

The Spirit of Chiropractic

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At one time I read in a veterans magazine that as the colonies of this nation progressed they became free of their oppressor. They did so because of their SPIRIT. The colonies won the Revolutionary War in spite of all the odds - untrained people for war, limited food, clothing and weapons. Yet with all the odds against them they became freed of their oppressor, not because of their superiority in earthly things, but because of their superiority in their SPIRIT. They had the spirit to win.

In the beginning, chiropractors forged ahead because of their SPIRIT. They wanted to serve sick people, and they did it with all their spirit.

As chiropractors became licensed in state after state they became more earthly than spiritual. Now, they wanted to be on the level of the other earthly professions. Here we have a great division; on one side the earthly chiropractors, and on the other side the spiritual chiropractors. The earthly side is interested only in science. They think all the answers can be extracted from science. The spiritual side thinks all that is spiritual in chiropractic has already been said.

We must recognize that in nature nothing stands still. Everything is on the move. If a philosophy does not move forward it will start to slide backwards. Nature abhors a doldrum.

We in chiropractic must forge ahead. We must not sit on our haunches. We need a science, a philosophy and a SPIRIT. Paul, in the Bible wrote, "First earth Adam and then heaven (spirit) Adam." Each scientific fact we put together builds our philosophy leading us to spirit. We must be aware that the facts of science coming from a laboratory, a test tube, or an instrument are the fuel we need in our thinking. After the fuel is burnt to ash we extract the pieces that make up the answer.

In all disciplines models are used. In chemistry there is a model of an atom; its center, the nucleus, and the electrons on the outer edge - models of compounds; similar and different atoms combining chemically. Why haven't we, the chiropractors, formed a model of Innate. Again, from Paul, who said that when you cannot understand a thing not seen, parallel it with something seen. Is it not time for someone in chiropractic to form such a model? If there is one who has formed such a model of Innate, would chiropractors listen? Or would it be similar to the case of the Master with His apostles when He was in His home town? The Master told His apostles, "Let's leave this place for none will listen to us." Would we listen if some chiropractor told us that Innate dwells within a particular part of the body, and also told us that that part is not the brain, because the brain is flesh, and flesh is of the earth? Flesh is not permanent or external. It is destructible. Innate is SPIRITUAL. Innate cannot be measured by earthly instruments.

Are we so comfortable sitting in the trough thinking that the crest of the wave will never inundate us?

I feel that it is not in the archives of life for chiropractic to succumb. Chiropractic is here to do a job. The job is not only to help people with their dis-ease, but also to help them make a transition for the new world (environment) approaching us. We will not go as the dinosaurs did. They went because of a radical change in the environment, and because of their inabil-

ity to adapt to that change.

We must never forget our roots. D.D. Palmer wrote in both of his books, *The Adjustor*, and *The Chiropractor*, that he received chiropractic from "...another' in the SPIRIT WORLD. As Adam who came from the SPIRIT WORLD was put on earth for his growth, so to was chiropractic, which also came from the SPIRIT WORLD, put on earth for its growth. Not all the offerings of Adam are becoming spiritual, and neither are all the offsprings of chiropractic becoming spiritual. Here we recognize that we must work our way through earth in order to reach the spirit. The more we work by serving people, the closer we come in reaching our spiritual goal.

We must never give up our heritage - our words - INNATE, SUBLUXATION, INTERFERENCE, and TRANSITION. We have a very good idea of what these words mean, earthwise. Let us find out what they mean spiritwise.

The passage, "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN" means earth must become as heaven (spirit). Chiropractic was given to D.D. Palmer for this purpose - to help man (female and male) make a transition within herself/himself. The spirit within MAN must control the functions of the body. No flesh organ must control the body's functions. Only the spirit which dwells deep within us, must control the body. This is the spiritual meaning of "in-out." When enough people are controlled by their SPIRIT, then the external environment will change...again, "in - out."

Only through chiropractic can this change come. Only through chiropractic can we have "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Only through chiropractic can we have "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

Recently, I spoke to a group of chiropractors in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, who call themselves Chiropractic Now. How apropos; for in the SPIRIT WORLD there is no past or future. There is only NOW or only the moment.

If we keep using the phrase "Chiropractic today for a better world tomorrow," we will never enter the SPIRIT WORLD. In such a phrase tomorrow never comes. I'm quite sure if we use the words "Chiropractic Now" our chiropractic friends in Quebec will not object. Therefore I suggest,

CHIROPRACTIC NOW FOR A BETTER WORLD NOW!

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