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who are filled to the brim with this conviction and vision for the greatness of where we've been and what we have to offer a sick and suffering community? Will they be leaders who are motivated to learn and convey their wisdom and experience into action?

BJ wrote, "What greater joy hath man than to know he is making possible an explanation of the Superior "God" into a living Human "God" because of WHAT he does, AS he does it, WHEN he does it, to get sick people well. Time always has and always will perpetuate those methods which better serve mankind. CHIROPRACTIC IS NO EXCEPTION TO THAT RULE. The burdens are heavy; responsibilities are many; obligations are providential; but the satisfaction of traveling the populated highways and byways relieving suffering, prolonging lives, adding millions of years to lives of millions of suffering people, will bring forth satisfactions and glories with greater blessings than you think. Time is of the essence. May God flow from ABOVE-DOWN his bounteous strengths, courage, and understandings to carry on; and may your innate receive and act on that free flow of wisdom from ABOVE-DOWN, INSIDE-OUT; for you HAVE in YOUR possession a sacred

trust. Guard it well."¹⁰

Why should chiropractors who have been quickened with this kind of knowledge wear dead man's clothes? It is by procrastinating that we ruin our minds and souls and consider the present hour so occupied, that we beg to be excused from battle. Get a Stephenson's textbook and start with the first page. Think about it and deliberate a way to fit it into your chiropractic world view. Then move on to page two.

We sit and contemplate upon the banks of the river of our philosophy. Sometimes we watch ourselves float past...and sometimes we watch ourselves sink. But like Heraclites said, "We never step into the same river twice." These philosophic penetrations should be made honestly and deeply. They should plumb the depths of our thoughts and musings. These musings should cause us to ask and answer the tough questions before the radical thinkers seek to destroy them.

Charles Spurgeon wrote, "When a soldier is wounded in battle it is of little use for him to know that there are those at the hospital who can bind up his wounds, and medicines there to ease all the pains which he now suffers: what he needs is to be carried thither, and to have the remedies applied."¹¹

There are three 'remedies' that define what chiropractic is. Steven C. Martin wrote a wonderful paper entitled "The Only True Scientific Method

of Healing." He brings us through some history and schisms that existed in our animated history dealing with "science." He states; "By 1920, chiropractic science represented a coherent vision of science that overlapped with, yet fundamentally differed from, scientific medicine. This science justified their approach to healing, attracted supporters, furnished expertise for practitioners, and provided chiropractic at least some of the social and cultural authority derived from the aura surrounding science."

As laboratory research emerged as the paradigm for science, reliance on an exclusively nineteenth-century natural history model threatened to render chiropractic anachronistic. This problem was exacerbated by changes within orthodox medicine, the Flexner report and support from the Rockefeller Foundation with grants, had institutionalized laboratory science as the cornerstone of American medicine. This transformation threatened to widen the distance between medical and chiropractic science from a fissure to a canyon."¹²

Dr. McCoy, in a poignant editorial in *JVSR*, once wrote, "Where's our chiropractic Rockefeller? (*JVSR* 2003) My mentor and friend Dr. Fred Barge used to say that all efficacious techniques work." It wasn't for us to judge or be prejudiced against one another simply because we didn't employ or understand it. Did it indeed correct the fundamental underlying cause of dis-ease? Adjustment is the issue!

Read up the philosophy that our forefathers gave their lives and reputations for and apply it to serving your patients with care. Philosophically, you must stand in the light and be resolved to practice the philosophy, science and art of CHIROPRACTIC! Let the future generations bless our names, tenacity, and achievements for the advancement of chiropractic instead of cursing the cloak of our complacency that can foster our demise!

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