

## A LETTER FROM PETER SCHOLLER

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To the Officers and Members of the Academy of  
Optometric Syntonics, Fellow Syntonists:

Greeting and God Speed to all.

Those of you whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in person need not be impressed with elaborate dissertation as regards the disappointment I feel in being deprived of the pleasure of being with you and to participate in the feast of knowledge to be unfolded at the first Annual Meeting of the Academy of Optometric Syntonics, and those whom I have not yet had the opportunity of taking by the hand and tell them how glad I was to meet them can get authentic information from any "Tom, Dick, or Harry" of my acquaintance as to how bad "Peter" feels that he has to forgo the pleasure of greeting you in person.

My absence is due to the fact that I have to attend a meeting of the Michigan State Board of Examiners, at Grand Rapids in February and as I would have to travel three and more times the distance of any other member of our society, with the exception of Dr. Pieper; vis: 678 miles each way, compelling an absence of 5 days from my office, I felt constrained to seek subterfuge behind the motto "Business before pleasure," even though my conscience whispers that it is "Poor Business" to absent myself at this occasion.

Since I was taken, during the last month of October, to the mountain top--in other words the twentieth floor of the Book Cadillac Hotel at Detroit--and there had Dr. Spitler removed the mystic bandage that hid from my mental vision the vast expanse of wonderful possibilities for the welfare of humanity, that are covered by the modest title of "Optometric Syntonics," which he has selected to apply to the marvelous results of his research activities, I am becoming day by day more and more convinced, that when Jonathan Swift (1667-1745) the Irish satirist, said "The best doctors in the world are Doctor Diet, Doctor Quiet, and Doctor Merryman," he, nor anyone

else living at his period of existence, had any conception of the best of all doctors, Doctor Sunshine, or Doctor Light, as he is usually designated, who when considered in its composite form as White Light when properly manipulated by skilled Optometrists has contributed most wonderfully to the health, happiness and comfort of humanity.

Nevertheless with all the possibilities for good to humanity, through a proper manipulation of White Light by Optometrist, the capacity or the potentialities contained in the radiant energy of the wave frequencies in the various component part of the Spectrum of Light, and their influence and effect on animal and plant life remained more or less a closed book until Dr. Spitler by sheer determination, untiring effort, unlimited endurance and saintlike patience, wrested from Mother Nature a workable knowledge and understanding of beneficial influence, of the potentiality of radiant energy of the different light wave frequencies and their influence upon life, development, growth and health, of the various cell tissues of living organism.

This additional knowledge of light, and intelligent application for the relief and correction of abnormal cell activities of the human body, and unselfish conveyance of this knowledge on the part of Doctor Spitler to his fellow Optometrists, enhances to an unlimited degree, the value and beneficial effects of Optometry's service to the public.

However it is inadvisable to permit our enthusiasm over the wonderful results already achieved through the proper application of Optometric Syntonics, make us unappreciative of the dangers that lure in the pathway of progress in Optometric Syntonics and I therefore ask you to bear with me to point out a few of them.

The pathway of progress of medical science or art is strewn with a vast array of derelicts, that at some time or other were hailed as guiding stars to lead medical minds that were then as now -- through less so now--groping in the dark; into

the realms of a clearly defined, accurate safe and reliable methods of diagnostic, therapeutic and corrective procedure.

Without elucidation. we are in a measure justified to make a modified statement of this nature in reference to Optometry.

The cause of these so-called failures or discredited theories, methods and appliances, is not in its entirety due to the lack of merit- either as confronting the basic science principles, or failures of adequate biologic reaction, when skillfully applied; but more so because of commercially tainted exploitation of theories methods and devices; and their attempted application, by men not having adequate knowledge of the processes and functional activities, caused by both proper and improper application of methods and appliances used.

In spite of my limited experience and indefinite and circumscribed knowledge of Optometric Syntonics, I feel justified to say that during my entire optometric career of forty-two years' practice of Optometry, there has been no auxiliary contribution made to Optometry that contains greater potentialities for the welfare of humanity than optometric syntonics, when properly applied, on the other hand no other contribution is in need of greater care and necessity of proper application, not only to obtain satisfactory results, but also to avoid unpleasant and ill effects, than is Optometry Syntonics.

It therefore behooves all of us to ledge ourselves to incessant study and research as to the nature, merit, and proper application of Optometric Syntonics, and thus prove our worthiness of being enrolled as members of the "Academy of Optometric Syntonics."

Thus pledging ourselves to direct our energies towards acquiring a true knowledge and adequate skill in the application of Optometry Syntonics, we respectfully suggest that in order to conserve Optometric Syntonics as a true science that no instruments for the application of Optometric Syntonics be sold or placed into the hands of any person lacking in knowledge and understanding of the basic principles, and its

possibilities both favorable and detrimental results.

Again, expressing sincere regret for my inability of being with you in person.

I remain, with best wishes for a successful Syntonic year.

Sincerely yours,

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