixing looks bad on paper and causes death in the human body. Vital energy cannot be mixed with mechanical, electric, thermal or chemical. I have not known of anyone trying to mix vital force of the human body with the magneto-electric dynamic. The mixing of them in our literature kills the principles of Chiropractic.

“Consultation on this matter is invited.”

A consultation is the meeting of two or more physicians to consult or deliberate on a particular phase of disease, usually in the presence of the patient. A prospective patient may con-

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sult the physician in regard to his case or for advice, but that is not a consultation.

“In all cases of tuberculosis there is pressure found upon the nerves supplying vitality to the lungs, stomach, liver and kidneys.”

In tuberculosis the lungs are most frequently affected and hence the term is often used in the sense of pulmonary tuberculosis. In children the lymphatic glands, bones and joints are more often tuberculated. The brain, spleen, intestines, kidneys, liver, skin, mucous membranes and peritoneum are subject to such an affection. The stomach is exempt.

Nerves do not supply vitality to the organs. Vital energy is a permanent attribute, it is not an adjunct to any organ, it is a part of its being, it belongs to it. An organ and its energy, vital force, are inseparable, they are coexistent, as much so as human economy and life.

“One of the foundation principles of Chiropractic may be thus stated: “Chiropractic simplifies the problem of the restoration of health by recognizing the fact that a few abnormal conditions may, by combination, have many manifestations or symptoms. But the cause of all diseases is found in the conditions, not in the symptoms. Its work is to remove the conditions. Then the disease, by whatever name it is called, ceases to exist.”

The foundation principle of Chiropractic is contained in four letters, it does not take 300 to express it, and even then, in all the above there is not a fundamental principle. I see it is quoted. The author of that paragraph is always talking and writing about the foundation of Chiropractic and its basic principles, but no one ever heard him state the principle upon which this science is founded. That quoted paragraph is not the philosophy of Chiropractic.

“The problem of the restoration of health.”

A problem is a question to be solved; it requires a mental solution. To solve this problem is a question of philosophy—not a principle. Chiropractors do not “remove conditions,” they change them. Disease is a condition or relaxation, abnormal function and structural change. Disease is not any thing added which must be removed; conditions need changing.

“Legally the Chiropractor stands with the physical culturist and the masseur.”

The Chiropractor has no legal standing. No state or country has recognized them or the science.

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“He (Harvey Lillard) told that while working under a building he forgot himself and suddenly straightening up, struck his head against the floor.”

Harvey Lillard never told me or any one else the above story; why not state facts?

“As he did so he heard something crack in his neck.”

He felt something give way in his back, that is what he told me. I adjusted the 4th dorsal, not a cervical, relieving him by one adjustment, however, he returned the third day for examination.

“By a crude attempt of the adjustment of the lesion.”

That “crude adjustment” has never been equalled by the teacher of the “Imperial College.”

“The theory of Chiropractic is based upon the philosophical possibilities of displaced bones.”

The principles of Chiropractic never was a theory with me; the first adjustment demonstrated it to be a fact. Chiropractic is demonstrable and always was. It is not based on “philosophical possibilities” Theorists theorize on “possibilities,” philosophers reduce their reasoning to practice by demonstration.

Chiropractically, disease is a change in function, either above or below normal, which is nicely illustrated in Bright’s disease, and diabetes; in the former there is a lack of action, in the latter there is too much.

“Chiropractically” is not known by Webster’s dictionary.

Bright’s disease and diabetes are not suitable to illustrate a change, the two extremes of functioning, as Bright’s disease is an inflammatory condition of the kidneys, while diabetes is the result of an inflammation of the pancreas.

“The fact remains that nerves are the means through which the functionary energy is carried to the different organs.

Energy which produces function is not carried or transported from one part or portion to another. The energy of each organ depends upon its vigor or tonicity.

“The vertebra are very likely to sublaxation.”

The above “Ph. C.” (philosophical Chiropractor) should have said, “The vertebrae are liable to be sublaxated.”

A comparison of the philosophy of Chiropractic makes a distinction between it and all other methods. An understanding of the principles lays the foundation for the superstructure of Chiropractic. The know how, skill and practice makes one proficient in the art. This self-labeled philosophical Chiropractor knows but little about the philosophy of Chiropractic.