A friend recently sent me an email from the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS). They say that they are: “Dedicated to the Founding Principles & Tenets of the Chiropractic Profession”

This is an attempt to revise the history of chiropractic to suggest that there was stagnate set of principles the some people today are trying to change. The founder of chiropractic, D.D. Palmer changed his theory about what chiropractic was three times over the seven years he wrote about chiropractic. (1) Some outside chiropratic like to point out that D.D. wasn’t an M.D. or universi- ty educated. This is absolutely true, however, the evidence is clear that D.D. was well read and up-to-date when it comes to medical knowledge of his day. (2, 3)

If D.D. could change his theory three times then why on earth would the chiro- practic profession want to pick one of D.D.’s or his son’s theories and etch them in stone? That is dogma that has no place in modern health care or modern chiropractic.

The Dalai Lama was once asked what Tibetan Buddhism would do if it was shown conclusively that there is no reincarnation, a central tenet of Tibetan Bud- dhism. His response, “Tibetan Buddhism will have to change.”

Given that D.D. was “in to” the literature, (3) I am comfortable with saying I am a loyal chiropractor and will not bow to one of those four theories of chiro- practic D.D. had. Today’s chiropractor has the duty to follow in DD’s footsteps and rethink chiropractic as the science dictates. I know that some sell to their patients that they do chiropractic as it was done in the past and actually get some people to think that practicing chiro- practic as they think it was practiced 50 or 100 years ago is better than making appropriate changes when the scientific evidence suggests that there is a better way.

I’m sure expressed this way, that most people would say, “gee do I really want

What this shows is that even BJ Palmer wasn’t so pure and straight as he “mixed” using rehab. The FVS wants to live today in a chiropractic past that did not actually exist. Their revised chiropractic history is a pseudo-religion that has no place in today’s chiropractic beyond a class in the history of the profession. It is about as relevant to dealing with the needs of to- day’s patient as sulfa drugs and mercury are for the medical profession.

1. Keating JC, Jr., D.D. Palmer’s Forgotten The- ories of Chiropractic

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