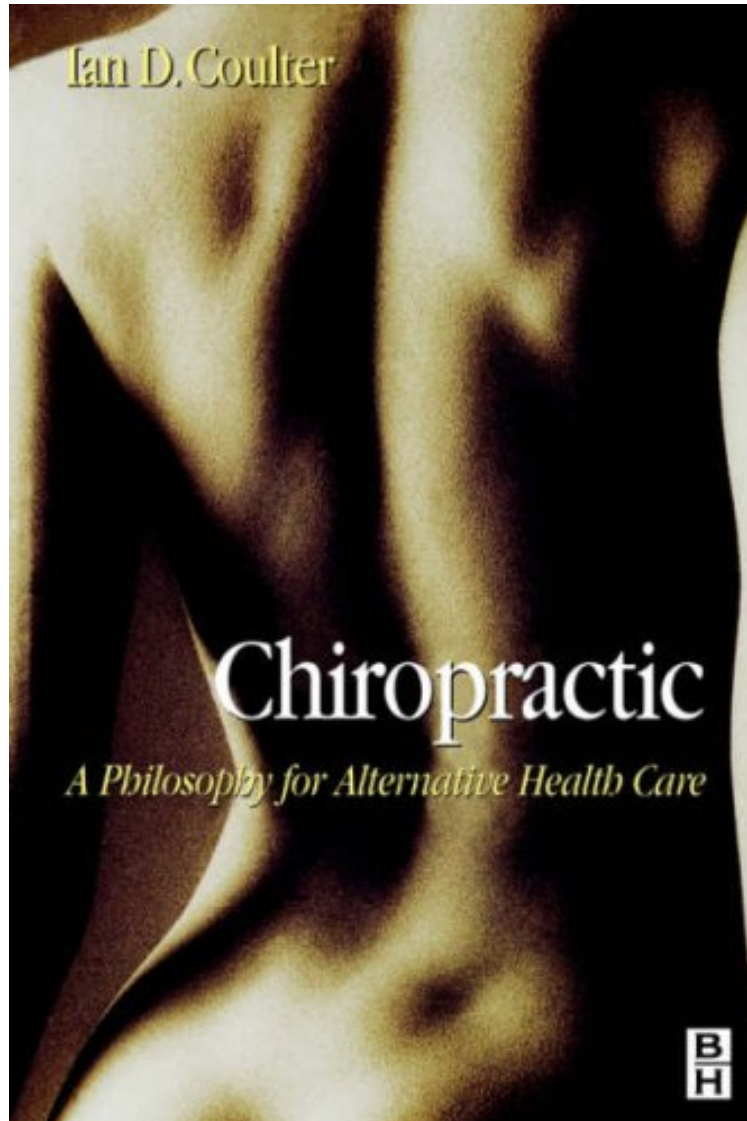


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chiropractic in national and international journals. He is more than qualified to write this short treatise on chiropractic wherein he lays out a philosophy of chiropractic and some of its foibles with clarity and depth in the vernacular of Popper, Kuhn, the Vienna Circle and others. Since alternative health care shares some of chiropractic's belief systems, Coulter's mental algorithm for chiropractic can be applied to other complementary and alternative medical professions. An easy read, Coulter takes care not to lose the philosophical novice in the intellectualism of philosophy. Great reading for someone interested in knowing more about chiropractic and alternative health care in general. 12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. THE book on philosophy of chiropractic alternative health By S. Perle This is an outstanding textbook. In fact, it is the first attempt to really look at the fundamental philosophies of chiropractic. While many in the chiropractic profession may believe that there is a chiropractic philosophy, Dr. Coulter explains that in reality there are a few philosophies of chiropractic. This is much more than a semantic difference, it is one that is crucial to the understanding of what chiropractic is and is not. There are many books about the chiropractic profession that are written by those with an ax to grind on either side of the issue. From chiropractors whose zeal for the profession blinds them, to the anti-chiropractic zealots who possess equal blindness. Dr. Coulter is a sociologist who first became involved with the chiropractic profession while studying it from a sociological perspective. His thoughts on the philosophy of chiropractic are insightful for both chiropractors, other health care providers (conventional or alternative) and patients alike. For anyone who is really interested in understanding chiropractic, not to hear doctrine or dogma but from the standpoint of someone who is not a partisan rather a long term observer this is THE book to get. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. cool By Layla good book

In an era when there is a rapidly increasing interest in and use of complementary and alternative health care, chiropractic remains the most commonly used of the alternatives. While much of the success of chiropractic lies in its clinical art, philosophy has always played a significant role in this health care practice, sometimes dividing the profession, while at other times unifying it. Ian Coulter's new book provides a unique look at the philosophy underpinning this profession and poses some intriguing questions - for example, what makes a chiropractic consultation unique? Many other therapies use manipulation, but Chiropractic is unique in combining this therapy with a holistic paradigm that has at its core a distinct philosophy of health that gives rise to a distinct view of health care. Until now there has been a dearth of up-to-date published material to which the student and interested practitioner can refer. Chiropractic: A Philosophy for Alternative Health Care serves as a valuable source of information, concentrating on an area that is central to the study of this discipline. Written in an accessible and straightforward style, this text offers an invaluable insight into the philosophy of a widely practiced form of alternative health care. For chiropractors the work provides: \* A balanced reference source for both undergraduate and postgraduate chiropractic students that investigates the combination of philosophy and treatment to form a unique chiropractic experience \* Brings together the sociological writings on chiropractic to provide an essential textbook for undergraduates and a useful reference for practitioners \* A user-friendly core text that relates sociological and philosophical concepts to treatment methods For other health professions and the general public the book provides a comprehensive account not only of chiropractic, but also of the philosophy underlying alternative health care. It provides some understanding of the increasing popularity of complementary and alternative health care at the beginning of the twenty-first century. a modern text on the philosophy of chiropractic - a part of the undergraduate chiropractic curriculum for which there is a dearth of up-to-date published material. A balanced, user-friendly core text in this area which should become the reference source on this aspect of chiropractic for undergraduates and postgraduates alike. \* New core text on the philosophy of chiropractic \* Excellent source material for the undergraduate chiropractic curriculum \*

"The establishment of the American Academy of Chiropractic Physicians (AACP) may be seen as the outcome of concerns enunciated over the past few years by thoughtful educators such as Drs Winterstein (National College of Chiropractic) and Phillips (Los Angeles College of Chiropractic), among others. The fact that they are both members of the AACP Board of Trustees, with National now requiring a Bachelor degree for matriculation into the chiropractic course, is evidence of their desire to advance chiropractors to the higher level of physician. Coulter, a Professor with the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, has written a timely work which is quietly supportive of this move.... All in all, chiropractic remains an enigma, and books like this from Coulter provide a valuable piece in the larger picture of our understanding. For this alone they are welcome, but one suspects Coulter will stimulate irrational reaction as well as further informed debate on our proud profession as a philosophy for alternative health care." "Best of Books for 1999" section, Chiropractic Journal of Australia, Volume 29, Number 4, December 1999 it is simply packed with great ideas and concepts. ... This is a great read, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It should be in the library of anyone at all interested in the philosophical foundation for chiropractic care, that foundation based upon sound and traditional ideas from orthodox philosophical inquiry. This is a must have book." Doody's Health Sciences Book Journal, 2000 of us who thought that chiropractic is about spinal adjustments might have a different impression after reading this book. Chiropractic is also about politics, history, professional battles, philosophy, paradigms, research strategy, and so on. This book discusses most of these topics in some detail. It provides fascinating reading..." Focus on Alternative and

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