

The COMMON SENSE of CHIROPRACTIC

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CHIROPRACTIC does not deny that the body is composed of chemicals; that the air, water and earth are filled with germs; that eating too much or too little or eating foods that disagree with one may produce injurious effects; but it does assert that all the methods and theories based upon these facts alone, ignore one, and that the greatest single factor in the problem of health. That factor is life, spirit, soul, ego, innate intelligence or anything else you may choose to call it. We prefer to call it "Innate Intelligence"—Innate, because it is in-born and inborn means innate—and intelligent, because that something in the humblest thing that lives knows what all the learned men on earth have yet to learn. That something inside of everything that lives, knows the secret of taking from the earth, air, sunshine and water what is necessary to build and repair the organism it animates.

In the tiniest seed that slumbers in the bosom of mother earth there is this something that knows how to send roots into the ground and blade or branch into the air, and how to take from the earth and air and convert into its body, the elements by which it is surrounded.

This something, which we call Innate Intelligence, is found in everything that lives upon the earth, and without it the form it animates—whether it be the form of bush or tree, or flower, the form of fish or flea or man—becomes as dust and mixes again with the elements. And what is more, this something does everything that is done in the living organism. It not only converts the food, air, water and sunshine into living tissue, but it co-ordinates every part of that organism and meets the changes of the world without—the changes in temperature, food, air, etc.—by a change within, that permits the organism to live and thrive in spite of that which would otherwise destroy it.

In the spring the farmer turns his stock into the meadow—the horse, the cow, the sheep and the goose—and they all eat the same grass, drink the same water, breathe the same air and bask in the rays of the same sun. Yet in the horse these things are converted into strength, in the cow they become milk, in the sheep, wool, and in the goose, feathers and eggs.

Can you explain these results in terms of grass, water, air and sunshine, or must you explain them in terms of a chemist within that knows the secret of transforming the grass, water, air and sunshine into strength, milk, wool or feathers and eggs?

You place two bulbs or seeds in the same ground, side by side. They are warmed by the same sun, watered by the same rain and nourished by the same air. One of these bulbs or seeds develops into a flower or a plant, while the other, under precisely the same environmental conditions, rots. What and where is the determining factor? Is it outside or inside that bulb or seed?

You place eggs under the mother hen or in the incubator, and from some come chicks, while the others rot. Where is the power that transforms yolk and white into baby chicks? Is it inside or outside the egg?

To find this "power within" vivisectionists have practiced the most fiendishly inhuman things on living birds and animals. They have cut and poisoned, torn parts from the quivering bodies of the living and then gravely announced that "no seat of the soul has been found." This practice of vivisection has so shocked the



sensibilities of people of humane tendencies that they have formed anti-vivisection societies in an effort to stop this cruelly inhuman practice.

People of good sense know that it is just as idiotic to try to find the principle of life by tearing a living body to pieces, as it is to find the principle of mathematics by burning an arithmetic, or to find the principle of gravity by melting a bar of iron.

Our friends who call us fakes, outlaws, quacks, etc., cover these miracles of life with the terms "chemical reaction," "reflex action," etc. In comparison with drugs, germs, food, combinations, serums, monkey glands, etc., this SOMETHING that carries on the life processes through the soul, mind and body of man is, in their opinion, insignificant while to us it is, of all the factors in disease, the most important.

We call this something within, Innate Intelligence, and we say that Innate Intelligence comes in contact with the outer world through the medium of the senses—sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. To us the eye and ear, and the bulbs in the nose, tongue and skin are but receiving stations for vibrations of various kinds that are gathered by these receivers and transmitted over the nerves to the brain, wherein Innate Intelligence receives and interprets them as color, sound, smell, taste and feeling.

Our conception of this function may be illustrated by diagram at the foot of this column.

In this the large outer circle represents the body, and the small inner circle the brain. Inside the brain is the interpreter of these vibrations that we call Innate Intelligence. The ear, as the instrument for gathering sound waves, gathers the vibrations, which are transmitted over the auditory nerves to the brain and there interpreted by Innate Intelligence. The other organs and nerves of special sense work the same way.

What does the interpretation of these waves depend upon? Upon the character of the intelligence within. No two people listening to the same sound or looking at the same sight, will give precisely the same interpretation. A million people reading this article will interpret various statements in different ways, according to their experience in life and according to their intelligence within, and their individual reaction will depend upon their interpretation.

You are driving your car at night and see a red lantern. The light wave is gathered by the eye, transmitted over the optic nerve to the brain, and there interpreted by Innate Intelligence as danger. Immediately upon the light wave being interpreted as danger THIS INTELLIGENCE WITHIN sends an impulse to the hands to shut off the gas, and an impulse to the feet to push out the clutch and put on the brakes to stop the car. A cow comes ambling down the same road; the same light ray is gathered by the eye of the cow, is transmitted over the optic nerve to her brain, but is NOT interpreted as danger by the cow's intelligence and she falls into the ditch.

Our friends explain it as a difference in "chemical reaction," "reflex action," etc., and we explain it as a difference in interpretation due to a difference in intelligence.

In what has just been described there are three distinct things done by "Innate."

First—The reception of the vibration from outside.

Second—The interpretation of the vibration.

Third—The reaction, to the vibration according to the interpretation—by Innate Intelligence.

This difference must be noted, the vibration gathered by the five organs of special sense, travels from the OUTSIDE TO THE INSIDE, while the motor impulse travels from the INSIDE TO THE OUTSIDE.

Chiropractic teaches that just as the body is MOVED by means of impulses that travel from the inside to the outside, so also is it nourished, built, heated, cleansed, repaired and reproduced

