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CHIROPRACTIC

A letter of inquiry answered
by Dr. G.K. Abbott.

In August 1922 a Sister wrote to Elder W.C. White as follows:-

"At the General Conference I heard one of the Doctors read from the Testimonies something that shows us that Osteopath and Chiropractic treatments are not in harmony with the human body. If there is such a Testimony will you kindly send me a copy and just were to find it."

At the request of Elder White, Doctor Abbott made answer to the letter as follows:-

"Dear Sister:

"Your letter addressed to Elder W.C. White was handed to me for reply.

"It would be utterly impossible for the Testimonies to mention by name all the spiritualistic and other false healing systems there are in the world today, and new ones are being constantly invented. The Lord surely expects us to learn by principle. It would be impossible to put up so many fences that people could not go wrong. We never attain anything in this world without painstaking effort; neither will we know the principles of truth without deep and thorough study of the Bible and the Testimonies.

"I do not know that either Chiropractic or Osteopathy is mentioned by name, but I do know that the Lord has given very definite principles which, if we study into, will show very clearly that neither of these systems can be admitted as a part of our health work.

"Let me call your attention to the following items which are printed in a little pamphlet entitled "A Push In The Back and What Followed." It is written by James G. Greggerson, a Chiropractor. You will find what I am quoting on pages nine and ten of this little leaflet.--

"'They do not concern themselves with diagnosis.' Does this appeal to you as common sense?

"'(In the lexicon of Chiropractic there are no incurable diseases.' Does this appeal to you as agreeing with the facts?

"'They do not believe in dietetics, for they believe that Innate Intelligence can and will adapt the stomach to the diet much more easily and quickly than any dietitian can adapt a diet to the stomach.' Do you think this agrees with what has been written in "Ministry of Healing" on the subject of Diet and Health?

"They do not believe in vaccination.' Are you familiar with the fact that our Foreign Mission Board requires both Smallpox and Typhoid vaccination before sending out missionaries?

"They do not believe that germs cause disease.' Does this agree with what is written on page 313 of "Ministry of Healing" regarding tuberculosis?

"Neither do they assist nature." Does this agree with the principles given under "The Use of Remedies" in "Ministry of Healing," where it says that we should learn to intelligently assist nature?

"With all of these facts in mind, you surely cannot regard Chiropractic as founded upon right principles. Chiropractic was invented by D.D. Palmer, a Magnetic healer. Osteopathy was founded by Andrew Still, an avowed Spiritualist. Its principles are almost identical with Chiropractic, except they are not so blatant nor devoid of common sense. And on the other hand, in the western schools of Osteopathy, they have adopted everything that is taught in regular schools of medicine, -- even medicine and surgery.

"I would recommend for your reading the following references:

"Ministry of Healing," page 440; Volume 8, pages 294, 293, 298; Volume 5, pages 69, 74, 191-199, 15; Volume 6, page 224; Volume 3, page 161; "Ministry of Healing" page 113; Volume 7, page 74; Ministry of Healing, pages 242, 243; Volume 5, page 443.

"I would admonish you also, in the language of Jer. 12:5, that it is now time for us to study by principle, for if we are deceived under present conditions, what will come when Satan's greater delusions are manifest? Also in the language of Amos 8:11,12, that what we do not learn by diligent study now, we shall later on be unable to learn.

"I trust that you will make a careful study of these references. They are fundamental. I believe you would receive a great blessing by gathering in some of your Adventist neighbors and studying these Testimonies with them. It would be a help to them and to you.

Wishing you the Lord's blessing, I am,

"Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) G.K. Abbott M.D.
Medical Superintendent."