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Chiropractors are make-believe doctors.

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When you are sick, you want the best medical care you can find. You want your doctor to be thoroughly trained. You want your doctor to use scientific reasoning to make a proper diagnosis and treatment plan.

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Chiropractors go to school and are licensed to practice. But they are not properly trained to make diagnoses or give appropriate treatment. There are two reasons for this. First, their schools do not teach properly. Most of their teachers have not even finished college! Second, most chiropractors believe that all disease is caused by spinal bones which are out of place. This is not true. Chiropractors claim that replacing spinal bones is the key to restoring health. This idea is also false, and the chiropractors who follow it are confused.

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Many chiropractors x-ray the spines of their patients. The chiropractic full spine x-ray exposes sexual organs to 10 to 1,000 times as much radiation as a routine chest x-ray. This is dangerous and can lead to increased numbers of birth defects in future generations. Chiropractors claim they use x-rays to locate misplaced spinal bones, but this is not true. Dramatic proof of this occurred in 1965 when chiropractic was included under the insurance plan of the National Association of Letter Carriers. After hundreds of chiropractors sent in x-rays which they claimed showed displaced spinal bones, chiropractic officials were asked to review the x-rays. The reviewing chiropractors were unable to locate a single misaligned bone.

At this point, you may wonder why chiropractors are licensed by the state. Licensing was originally done to stop wild claims by chiropractors that they could treat everything. Licensing limits what they are allowed to do, but has not stopped their claims. Nor does it insure that chiropractors be well-trained. Chiropractors remain licensed as a result of well-organized political activity. Their very livelihood depends upon such activity.

If you have been to a chiropractor, some of this information may surprise you. Most chiropractors seem sincere and dedicated. Most have a professional manner. Some limit their treatment to minor muscular disorders of the back and refer sicker patients to medical doctors. The fact still remains, however, that they are not properly trained to diagnose and treat diseases.