

# New Learnings

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*“That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something you've understood all your life, but in a new way.”*

*- Doris Lessing*

Chiropractors, as a profession are some of the keenest learners on the planet. Many outside our profession are amazed by the commitment that we as individuals, and as a profession, have to our own development. Enormously stimulated by learning, we are keen to improve our understanding of ourselves, and thus more deeply understand, connect with and serve those who entrust themselves to us. Our learning, understanding and implementation of knowledge transmutes to experience and, hopefully, wisdom.

Learning and wisdom are about understanding something we have always understood, in a new way. Many opportunities present themselves to allow us to keep understanding in a new way, and the Australian Spinal Research Foundation, in partnership with Parker Seminars is proud to present such an opportunity; ‘Mission Possible’ in Melbourne July 31, August 1-2.

As a final year Chiropractic student I attended my very first Parker Seminar, in Reno, Nevada, in 1988. It was an incredible experience, thousands of Chiropractors, coming together in unity to discover, learn, be challenged, inspired and to have fun.

The speakers, including the late Dr Jim Parker were phenomenal. Dr Jim spoke of LLL - lavish love lavishly, and I remember being fascinated by the concept of quantitative and qualitative interference. As a student still at college, we had learned all about quantitative interference (subluxation, joint dysfunction, concomitant involvement of the ligaments, nerve pressure, etc.). The idea of a qualitative interference was new for me. It was a powerful introduction to how the quality of our thoughts, our connection, our attitude, our perspective, our open



heartedness (or lack thereof) all contributed to the quality of our adjustment and interaction with another.

The idea of both qualitative and quantitative interferences is not a new one. D. D. Palmer spoke extensively of both through ‘Thoughts, Traumas, Toxins’. He was cognisant of the influence and impact of both.

As we move currently in a challenging global economy, it’s a worthwhile exercise to examine our own qualitative and quantitative interferences to our own and our practice growth.

The byline of ‘Mission Possible’ is ‘Learn, Grow, Develop, Thrive’. Life is not just getting by and surviving, it is about thriving, flourishing, abundance and prosperity, on all levels, in any economic climate.

The outstanding line up of Parker speakers will allow you to examine your own self and practice, challenge you to a new perspective,

and leave you understanding what you already knew, in a new way.

The recently released World Happiness Survey, revealed some interesting findings. Regardless of economic status (first nation to third nation), marital status, social standing, religion or belief paradigm amongst other things; our sense of happiness (joy, fulfilment, contentment, satisfaction and peace) came down to two things. First, is a sense of contribution; a reason to jump out of bed, a purpose bigger than ourselves, a sense that we are contributing in a constructive way. The second is a sense of community; a group of like-minded individuals with whom we can connect and engage. Sounds like Chiropractic to me!

If you would love to 'Learn, Grow, Develop, Thrive' and increase your sense of contribution (for yourself, your practice, those you serve and to the profession through supporting the Research Foundation), and connect with your friends and colleagues through the Chiropractic community, we would love to see you at Parker Seminar in Melbourne.

*Parker Seminar Melbourne 2009 will be held at the brand new Melbourne and Convention Exhibition Centre on July 31, August 1 & 2. Mark your diary and register on line at [www.spinalresearch.com.au](http://www.spinalresearch.com.au) or by calling the Australian Research Spinal Foundation (07) 3808 4098.*

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