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The Book....

For a long time that plain Roentgenology prevailed, bones dominated the investigative scene. Be it the head, limbs or the trunk, bones appeared central to all the tissues that were, as it were, just the icing on the bony cake. The bone-obsessed anatomists of impeccable repute glossed over some vital, inconvenient facts: We all are made as a truly boneless wonder from scalp to sole as a consequence of completed embryogenesis. Boneless, but fully human. **"Bone came as a lazy, relaxed afterthought"**.

A time for a sea-change is due. The latterly arrival of bones on the bodily scene is just one ordinary, stark, almost banal fact that gives supremacy to all the soft tissues over all the bones. The animal body is a wondrous molluscleral symphony wherein the leading tune is of and off the soft tissues, and bones play only a second fiddle.

As to the implications of the change, there can be no limit. However, the fact in itself changes medical weltanschauung on the bones and joint. It would look like an impossible mental exercise to imagine, and then to accept that the massive skull of an elephant, the enormous spinal column of dinosaur, or the huge femur of a camel were just not there at the animal's respective embryogenesis and they were only inlaid as an exercise of an afterthought. But as Einstein put it, "That's how Nature works." It is good time to say "yes" to Nature's miraculous work.

The book will interest anatomists, physiologists, kinesiologists, physiotherapists, orthopaedic surgeons, neurosurgeons and otolaryngologists. This principle will also find relevance with every system of medicine. Its simplicity lies in uncovering an ordinary fact long glossed over.

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