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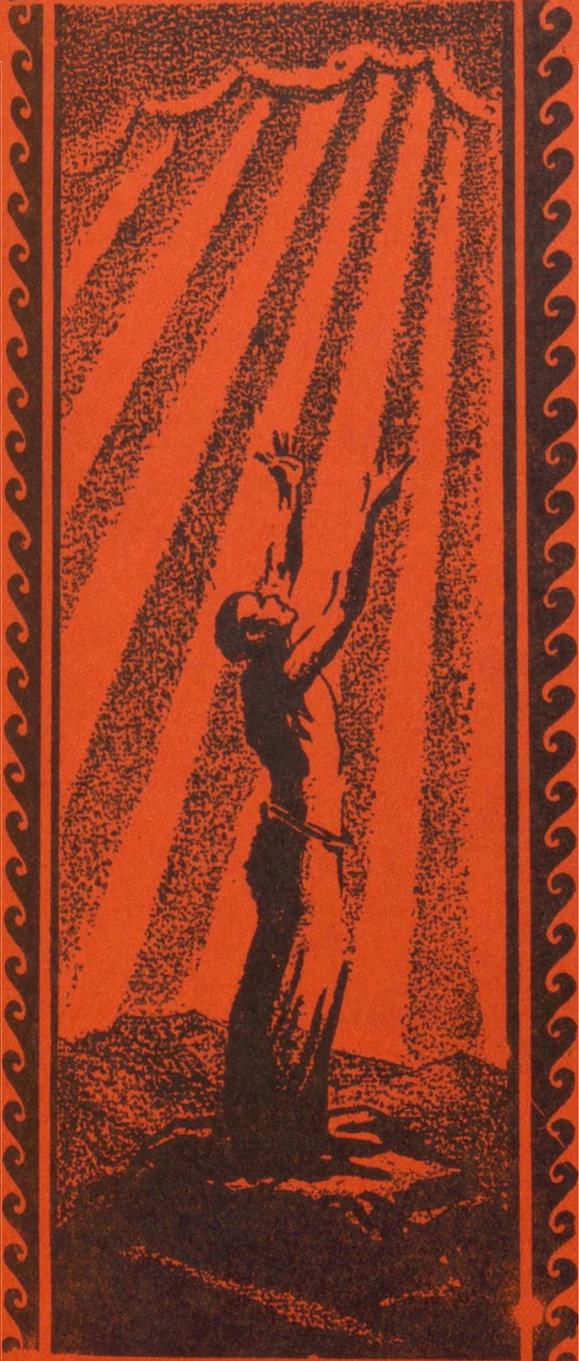
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THE FUTURE

The months roll by. On every third month, this magazine comes to you. There should not be many changes in the social, economic and religious structure of this country in three months, but there are just the same. There are changes the wide world over. Mr. Hitler in Germany upsets the apple cart by suddenly announcing that he is in a position to fight all of Europe if he wants to. For the past year, we have heard nothing but denunciation of Mr. Hitler, but the German people do not denounce him, and certainly, any man who can gain and hold the unswerving and loyal support of the German people is a real man, and we could do worse than listen to that type of man.

The German people, in my opinion, are the most intellectual people I know of and are of an exceedingly high type. I was amazed last year, while in Germany, to find what a wonderful race of people the Germans are. We have heard plenty of Germany wishing to get rid of all types of religion and we should not put too much credence in the newspaper reports received in this country and published regarding conditions in Germany as far as religion is concerned. The Germans are very religious people and are very smart people. In fact they are too smart to allow any religious organization to gain any foothold, unless that religious organization has a philosophy of life and of God, which is healthy and which actually can produce material results in the life here and now. Germany has gotten past the stage where she is willing to respect or recognize any religious philosophy which puts God "in the sky" and the reward of a religious life "beyond the tomb," and I respect them for this stand. We would be far better off in this country if we would adopt the same attitude. In the United States, we are very fast coming to the period when we are to do that very thing. To date, we allowed black-robed priests, white-hooded nuns and long-haired preachers to dominate the

field of religion, and as long as we do that, and as long as we give any semblance of recognition to these outfits, then just so long will this country mark time.

You let this country ever get the larger conception of God though and see what happens. The redeeming feature of it all, is that men and women in the United States are rapidly getting the true picture of God. They may not know it yet, but they are getting this picture just the same, and if they did recognize the Spiritual import of many movements which have sprung into existence the past five years, what a change there would be in the economic structure of our fair land today.

This Old-Age Pension plan of Mr. Townsend is absolutely Spiritual in its essence. The great Spiritual teacher of Nazarene preached nothing else than the philosophy which is behind the Townsend Plan.

You take Huey Long and, of course, they call him the "Kingfish" and all the rest of that stuff, but just the same, you go to Louisiana and find out what they think of Huey Long, there. This man is holding a great state in the hollow of his hand, and any man who can do that and who has the support of that state, must have something. I suggest that we listen to Huey Long, instead of criticising him quite so much, and I suggest that we be very sympathetic to the Townsend Plan.

As far as the prating priest goes, I am not so hot for that fellow, for I think that back of all that talk is an effort, which originated in Rome to flaunt the Roman Catholic religion in the face of American citizens.

You take the movement of Upton Sinclair, in California. I believe that entire movement was spiritual in its origin. The past few years have made about 25,000 new millionaires and that just simply means that there are at least 25 billion dollars in the hands of 25 thousand men, whereas the proper

thing to do would be to place 25 thousand dollars in the hands of one million men, or 25 hundred dollars in the hands of ten million men, or \$250.00 in the hands of 100 million men. This would do a lot to alleviate the suffering and starvation there is in this country today. So, I say that it would be a good thing for the United States if it absolutely ignored all religious systems, which teaches God "in the sky" and your reward "in heaven." According to the Constitution of this country, we do that, but actually . . . no.

In California, when Mr. Sinclair was waging a campaign with such amazing results, you found every religious organization in the state, for the first time in their lives, banded together to defeat this man Sinclair. Now, this just proves that the Sinclair Movement must be spiritual in its origin, otherwise the church would not oppose it. The church has consistently opposed any attempt to investigate its story and any attempt to introduce any other philosophy of God than the one it teaches.

One of the old Bible writers said, "If any man teach any other doctrine, let him be damned." That is the attitude today, but I think church organizations of all kinds recognize the fact that the great Truths of the Realm of God are coming to light and there is nothing that any orthodox religious system can do to stop these Truths.

What a pity that this country can not actually believe in the present existence of the Power of the Spirit of God now. What a pity the tolerate, black-robed priests, white-hooded nuns and long-haired preachers are in its midst.

It seems to me that I recall a statement to the effect that when the great master teacher of Nazareth was on this earth, "the common people heard him gladly." Well, the common people today are hearing gladly every teacher who is bringing this new revelation of God to the world and I do not say for one moment that I am the only one to do that. I happen to be the only one coming out flatfooted and denying in full the story brought to us by the churches, and I happen to be the only one who has tackled the religious angle of the reconstruction of the world. This is the

most important angle though, and as I sit here at my little desk this morning, I am just wondering how many people there are in this world who have heard of "Psychiana" and who are a part of its amazing growth. Judging by the number of pieces of mail that have gone out of our offices in the past five years, there must be at least, and to be conservative, in the neighborhood of from twenty-five to fifty million people who have had some direct or indirect contact with some part of this teaching. Of course, we have no churches, schools or colleges, but that will come later. The main point is that such a remarkable growth has been seen in five short years.

Three weeks ago today, I sat in this study with our Los Angeles advertising men and we mapped out the most comprehensive newspaper advertising campaign ever placed by anyone in a similar line of endeavor to ours. Mr. Young and Mr. Nourse of our agency, stated that the program was the most comprehensive cross-cut of the United States and Canada they had ever seen. It means that hundreds upon hundreds of newspapers will, starting this month of May, carry our message to millions upon millions of people. A certain percentage of these millions will write to us for information and so the message of peace, health and material abundance wings its way around the world.

Now you take another five years from today with the same growth, of course, which we have enjoyed during the past five years, and where do you think this Movement will be? The point I am trying to make is that men and women by the million are sick and tired of the old dogmas and creeds, and they want to know some of the actual truths of the Realm of the Spirit of God.

My teaching costs them money and yet what a staggering growth we have seen. Of course, the churches demand money too, so we can not be criticized from that angle. The impression has gone around in some quarters that Dr. Robinson is a millionaire already, but let me say to you that this is not a fact at all. It so happens that as I write this, I am overdrawn at the bank. It doesn't worry me at all, of course, because I can go to that bank and borrow the limit

it is allowed to loan by law, but as far as being a millionaire goes, if I had a million dollars, \$900,000.00 of it would be given to those who do not have it, I can assure you of that.

So the months roll around and change after change takes place, but the finger most assuredly points in the opposite direction and away from the church to a true picture of God, which picture the church has never known to date. What a pity that it will not exchange its old pagan idols for the real truths of a real Creator. There is a book on the press now written by myself, called "The Name of the Beast," and it will pay every reader of this Magazine to get a copy of that book. It shows who and what the "beast" or the "antichrist" really is. While I was speaking in Los Angeles a couple of months ago, a religious organization there alluded to me as being the "antichrist," so when I got home, I sat down and wrote that book just to show what the "beast" spoken of in Revelations really is. The church has taken it upon itself to tack that name on to me, but they do it without any proof. I have, in turn, taken it upon myself to tack that name on the church with plenty of proof.

There was a clipping sent to me the other day and I think I shall just reproduce it here because it is rather remarkable to see that newspaper editors have seen the handwriting on the wall. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if the author of this piece is not a student of mine.

MANY CHURCHES LACK MONEY

When one looks over his home town and sees the inordinate struggle of many good and worthy people, our very best citizens in fact, over the problem of church finances in order to keep a denominational machine in operation in a field where the competition is so keen that survival displaces service, he can not help but realize that a denominational soul isn't worth saving.

Five struggling preachers, five worried congregations there are, all patriotically waving the banners of their several church denominations and each with only strength to hold up the staff and not enough to do any valiant service for the Master.

The answer comes in field exchanges, merging of congregations, federation of denominations or what have you to get

into united action the Christian folk of every rural community for consistent and unselfish service which would enlist the whole-hearted support of youth, middle-life and age.

Some of these days with a new ministry of disillusioned young men and a laity who will see less in denominational yokes and more in active service to others there will arise a common-sense and unbiased view of the present tragic situation. Out of it will come a new order of church comity and the world will be far better off for souls will be born into the real kingdom of God.—Journal, Lander, Wyoming.

The same thing is going on everywhere. One of my books, "Crucified Gods Galore," created quite a sensation, but I was informed that Collier's printed, twenty-five years ago, a similar list of the crucified Christs. I received a letter the other day from Mr. Ripley, in which his secretary stated that he will undoubtedly be able to use the material given in this book. You know, folks, it isn't 400 years yet since the founder of Presbyterianism, John Calvin, caused Dr. Servetus to be burned at the stake for denying the doctrine of the Trinity. So I think we have progressed considerably in the past 400 years, but let me say to you that the progress in the next 400 years, or next 100 years, will make the progress of the past 400 years look very, very small. Men and women are grasping for the first time the staggering fact that the Realm of the great God-Power exists here and now for the accomplishment of every right desire the human soul is capable of desiring. Of course, Rev. John P. Preacher comes along with a Bible in one hand and probably a bunch of unpaid bills in the other hand and lifts his holy hands in horror as we tell men and women that the Power of the Realm of God can be known here and now. "Why, anyone teaching that is an atheist," he says. Thank heaven, the people left in this country who have any use for that kind of God teaching are as scarce as hen's teeth. I know that certain religious organizations broadcast the presumed fact that they have twenty million members. Well, if you take out of that number the babies and the dead and a few others, it will be found that the actual number who attend their "Houses of Worship" is but a very, very small

fraction of that total and as the years go by, and as thinking men and women continue to manifest the existence and Power of the Realm of the Spirit of

God, even that number will decrease, and they will adopt the new picture of God as it covers the face of the earth as the waters cover the sea.

FISH ON FRIDAY

A few weeks ago I spent several hours in the company of a very fine physician. The man is a Catholic, and by way of apology for the fish on the table (it was Friday) he brought up the subject of religion with the following remarks: "Of course—you know—I am not narrow enough to believe that I can't eat meat on Friday, nor do I believe that it makes any difference what I do on Friday—I just have the habit, that's all." Wishing to pursue the conversation a little further, however, I asked him this question: "Well, doctor—if you admit that the requirements of the church are not necessary—what would be your attitude in the face of death? Would you be content to just naturally pass out or would you send for the priest to administer the last rites?"

His reply was as follows: "Well—while I do not believe that the holy water can have anything to do with my future life, still—for safety's sake I think I should send for the father." And that is the attitude of many more good "Catholics—they pin their hopes in what they have been taught from childhood, and, whether right or wrong, they believe it. And while of course you and I know that it is nothing more nor less than a remnant of pagan superstition, yet, in the face of death, these good folks get a certain amount of peace from such beliefs. Very good—let them have them, and let them enjoy all the peace possible from such beliefs. They could believe in a match or a toad just as fervently as they believe in holy water and the rites, and would do so had they been so instructed. For no matter what philosophy of life one adopts, if he or she actually believes it and lives it out, it becomes part of them whether right or wrong.

The point I make is this: When it

comes time to pass out of the picture, the beliefs held through life will be carried over if indeed life manifests beyond the veil. And those beliefs, if honestly held can not and will not hinder any revelations coming to us in that future realm.

Many people consider it a very beautiful thought that some day they will see their loved ones again, and you may depend upon it, that might very easily be so, for there is a lot to this spiritual realm that none of us know, and dogmatizing in this realm of life after death is somewhat futile. There is, however, one thing we can know and if we know that we shall never give another thought to life beyond the grave, for there won't be any grave. That one thing is the consciousness of the knowledge of the presence and power of the mighty Life Spirit in our lives here and now. We can know the fullness of power, we can know the fullness of health, we can know the fullness of plenty and of peace here and now. For when one recognizes the mighty Spiritual Power there is for us, we laugh at death, we laugh at disease, we laugh at disaster, for we know the Power protecting us.

True—it is a Spiritual Power—it is God himself—and although very far removed from the paganistic god of the church, this mighty God-Power is at the disposal of us all, and when He is contacted, the fear of death passes, for there is no such thing as death to those that are in Him. There is a transitional period in which we lose our physical identity, but there is no death for those living in the mighty Life Spirit—so why bother our heads about life after death? Life is Life and not death in any sense of the word. And what matter if we lose the sense of the physical—we can not lose life, and life endures through the countless ages.

"GODLESS?" RUSSIA

A news item appeared recently telling us of a practice advocated by one of the largest newspapers in Russia. In its campaign against organized religion, now practically taboo in Russia, the use of the stamp-cancelling machine to spread this anti-religious propaganda is to be used. Says the report:

"It is necessary to use every possible means to complete the destruction of religious feelings among the working population of the whole world. Postage stamps are more useful than anything else. An edition of this paper disclosing religious class prejudices and ridiculing its mysticism would have great educational results."

The ease with which stamps penetrate all countries, even the Papal city, seems to favor their use in Russia, so they advocate using the cancelling machine for this purpose.

A few thoughts on the Russian situation may prove interesting to our readers. We are aware of the fact that the Christian people in this country are looking with horror upon the religious activities in Russia, and lifting their hands in awe as the stories of Russia's determination to be rid of organized religion comes to them. It is immediately taken for granted that inevitably Russia will go down to a terrible doom, for it is inconceivable to them that there can be any stable form of government without "God." We do not believe that to be the case, however, for we have certainly a very stable form of government in this country, and yet the framers of the Constitution very wisely left out of it any system of religion at all. Everyone is given the right to worship God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience. But as far as there being any official religion in America—there is none.

And yet we have here the finest government in the world and the most stable. We have stated many times and shall re-state here that the reason this country is so successful, and so progres-

sive is because of the absolute freedom of religious thought allowed here. If a man believes there is a god he has a right to that belief. And if a man believes there is no god, he too has a right to that belief. And this Government will never stop a man from teaching either the existence or the non-existence of any god he wishes to believe in. Some of our most brilliant national leaders have been freethinkers.

So it is foolish to say that there can be no stable form of government without the worship of God and without buildings in which to worship Him. (This idea of having buildings in which to worship God is all wrong anyhow.) But what Russia is doing is not denying to its citizens the right to worship whatever god they choose to, for this right it gives. But it is endeavoring, and very successfully too, to put out of its national government, religion of any kind. And this magazine believes, under existing circumstances, this is the proper thing to do. For centuries Russia has been dominated by a church system. It has made no progress under that system, but has seen its citizens crouched down on their knees before some sort of a god, and Russia realizes that organized religion in that country is a detriment, and not a benefit. So it is getting rid of it. And, we believe wisely too. We personally would like to see the same thing done in America, i. e. we would like to see the organized church forbidden to operate as such. We believe the country would be far better off. For we have never been able to see the sense of worshipping a "god" about whom nothing tangible is known, except what very unauthentic church history and mythology can give, and this at best is mighty poor evidence, if indeed it is evidence at all. We have never been able to see any benefit in believing in some being having a home "in heaven," nor have we ever been able to see any benefit in worshipping something when we do not know what we are worshipping.

And we are not sure that Russia is making any mistake at all. At any rate, the best thinking minds in this country are watching Russia with considerable interest, and they are throwing out insinuations that we might do well to copy that country, at least in its religious activities.

If Russia attempts to dispense with God, she will make a failure of such attempt, and this she is not trying to do. What she is trying to do is to get out of the minds of her people all superstitious and mystic beliefs either in little "ikons" or in any supposedly supernatural religion, having some god somewhere, but which god is utterly unknown and incapable of manifesting himself. It wants no supernatural religion at all. And that is all that the religions of Russia have to date been—supernatural religions. And never in the history of the world have such religions gotten any country anywhere. All one can find in their wake is bloodshed. And when the bloodshed ceased, so did belief in that particular system of religion cease too. It would not be possible to burn one at the stake in America now on account of one's religious beliefs, but it is not so long since heads were chopped off on Boston Commons in the name of religion. In those days it was considered blasphemy to even speak or hint a word against the church. But that is not the case today.

Just as long as one is honest in his convictions, and couches his language in proper terms, it is perfectly permissible to deny the teachings of the church in this country. And this we do every chance we get. On the other hand, however, we teach the Power of the Living God on every hand, also. It permeates our literature. Our books are founded in the truth of God. Our magazine articles are saturated with a desire to honor God, and at no time nor in any place have we ever denied the existence of God.

But we do deny the god the church would have us accept, and we make the statement that we believe Russia has done the most advanced thing any nation in the world has done, when it has legislated against the "organized church." We would not for one moment

condone anyone denying the existence of God, but we are bitterly opposed to any system of religion teaching and preaching some mythical ethereal being of which nothing tangible can be known, and asking us to believe in such a being as the Living God.

For this god the church asks us to accept has a bloody record which does not at all fit in with what we believe a God should be. And besides, one may very safely count upon all "3 in 1" gods to be purely pagan and mythical. The world has had lots of them, and every system of religion boasting a "trinity" god has been just as convinced that theirs was the true god as is the present day church that theirs is the true god. As a matter of fact this magazine does not believe that the church knows anything at all about God as He exists. It has its own God to be sure, but this God it professes is nothing more nor less than old "Yah-veh" who caused the sun to stand still, and caused a few million quail to fly in from the ocean to satisfy the appetites of the children of Israel in the wilderness. It is the same god who made a mistake in the creation of man, and, having discovered his mistake, rectified it by drowning them all out of existence. And neither you nor I believe in such a god as that. Certainly we don't even believe such yarns as that. But this is the god the church worships and we are very frank to state that we believe this country would be far better off without any such foolish beliefs as these.

What will happen in Russia when it absolutely bars the church and its operations? Well the very same thing that will happen in any country when it bars the church from operating. And that is—the people will very shortly after this period find the TRUE GOD as He exists. For it would be inconceivable to think that there is no such a power. We of "PSYCHIANA" know that there is, and because we know that there is, and because we know He is NOT the God of the church, we say it will be the best thing that ever happened to America when organized religion is barred altogether. That is what Russia is doing and we would be a little slow about condemning it until

we see what the ultimate results are. Let it be very distinctly understood that we are only dealing with the religious side of Russia's activities. We have no use for communism or bolshevism, or convict labor at all. But we believe that any country will be more successful without any organized religion preaching "supernatural god" somewhere in "heaven." We believe the story the church asks us to accept is, although honestly held by them as the truth, nothing more nor less than a remnant of a pagan superstition held 2000 or more years ago, but of positively no use today. We admit the existence of a God the church knows nothing about, and we believe the time to be at hand when the impossible god of the church will be forced into the discard by the actual knowledge of the mighty Life Spirit responsible for this world an deverything therein.

Were one to attempt to discover even what the church believes about its god, one would certainly have a merry time. We have been 40 years trying to find out something definite or tangible about that god. But all we can get is "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." All right—who is this Lord Jesus Christ? Well—he is a man who was also God. In some miraculous manner God caused a woman to be with child by the Holy Ghost, and the offspring of this union resulted in Jesus Christ. A god-man. A part of the "trinity." But this story is as old as the hills, and was in existence long before Chris-

tianity was ever heard of. In fact it is the basis of nearly every one of the "supernatural" religions. So we can't find much satisfaction there. In fact the church itself cannot give us a single intelligent FACT about its own god. All it can do is to ask us to take it on "faith." This, however, we cannot do, for a search through past records proves to our satisfaction at least that "faith" as practiced by the church has been a sorry thing.

We want something more than faith. The American wants something more than faith. He wants God. But not a single church or denomaion in existence can show him where to find God. This being a fact, we believe it would be a good thing to dispense with organized religion until such time as it can make proof of its ministry which to date it has not been able to do.

Russia's experiment may not be as fruitless as the church looks for it to be and tells us it will be. At least let us quietly watch and the next few years will tell the tale. Our prediction is, however, that Russia's example will be copied by every civilized country in the world, as far as dispensing with the church goes. This world is on the verge of some sort of a spiritual upheaval. Civilizations make distinct changes about every 2000 years. And we are about due for one now. We of "PSYCHIANA" believe that at last the truth of the Living God is about to be known. Certainly we are doing our little bit in spreading the wonderful message.



LOS ANGELES LECTURES

Many people have written me, asking if my Los Angeles lectures appear in printed form. They do not, but I think in this issue of the magazine, I shall reproduce one of these lectures, so that the people in the East and in other states, who were unable to attend these lectures, may know what was said. On second thought, I shall give you three of them, if you think you can stand them, then these good people who have been so anxious to get printed copies of these addresses may secure copies of this Magazine.

"A NEW VISION OF GOD"—Dr. Robinson
 Sunday, January 27, 1935
 Los Angeles, California

First let me call attention to the meetings following this one—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, at 8 o'clock, in this same auditorium.

I am going to speak plainly tonight, ladies and gentlemen, but I am going to speak very kindly, for I know men and women have gathered around them religious beliefs of some kind or another and in many instances they do not take the trouble to find out if that belief is fundamentally sound or not, but I know that there are thousands and tens of thousands of people who hold a certain definite religious conviction. I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings and understand right now when I say to you what I shall say, it will be said only in a spirit of absolute helpfulness.

If you have a belief on which you are staking everything you have and upon which you are staking your hope of eternal life in the future and if you are depending on that belief to help you through this life, you have a right to know all the facts surrounding that belief. Millions of people are perfectly happy to let someone else do their religious thinking for them. They have neither the time nor the opportunity to investigate the story themselves and find out whether it is true or not and if it should be tonight that I call your

attention to facts that you have never known before, then please understand that every statement that I shall make will be fundamentally true. I am not in the habit of making statements that are not true and that cannot be proven.

As I look around the world and this city of Los Angeles today, I am convinced that this world and this city needs a new vision of God. I am not going to set myself up as saying that I know all that there is to know about the spiritual truth, but here is the situation, men and women of Los Angeles, you and I are helpless in the hands of religious organizations which come to us with a certain story.

In my own individual case, my father being a Baptist minister, I was told that I was born in sin and shapen in iniquity, and unless I went through some experience known as conversion and believed in Jesus Christ, I would be lost; and that is a lie, men and women of Los Angeles!

Back up in a town called Moscow, Idaho, in my home, are two of the most beautiful children that ever lived and I would like to have the preacher or priest say that there is one speck of sin in the lives of those children.

That's the story that was given to me and possibly to you in your childhood. The church says, "You cannot know God except through our definition of God." So I say to the church, "Okay, what have you got?" and the church says, "We have here a man." And I say, "Oh, you have a man." "Yes, we have here a man and his name is Jesus." "Well," I say, "how is that man going to help me to God?" And the church says, "He is God." "Where did you get him?" And the story in effect is something like this:

Two thousand years ago God Almighty, and when I say God Almighty I mean a creative intelligence—the creative spirit behind this universe, caused a virgin to conceive and bring forth a son, with no connection whatsoever with a male. So I say "Well, then,

God broke one of his immutable laws." "Yes, in this instance he did." I scratch my head and there is a little doubt in the back of it, but that is the story and they tell us further that the little baby grew to manhood and worked at the carpenter business and at the age of twenty-eight or twenty-nine began to preach the gospel, which gospel being that he was God. Now let me say to you here that no time and at no place did Jesus Christ ever say that he was God and the church missed the picture. What he did say, my friends, was this, he said he came to reveal God the Father and the church stepped into the picture and took that man and deified him one hundred fifty years after his death and started an organization to the people that man was God.

I am going to nail that lie before I leave Los Angeles, and I will show you how I am going to nail it. You have public libraries in this city—this address is being taken down and will be printed and anyone of you who may wish a copy may have it; any theological professor, any minister or any church member who may happen to be here may also have a copy of it.

Let me say again, I wouldn't hurt the feelings of anyone. They can believe "the moon is made of green cheese" if they want to. I am fighting for the truths of God as I know the truth to exist and I don't care how many churches you have, but show me one where thousands were turned away from the doors as they were from this auditorium. Why? Because what the church has to offer today does not satisfy the hearts or minds of men and women and the reason is because it isn't true!

I say to the church, "So, according to you, God caused a virgin to bring forth a child." And the church says, "Yes." I say to the church, "How long ago was that?" "Approximately two thousand years." I say to the church, "Of course you have authentic history to prove that statement," and the church scratches its head and says, "No, I am sorry, there isn't any." And let me pass this thought to you that in over two hundred histories written by historians at that time, many of them living on the identical spot where those things were supposed

to have happened, not a single one told of Jesus Christ, or his miraculous birth; and if any dead man ever came back from the grave, that fact will be written across the pages of history in letters of fire, but not a single word was ever written. You read American History two thousand years from today and you will read all about Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and if any dead man gets up out of his grave and walks around the streets of Los Angeles that will be there too. There isn't a single reference to that story anywhere, so I come back to the church and I say, "This is the story you bring to me and want me to pin my hope of Heaven on?" "Yes, this is the story." Well, now, men and women, am I wont to believe that story because a preacher tells it to me? The proof is not on my head, the proof is on the head of the man who tells me that that story is true, and if he tells me that I must support his organization and depend on the story of Jesus Christ to save me, I want the evidence.

The time is near in Los Angeles when men and women are not going to let anybody do their religious thinking for them. All the churches have to do is put the facts on the table as the facts exist and hide nothing and if they do that, what do you find? You find that that story has been offered to men and women as an original true story and that story was known to millions of people thousands of years before Christ existed, if he ever did exist. That same story has been told in detail about twenty other Christs. "Mention one or two." I take you to the Hindoo religion and I find there what? Twelve hundred years before the time of Christ I find another story exactly like that and the Hindoo religion says, "God Almighty caused a virgin to conceive and bring forth a child who was God." "What was the name of that child?" "Chrisna." Well, that's funny, one story says Christ Jesus and the other Chrisna. "What was the name of the mother of Chrisna?" and they say, "Maia." "What was the name of the mother of your Christ?" and the Christians say, "Mary." Well, is that a coincidence? I wonder.

The Christian Bible tells you that the

first man and woman was Adam and Eve and the Hinodo Bible says the first man and woman was Adomo and Heva, twelve hundred years before.

The story of Christ is not an original story, although it has been given absolute honesty and I really believe it has been honestly preached, but the truth of God has been missed by that story and the time has come in this city and in this country for us to get some kind of another story or a new vision of God, or at least make those who propigate that story prove its truth or its falsity.

A few weeks ago, when I was here before, I had an opportunity to go into a large church on Wilshire Blvd. on Sunday morning. It was a beautiful structure and the church would seat probably a thousand people. On this particular Sunday morning there were seventy-six there. What we got had no more to do with the power of God than a jackrabbit had. It was a system of philosophy that originated in the mind of that preacher and if there was any power of God behind the message, I didn't see it, and let me say something else to you, that if you are in tune with the Infinite and if the power of God is within you and if you are honestly fighting for the truth, you will talk and preach in such a manner that your audience will catch the vision and men and women are going to catch the vision in Los Angeles. I can't do much, but I can tear myself to pieces and give everything that is in me towards knocking out of the picture the idol that has been erected between God and the human race. How could the story be true if it isn't written on the pages of history and the story was hoary with age long before Christ was heard of. I might have believed that story if it hadn't been told before.

I want to know something about God. I have a life to live here and may have another life after this, but if the great Maker of this Universe has, through master intelligence, brought the scheme of things into being, as He did, don't tell me that He masqueraded Himself in the form of a man two thousand years ago and then disappeared and has never been heard of since. That isn't true, and

yet it is all the church has to offer.

In the state of Idaho, the Presbyterian Denomination lost forty-eight per cent of its Sunday School attendance. Why? Because it is not filling the bill and take it from me, if the church doesn't fill the bill, God will raise up somebody who will fill the bill and that isn't all, there are tens and hundreds of thousands of people in the city of Los Angeles tonight who are ready to take off their coats and work for God and they never did hold membership in any church, for church membership does not signify God, I will tell you that.

I have a beautiful little boy named Alfred, eleven years of age. I let him go to Sunday School if he wants to go. A few weeks ago he was in his Sunday School class and the teacher was teaching the story of the five barley loaves and the two little fishes that were said to have fed so many people. If we had some way of doing that today we wouldn't have so many people hungry. Alfred asked, "Is that a fact?" and the teacher said, "Why of course, Alfred, it's in the Bible so it really happened." "Well," he said, "I'm going to send it in to Ripley." It takes a child for honesty every time.

Every attempt is going to be made to shut me up in Los Angeles. They have been made other places and haven't been able to shut me up yet. Now if there is one scrap of evidence tending to prove the story of Jesus Christ, I want to see it. I would take it so fast it would make your head swim, but I take the Bible and I ask, "Where did you get it?" and I am told, "You mustn't question it, it is the divinely inspired word of God and it is true from cover to cover and you will go to hell if you question it. I say, "Okay, I will probably see you there." "Where did the Bible come from?" I am here to say to you tonight and am willing to challenge many professors in the audience that there has never been known to exist one single manuscript covering the four gospels or the new Testament. After the supposed death of Christ, these anonymous books began to spring forth

here and there, always in the hands of some church Father, and who do you think we got our new Testament Canon from? We didn't get it until four hundred years ago. It took an argument in 1545 to decide what was the word of God and they decided by a fist-fight and a vote. That doesn't look like divine inspiration to me. That looks like human power and let me tell you how we came to have four gospels, and you can ask any professor to refute this statement. There was a meeting of all the priests in Canaan to decide what books to put in the Bible and which to leave out. So Iraneous said, "The earth has four corners; there are four great winds; animals have four legs so we will put in four gospels and there is your divine inspiration." There isn't any divine inspiration in it.

Do you know how God works? Do you think God works through the murderous butchery of thousands of male babies because the ruling King was afraid his kingdom would be taken away?

There never was a dead man, Jesus Christ included, that ever came back from the grave, because if he did another might come back and the Universe would be hanging on chance, and not on God's immutable law and any story that tells you that he did is a false story and furthermore, any story concerning God which your reason can't grasp is also a false story and you can't grasp the story of a dead man getting up and walking, for you know that it wouldn't happen. Yet the church will say, "Here is the way, walk ye in it." Like heck I will. The fact that this Universe exists presumes a Creator and there is no question but that there is creative intelligence called God is keeping the ball rolling and you don't need to believe in any story originating two thousand years ago and told a thousand times, to get to Heaven. Of course, as long as you believe that story and support the organization it's OK, but I am saying to you men and women of Los Angeles, you are going to have to get something better than that.

What is the charge I have against

the church? The charge I have against the church is that it is blinding the minds of men and women to the truths of God through the asinine foolish story that it has got itself ahold of. Take that story out of the way, blow it up, like I am doing. Take it out of the picture and what have you left? Well, the church says, "You have taken away the comfort of thousands of people." No, you haven't done anything of the kind. If you have taken the story out of the picture you have left God, with whom you can commune alone, without any church intervening and that is what we want and that is what this world will have to have if it doesn't blow up, for believe you me, she is in a volcano right now.

Did you see the article in the Examiner about the spy system of the United States costing twelve billion dollars a year? Yet Roosevelt says, "All is quiet on the Potomac." And then Congress goes to work and appropriates the biggest budget for war ever known and is going to make an army camp out of Wake Island, just below the Philippines. This world is sitting on a keg of gun powder and do you know what has caused it? The thing that has caused present world conditions is because men and women have been offered a substitute for God. I don't care what you call the substitute. The Hindoos say it is Chrisna and so on down the line, but there has been a substitute offered and in this enlightened age people are saying, "We want no substitute," and furthermore, if God can commune with a human heart through the medium of another fellow, he can commune without that medium. You know I try awfully hard in my writings and public appearances to put this fact over. This is the only thing that saves my neck with the church—I try to put over the fact of man being God's highest creation.

There isn't a creation, outside of man, that is able to grasp the power of God in the first place.

Here is a beautiful building conceived in some man's mind, but did it ever occur to you that you are the only thing on the face of God's green earth that is

capable of knowing anything about him? Instead of preaching the power of God the church asks you to go back to Gethsemane and listen to a "cock and bull story" that will save you. I throw right in the face of the church tonight and in my book, "Crucified Gods Galore," challenge them to produce one single scrap of evidence to prove the divinity of Jesus Christ. If that story happened and God came down from Heaven in a tiny human germ like that, let him come again, for that story has not got this world to first base, but has caused crime and bloodshed, for wherever superstition reigns supreme in human life and the mind is clogged by superstition, it is not capable of grasping the truth of God. If that story isn't true, let's get rid of it.

A Presbyterian preacher said to me last week, "We don't believe that any more; we don't believe the Virgin birth; we don't believe the resurrection; we don't believe the atonement." "Why don't you tell the people you don't believe it, and not be collecting their money and spreading your false pretenses in the name of God, for you never knew anything about God?"

("Name the preacher"—from audience)

This man happens to be a man who has recently been appointed Professor of Sociology at the Washington University, Washington, D. C. and his name is Dr. Carl O. Wells, if you want it, and his address is the George Washington University at Washington, D. C. I told you I made no statements I could not prove.

Did you see in the Examiner a few weeks ago an article by Ripley that showed a picture supposed to represent the place where Christ was born, which was a cave? Traditions concerning the crucified God, and there were thirty-five of them, the majority of them that he was born in a cave. One gospel writer says Christ was born in a manger and another says that he was born in a house, but Ripley says he was born in a cave and as a result of that argument the Crimean War started in which one million men lost their lives in bloodshed.

This story about originating in sin is a wonderful thing for the church to hang to because if you knock that on the head and get that out of the way you wouldn't need any Saviour. The law of procreation of the human race is the greatest law that God ever gave and you can't tell me, when two people united by a marriage certificate and complying with that law that their tiny off-spring is doomed to hell from the day it is born. The God of this world gave you and me life and he wouldn't stack the cards against us from the day we came into it.

If we could only recognize this day the existing power of God without that written church story, we would be different men and women. I don't have to believe that story and I don't believe it. What is the present world picture? I am in touch with hundreds of thousands of people in every state in this Union and I am saying to you tonight that there is an uprising against that thing called the church, not against religion or against God, but against that story because we know it isn't true. For nearly thirty years I studied that story and tried to find God by it and when I investigated and found out where it came from I decided it was all a lot of "hooley" and yet those folks have their property tax-free and get reduced rates on railroad trains. I am going to build a temple here. Do you think I will get it tax-free? I will get it tax-free if they do—but to get back to serious things.

You can see how foolish this thing is and you can see what a horrible mess this thing called the church has to offer you and me for God. There are two genealogies of Jesus Christ and they don't agree. One gives forty-one names and the other fourteen names. How can they both be right? The whole thing from top to bottom is a mess that no logical thinking mind can make heads or tails of, but we let it come to us and put on a black suit and a collar button in the back and say, "I am a representative of God, you pay me and I will fix your soul." The funny part of it is when you go to a Theological Professor and

say, "Here Mr.—, how about all the crucified Gods before this one?" They will answer you, "You know they didn't exist, ours is the only real one." Every fundamental of this story existed in Pagan Religion thousands of years before Christ was ever heard of. I think I can safely say to you tonight that I am almost convinced that this story of Jesus Christ was stolen from the Hindoo Religion. The stars appear at the birth of Christ and also at the birth of Chrisna and the Wise Men appeared at the birth of Christ and also at the birth of Chrisna. If the rocks were rent and the stars fell and the moon didn't give its light, history didn't know anything about that at all—not a single thing, and we have over two hundred histories in existence at that time and it was never heard of. If a score of dead people clambered up out of their graves, through six feet of earth and walked up and down the streets of Jerusalem, history knows nothing about that either. If I wanted to I could ask some very pointed questions here. What kind of bodies did they have? Did they walk around in forms of skeletons, or were the stomachs of the worms disgorged to give their bodies back to them?

I will continue tomorrow night to prove to you that the story the church gives of God being revealed through Jesus Christ is not true. I realize the immensity of that statement, because millions of people believe it is true. I also realize there are hundreds of thousands who know doggone well that it isn't true. I think you and I are honest people and if there exists in this world today a power called the power of God, and it does, you and I want to know it, but we are not going to any other fellow and believe his story unless he can show absolute proof of the truth of his story. If he says certain things happened two thousand years ago, it is up to him to lay the evidence on the table. They will tell you nothing of the sixteen crucified Gods before this one and if you ask questions about it, they will say, "Never mind brother, I know that, you don't."

Honesty in religion will have to come and this thing called the church will have to be "smoked out" and be made to lay its cards on the table. I am planning an action in the United States Court right now to make the church prove its story or quit. I am going to fight them on it and they won't lick me either, because do you know the strength of my movement? In five years time I have a half million followers and the story of "Psychiana" has spread into sixty-seven countries simply because the power of God is behind this movement—that is why! What I say and write is full of that power. The church doesn't like it, certainly not because it lacks the magnetism necessary to fill its benches and you can't tell me that where the power of God is preached these days that the people won't flock to it. Why? Because they have heard that Dr. Robinson preaches the truth about God, and there never was a religious movement that came into existence and accomplished anything that didn't have to sneak in, in the disguise of a burglar.

If I believed what I was taught to believe in the Baptist Denomination I would be a fine fellow, but I don't believe it and I am honest enough to say I don't. I am going to find the truth and tell it to you. I am going to get the truth and the truth is that as far as depending on that story goes you might as well throw it away.

You probably remember the newspaper publicity last Easter about the Methodist Minister who threw his Bible against the pulpit and said, "I am through, there is to it." Do you know that about ninety-five percent of them would do the same thing if they had the guts.

They say, "My that fellow is a funny kind of preacher. What kind of a message has he got?" It's a message that is appealing to two thousand people tonight. A message that is proving the power of God without any story that happened two thousand years ago. Do you know the kind of a movement I would like to see started? A movement of one million men and women who

would swear they wouldn't go into a church again operating every moment of their lives through the power of God, and that is possible.

What kind of a God would he be if he said, "I am going to manifest myself to one man and you will believe that story or be damned?" The power of God doesn't work that way. It works as free as the air we breathe, and were it not for the old story there isn't a soul in this house tonight that wouldn't be able to stand on both feet and be able to achieve everything he wanted to achieve both spiritually and materially. But how can you know the power of God if you believe a lie? I know a church in this town tonight where the preacher along about this time is saying, "Oh, brother, won't you accept Christ tonight?" and after about fifteen minutes of argument he won't get anybody.

I am going to put this meeting to a test. I am going to ask every man and woman in this house who want to know the power of God without Jesus Christ to stand up. Look at that. Now that is the way the wind is blowing and men and women let me say that I wouldn't hurt the feelings of any preacher or priest for the chances are that he holds his philosophy honestly, but where the truth of God is concerned I am on the war-path. I am out after lies and as long as I have the power to preach the truth about God and people fill the auditorium I will be preaching about Him. They may take a few shots at me, as they have done before, but bullets won't connect because I am under the protection of that great Infinite God of this Universe, which the church knows nothing about.

"Born in sin and shapen in iniquity." Is that what Jesus said about the children? He said, Suffer the little children to come to me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven." If the other story is true then the Kingdom of Heaven must be composed of damned people; people damned through being born in sin. If the church doesn't believe that story, why isn't it honest enough to come out and say it?

I told Dr. Wells, "Why don't you come out and say that you don't know who wrote the gospel, that you don't know where they came from? Tell the church to put all the evidence on the bar and then let people decide whether they want it or not." The people won't want that stuff, I can tell you that.

There was a message to mankind through the life of Jesus Christ and there was a message through the life of Chrisna and there has been a message to mankind through the life of every religious leader that ever lived, including Bob Ingersoll. If that message does not measure up to church dogmas and creeds it is out. It has to subscribe to this theory and that theory, but those theories are all man-made and God knows nothing about them.

God stands behind every man and woman, absolutely supreme in his or her life if that man and that woman will take that power, and yet they say about me, "He is a terrible atheist. He doesn't believe in God." This entire movement is founded on the existence of God but I have no use for the story of Jesus Christ or any other mediator between God and man. We don't need that story and it isn't true. That makes nine times tonight that I have said the story isn't true. Do you get it?

I wonder if it would be possible tonight to absolutely blot out of the picture all knowledge of Christ or Buddha or any crucified God at all and this race were alone with no churches and no preachers—boy what a picture that would be. But suppose it were, what would happen? The church says it would go to hell so fast it would make your head swim. It would do nothing of the kind, because the world would be left alone with its God and its reason would find God, and until supernaturally revealed religion is put out of the picture and naturally revealed religion comes into the picture we will know mighty little about God. Look around you—look at the crime, the poverty, the sin, the jail-break at San Quentin, and the church raises its holy hands and says, "That is all right, God is coming back soon."

There was never a supernatural manifestation of God to man and there never will be, except the super-human life of a man who has seen the picture and who is willing to go out and find that picture. That is how the power of God will come. I wouldn't give ten cents for any religion that hasn't got power in it.

God is getting ready to speak to the world today, but I am afraid it is going to be a painful lesson, but He is getting ready to speak, take it from me. If He doesn't speak, then God help us all!

Here is the situation and it is a terrible picture as it exists. We have Japan armed to the teeth—France, England and the United States armed to the teeth and yet every nation will tell you that God is on its side. During the World War there were the Germans, beautiful people, and in England they were holding days of prayer meeting asking God to give success to their army. If that isn't sacriligious, I don't know what is. The God I teach has nothing to do with that sort of thing.

The Bible tells us that God struck dead five thousand men for looking into the ark in which He lived, and yet they print on the cover of that book, "Holy Bible." That is the first time I have used that word from a lecture platform and it is not in a sacriligious sense—that is what I mean. If you paint to the human race a God of murder and a God of lust like the Bible has, you will find it naturally will have the same kind of religion and the same kind of experience. Blow a trumpet and the walls would fall down—that was all they had to do.

The superhuman picture that is coming to this earth and through which the power of God will be manifested, will open the eyes of plenty of people, church members and preachers and they will recognize the fact that what they have had is a poor substitute for the power of God as it exists.

Some years ago we had men like Billy Sunday around the country, who did several million dollars worth of business, but you don't see them any more. I was in New York several years ago

and Billy Sunday, who was preaching there, couldn't pack a church with five hundred people. Has the gospel lost its power? No, but men and women are thinking. Men and women don't want to have to go to any church or any preacher and ask that they be saved through prayer. God created them and knows what they want without their having to pray for it, if they could just get the right picture, the power of God would be manifested in them. That is the kind of religion men and women are accepting by the thousands today. Those kind will even go to a baseball game on Sunday and enjoy it through the power of God and they won't be at prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Take a look over the faces you see at a prayer meeting on Wednesday night and tell me if they are intelligent or not. Before Mr. Brimson introduced me tonight he said he had never seen as intelligent a looking audience as this one. I never talk to any other kind—they won't come and hear me.

I realize that this life is a process of evolution and likewise religion has had to go through an evolution. That story might have been all right two thousand years ago but don't you see that the human race is progressing day by day, week by week, month by month and year by year. If it suited the minds two thousand years ago, how can it suit us today? They wore great big bustles even fifty years ago. Is everything else supposed to change but religion? Are we to stand on the dogmas and traditions of two thousand years ago and never progress? That isn't right. But God never changes. The mentality of men and women changes, awfully slow sometimes, but it changes and your picture enlarges. Let me ask you this: Are you satisfied with the picture of a God, supposedly at the disposal of every man and woman, who tells you that unless you are converted and believe a story that was supposed to have originated two thousands years ago that you are lost? Let me tell you this, if there is a single soul lost that ever lived in this world, there isn't any God, because the magnitude and the power of God is such that it includes us all, every last one of us, even you and me—a "black sheep"

like me could even get it, and that is my picture of God.

Let's put out of our minds any such thing as having to subscribe to a church doctrine to find God, for you will never find Him that way. Let's go to work and first recognize the presence of the Spirit that caused us to be. Recognize God as an invisible spirit—not existing two thousand years ago, but now. Do you mean to say that the power of God is behind our entire being? If it isn't behind you, you won't sit in that seat five minutes, and yet the church tells you that after you die, if you have been good, you will know God up there. In the meantime take the substitute that we have here. No, that is not so.

I have a little card that I give my students that they hang up in their bedrooms and the first thing they do in the morning is communicate with their God, and I don't sell them candles, or holy water, or wine or wafers to do it with. God is as free as the air we breathe and that is my message to the people of Los Angeles. Away with the other story, let them have it. It is writing its own doom, because it has no power in it. There is coming in its place a religion of power. The funny thing is this, that the experience you looked for before, via church methods, you will find when you discard church methods. This conversion proposition, this new heart, this new experience which church membership is supposed to bring to you, you will find when you discard that story and you will know beyond any shadow of a doubt that you and the Father are One. Is there anything you can't do if you are One? Is there anything the power of God can't bring to you? I would like to know what it is.

Less than five years ago, and I am only stating that as a fact, I have nothing to brag about—I am just tearing myself to pieces in the interest of the Kingdom of God, after trying all my life and after having been baptised five times, once here in Los Angeles, I was man enough to say, "There is something wrong." I carried a gospel of John around in my pocket and wore that thing out trying to find God. I went to preacher after preacher and all I got was, "Believe." "Believe what?" "Believe that

Jesus Christ is the Son of God and you will be saved." "How am I going to know it? What good does it do me to be saved if I don't know anything about it?" Finally, after many years of research and study, I said, "That story is not true!" I give you my word of honor that I have enough proof of it to shut up any theological professor. I cast it aside and what happened? There came into my life, like a mighty flood, a new peace, a freedom, a power. I said, "What is this?" It wasn't long before I knew what it was. I said to Mrs. Robinson one night, "Leave me alone, don't bother me, I am going into that room and I want to be alone." I went into the room and came out thirty-six hours later with a new religion that has spread into sixty-seven different countries—a religion that denies the existence of Jesus Christ. Think of that!

The power of God came to me and it will come to you when there isn't a single, solitary, rotten belief left in your mind about any mediator between you and God. You cannot know God and believe that false story. Is it a hard thing to know God? Is it a supernatural thing? It is one of the finest, most natural and logical things I have ever known, and if it were any other way, He wouldn't be a just God. It is natural to live moment by moment and day by day in and through the power of the Maker of this Universe. Call Him God if you want to, or anything else. That's a long, long way from what the church teaches, but which is the sanest and most logical philosophy? Which philosophy is most in keeping with the Spiritual Law that caused this Universe to be? That which I am telling you about tonight or this—"Is there another—is there not another tonight—God bless you my brother, won't you accept Jesus Christ tonight and be saved." I am not offering that stuff to men living under that flag in the Twentieth Century.

In an address to the people recently, President Roosevelt said, "People are looking to spiritual truth as never before." I know it, you know and the church knows it, because it is losing out day after day.

I am not going to talk much more tonight. I have talked pretty hard and

I am tired, but I want to leave this thought with you. In the first place, I want you to come tomorrow night and bring someone else with you. I don't know where we will put everybody when so many were turned away tonight, but if too many come I will get the Shrine Auditorium where there will be room enough for all. Now let's every last one of you tonight, as you leave this hall, those of you who think and know that I have been speaking the truth, keep quiet, put all things out of your mind and dwell on the thought of your unity with the divine, creative intellect of the Universe. Just quietly, as you go to sleep, think, "I believe in the Power of the Living God." If you think there isn't anything to the Power of God, before you go to sleep tonight think or whisper, "I believe in the Power of the Living God" and come back tomorrow night and tell me about it.

"A NEW VISION OF GOD" (Continued)

Dr. Robinson

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Los Angeles, California

Now, tomorrow night I will speak again and the subject will be, "The Amazing Story of 'Psychiana'." I will take you back to my childhood days and show you and tell you what happened from that day to this. Plan to be here for that story is very outstanding. On the next night, Wednesday night, my subject will be, "The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors." I have received many letters, telegrams and telephone calls stating that I couldn't prove that statement. We will see whether I can or not, because I will give you the names and historical data covering not only sixteen, but twenty-five Crucified World Saviors before the one we had two thousand years ago, and every one of them has as much evidence of his existence, more in some cases, than there was of the existence of this one.

Thursday night is the wind-up of the free lectures and the topic will be, "What the Power of the Real God Can Do for You," and when I say the power of God I mean the power of God. I don't mean the power of any one of these twenty-five or thirty Crucified Saviors; the power of the spirit of God existing here

and now. The world hasn't yet caught the picture, but it is catching it. Men and women are catching it every day and that is the God I am talking about, to whom there are no limitations whatsoever. I am hoping to be here tomorrow night and talk about that kind of a God; it is so different from what we have had that I appreciate preaching about this living powerful spirit.

Following the five free lectures, and here's where I get "in dutch" with the churches as sure as I'm alive, I am going to hold five classes and I am going to have to make a charge for them. When I was asked to come down here and leave headquarters in Moscow, Idaho, it was done at a considerable sacrifice. I called the bank and said, "How much money can I borrow?" and my friend there asked, "How much do you want?" "I have to go to Los Angeles and put on a campaign and will need four thousand dollars." He said, "Okay, sign this note," and I got the four thousand dollars. The considerable advertising and the rent of this place at a hundred dollars a night has cost me to date over three thousand dollars and it will cost me all of the four thousand dollars before I get through. I am making a charge for the classes to help defray a part of this expense. The charge to those who are not students of mine will be fifteen dollars and ten dollars to those already enrolled with this movement. Now I suppose I could get down here on Los Angeles Street on a soap-box and preach this message and twenty years from today I would still be on a soap-box and the world would pay no attention to the message. When I started this movement I had absolutely nothing at all and my first aim was to put the thing on an absolutely sound financial basis. I take up no collections and I don't beg—I don't have to because people who listen to me and read what I write are awfully glad to pay for it. If you go down and buy a Bible or a book on theology you will pay for it, and I have a right to make a fair charge for whatever I do. In five years I have put this teaching all over the world. After this meeting these two ladies and the one in the box office will take applications for that class of five lessons,

personally directed and conducted by me. I am not asking anyone to attend them, you can please yourself whether you do or don't. The tickets will be on sale here every night by these two ladies and the one out in the box office. On Friday night, immediately following the last of these free addresses, the first of the classes will begin.

As you know, by business is entirely conducted through the mail. I have no churches and no tabernacles, but I am going to build a tabernacle in Los Angeles. It is one of the most remarkable things you ever saw that through this contact I have been fortunate to build up the following I have in these five years and the only answer is that there is truth in what I teach.

In coming to Los Angeles it has been a sacrifice of my time at headquarters that few people will realize. I put off coming and put off coming until certain of my students became so insistent that I finally decided to come and carry this message to the people of Los Angeles. In these classes I am going to absolutely lay down certain definite laws and give you certain principles whereby you can put the power of the Living God to work in your life. If the course of instruction is bought through the mail, the cash price is twenty dollars, or deferred payments—twenty-eight dollars. Giving it personally, I am giving that reduction. I wish I didn't have to talk money at all. I wish somebody in this audience would say, "Here's all the money you need." I would put out my teaching in pamphlet form that would sell for one dollar so that more people could get it, but I have to, up to a certain point, make a definite charge for these teachings. Up to the present time our advertising has amounted to one hundred fifty thousand dollars this year, but this is all contracted for and I have no doubt but that our quota will be reached.

This entire movement is founded on a vision of God which first came to me in childhood at the tender age of three, when I was not willing to accept, or at least questioned, the orthodox philosophy offered to me by my father.

Last night was my first meeting in Los Angeles; thousands of people were

turned away. A good many are here now who were here last night. In that meeting I made some pretty definite statements, dynamic statements that have never been made from a lecture platform in Los Angeles before. Let me say this to you, I am not making any statement of any kind that I am not in a position to prove. That is in the back of my books and even though the message is totally different, even though the picture of God given by me is totally different, even though I said that the story of Jesus Christ was not true, you may bank upon it and be sure that I am in a position to prove that statement. In talking with a Presbyterian minister some time ago, I said to him, "You can't prove your story." He said to me, "I have as much proof of its truth as you have that it isn't true." "No, you haven't, you have no proof of any kind outside of your own church writings that it is true, and I have a ton of proof that it isn't."

Mark you this, only once in so many years is a new picture of God given and is the old orthodox picture challenged. That cannot happen every day, because we are all creatures of faith, you might say. It is not the believer who opens up a new realm of God and it is not the man who blindly believes and accepts who finds whatever new truths of God there might be, he is not the one who finds them. The man who finds a new picture of God, or the man who makes a new discovery in any line is the man who is willing to doubt and investigate a little bit. As far as the story of Christ is concerned, with all due respect to every organization preaching it, I take issue with it and am prepared to prove to any open-minded and unprejudiced audience in the world that the story is neither original nor true. Now, if that is a fact, let me ask you this question, am I not doing you and the United States a favor by trying to give the truth? You don't believe the religious philosophy that was taught two thousand years ago—that isn't suited for us today and am I not doing all of you a favor by finding the truth? If we are asked to rest our soul and body and everything else on a religious philosophy, haven't we got a right to challenge that philosophy if we

don't believe it, for it might be mistaken. There are organizations and preachers by the hundreds who do not believe the story they are preaching and are afraid to say they don't believe it because they are afraid if they did say it their job would be gone. Let us say once more, I respect every man's religious belief if that belief is honestly held. What I do not respect is the man who will get in the pulpit and preach a philosophy and then come to me and say, "Doctor, you know we don't believe that any more." What is he doing preaching it? A Baptist minister said to me sixty days ago, "I want to shake hands with you. Your ideas and mine are exactly alike and I know you are right." "I don't want to shake hands with you." "Why not?" "Because you know the church story isn't true and yet you preach it. How do you get by with your congregation and your Board of Elders?" And this is what he said, "When I come to fundamentals like the virgin birth and the resurrection, I don't preach them, I preach all around them." Men and women of Los Angeles, I could preach all around them too if I wanted to and if I had stayed by the denomination by which I was trained, I could occupy one of the largest pulpits in this country, but I am interested in getting right into the core of it and finding the truth. Only by getting into the heart of the entire structure will we know whether it is true or not and furthermore, if it should be that our present religious story is not true, then you may bank upon it that the truth lies somewhere else and I am saying to you that the picture of God as He exists has been totally missed because a substitute has been offered. It has been offered in good faith, but run the story back. Where did it come from? It took the church fifteen hundred years to decide what the word of God was and that was in 1545 at the Council of Trent. Up to that time they hadn't made up their minds what the canon of scripture actually was. I am saying, if that book, with all due respect to the Bible—it contains some of the brightest truths ever written and some of the rottenest lies ever written, but just the same, with all due respect to it and to you who accept and believe it,

let me say this, if it won't stand the acid test of your reason and is not supported by historical data, it is no book for you and me to rest our souls on.

There are plenty of people outside waiting to get in, so if anyone doesn't want to hear the truth we will not try to hold them. I said, if this story is true, if the book that tells the story is true, it will stand the acid test of truth and instead of preachers calling me up and telling me to get out of town, they will say, "Doctor, bring in all the arguments you have. My Bible will stand because it is absolutely founded on God." But they can't say that to me. So we have made an intelligent attempt to find out just what we have, and let me tell you what we have: We have a book composed of old anonymous writings called the Christian Bible and there are a score of other Bibles accepted by other religions with a far greater number of followers than this one, but it is a Bible. Take the New Testament, any part of it, especially the four gospels, and there does not exist nor has there ever existed one single original manuscript covering it. No one knows where they came from and the oldest thing there is in existence, are four old Bibles, the oldest dating four hundred and fifty years after the birth of Christ. What other evidence do we have? I am saying this to you, that if all of those miraculous things are true, somewhere there is history for them for there were historians at that time writing down in detail church history and religious history and in over two hundred of them there wasn't a single one of them that mentioned Jesus Christ. The first mention of him is by Tacitus one hundred forty years after he was dead. I am telling you that if that man was God and worked the miraculous things he is supposed to have worked there would be some reference somewhere, but you do not find it, and you can not go to church writings for proof of the story any more than you can go to Mother Goose for the proof of those stories. You have to bring outside evidence in to bear on that story and then if you can't prove it you might as well discard it as far as you and I are concerned for the soul of the human being is too

precious a thing to gamble with. Before I get up in the pulpit and preach one sermon trying to get men to believe the story of Jesus Christ, I would have to be far more sure of my ground than I am tonight.

After going through Bible School one of the professors said, "Frank, we want you to be very careful and very humble." I said "Why?" "Because the Lord has a wonderful work for you to do." "What do you think it is?" "You are going to carry the message of the gospel to the four corners of the earth." "I am not," I said to Dr. Stevens. They had taken me and paid my expenses to get me to study for the ministry. A wealthy man had paid all of my expenses. Dr. Stevens asked, "Why?" and I said right back to him, "I am not sold on the story." He said, "What do you mean?" I said, "I mean just exactly what I say, I have asked you pointed questions in class and you haven't answered them satisfactorily, and furthermore, while I have accepted everything you have taught me I have been doing some investigating on the outside and I am not sure there is any truth in that story." That is what I told the professors. So I gave years, many of them, to the investigation of that story, and if this is the last public appearance I make, I am saying to you that the evidence is against the story ever having been true. Here's the crime. In offering that story to men and women the truth has been kept from them. They have erected a barrier between the human race and the God of the human race. This story tells you, "Take this or nothing at all, there is no other way." I wouldn't enjoy heaven if I had to go there by the direct butchery of one man for the rest of the world. I wouldn't want that, but they come along and say, "God in his infinite mercy came down to the earth in the form of a man and if you believe that you will be saved, and some time in the future you will know God." I am nailing that lie! I am saying to men and women throughout the world that it isn't true—that you do not have to wait until you die to know God—that you can know him here and now and still keep everything that is beautiful, everything that is holy, and everything that is true.

Keep the Bible but put out of the way everything that stands between the soul and God, for you need no mediator.

Last year, and the preachers won't like this, last year at the Federal Council of Churches of Jesus Christ in America there was put out a questionnaire to twenty thousand preachers asking them what their attitude was on war. Get me, this is a matter of record and was printed in every newspaper in the United States, sixty-seven per cent of them said that they didn't believe in war and wouldn't take up a gun in defense of this country if the nation's peace were threatened. I would! I would be glad to fight for that flag and what right has that kind of man to be selling or peddling religious beliefs to you or to anyone. If I had my way I would run them out of the country.

Did it ever occur to you that there was something wrong with the religious structure of our land? Do you think it is perfect? Do you think it is discovering the power of the God they teach in the church? We are sent ambassadors through the holy organization of God to teach us that the divine spirit of God operates through us and is supposed to have been doing that for two thousand years, but look at the mess we are in.

I am going to send this message to every minister in the City of Los Angeles now and their representatives can take it if they want to. The church structure as it exists today is founded on fallacy and knows nothing whatsoever of the power of God. Now take that home—and the pity of it all is that the picture of God as he exists is a picture which, if they could only see it, they would grasp so fast it would make your head swim. All you need is one little part of the truth of God and men and women grasp it.

There are preachers in town tonight who would look over their audience and fish out fifteen or twenty to come up and be saved and the rest of you would certainly be out of luck. There are ministers who would do that and are doing it every night and they get a few poor suckers to come forward. I did something in this house last night, those of you who were here know it, that has

never been demonstrated in any church in Los Angeles. I asked every man and woman in this house who wanted to know the power of God without that story of Jesus Christ to rise and fifteen hundred people rose. I didn't have to beg them to do it, I staged no theatrical performance, I talked as man to man. I could ask everyone of you who would like to know the truth of God without that story to stand up and almost every one of you would stand, but you are not going to come down here and get down on your knees and ask some brethren to pray for you. What do you want to pray for? If God exists his laws and his domains can't be changed by anything you say. All the praying that has ever gone up has never gone up any higher than the roof of the building it has been offered in. So I say, let's get rid of that picture.

An old lady said to me this afternoon, "You remind me of Bob Ingersoll." I don't want to be classed with Ingersoll although I will say this to you, if Bob Ingersoll were alive today he would make his mark. Bob attacked falsehoods and lies but gave no creative thought to replace what he had torn down. If a thing is false it should be destroyed and I am going to keep on destroying early religious lies and falsehoods but I will replace them with the power of God, and you have to admit to me that the power of the spirit of God exists or there isn't any God.

There was a time in your life when you were nothing more nor less than a combination of two tiny bugs. One was the sperm of the male and the other the ovum of the female and your parents complied with the law of God. Never mind the story about being born in sin. They complied with the law of reproduction and after that law was complied with some power, some super-intelligence came into the picture and took complete charge of the building operations at that time and nine months later there was presented to the world a beautiful child. Yet your parents had nothing to do with that after the first initial act. Let me ask you this question—do you think for one moment that after the doctor spanked you on the "bee-hind" and you gave your first yelp

that that intelligence said, "Okay, paddle your own canoe from now on. I brought you into existence; the rest is up to you." The power that gave you life was the power of the spirit of God and it still gives you life, and if you don't use it for everything you want in this life, you are missing the picture. Let me ask you, which is doing the better work of the two, the man who preaches that you were born in sin, a guilty lost sinner from the day you showed your nose upon the job and then consigned you to hell unless you believed a certain story, or the man who says that the spirit of God is free without any hindrances, you don't have to believe in creeds, wine or anything else to know God. He put you on the earth and has stayed by you ever since and because of these old pagan doctrines and philosophies you haven't been able to see him, but thank God! men and women are throwing the old policy overboard and really trusting God.

What is the sense—what is the use of God coming down to the earth in the form of one man to save only those who believed and damned all of the rest. That story was hoary with age before Christ was heard of and if you think it wasn't, I will give you the names of Crucified Saviors before the time of Christ in my lecture Wednesday night and let the college professors bring their notebooks along, for I will shut them up, but that is the power they are preaching today and that is the power they pray to. Everything is in the name of Jesus Christ. They never offer a prayer that they don't end it with "in the name of Jesus Christ." They don't know that he ever existed and if he did exist and if God chose that method of demonstrating His power to the world, that man died a long time ago, and I maintain this that God can operate without any such stories as that and if He can't there isn't any God. The preacher will come up to you and say, "Brother, are you a Christian?" "I am not a Hindoo." "Where were you saved?" "What do you mean?" "Where did you experience conversion?" "What do you mean?" "Where did the power of God come into your life? You have to be saved; you were born in sin. When did you experience conversion?"

If you can't give them an answer they simply don't understand how you can talk about God if you aren't a member of any church. Where did they get any monopoly on the power of God? Their own organization says they have but my organization says they haven't and I have just as much right to speak, and will continue to speak, as any church organization. I am a religious organization too, believe it or not.

Here's the situation, my friends—the poor old church knows that it is awfully sick, but it doesn't know what is wrong with it. It has called in specialists, but they are afraid to be honest enough to come out and say that a mistake has been made. They would rather hang onto the old traditions, even at the sacrifice of the power of God, than they would preach the truth and I only wish tonight I had the organization they have, I would start a movement for God that would swing around this world. They might just as well have so many sickly stories of India, for all the good it does them, for by their fruits I shall know them, for wherever the spirit of God works, wherever it is, you will know it and the truth of the message given in the spirit of God will be instinctively recognized and known, and furthermore, if a change does not come in the religious structure of this country pretty quick there won't be any religious structure left. You have Communism and every other kind of an 'ism and you see the church sticking its nose in politics, where it hasn't any business to stick its nose. You saw for the first time in the history of this country a Protestant, a Jew and a Catholic united to beat a man who should have been Governor of California. Any man who preaches a philosophy of life that puts all men on the level is preaching the truth of God, whether that man's name is Sinclair or Bob Ingersoll.

Some years ago I wrote a letter to a very famous radio minister, S. Parkes Cadman. I said, "I am a very ignorant young man but a very honest young man. I want to know the truth about the Bible. Will you please tell me how it happens that if Jesus had no earthly father how could he possibly have any of Job's blood in him and be of the seed

of David?" And what do you think he replied? "Dr. Robinson, you know and I know that you can't take the Bible too seriously." Why doesn't he put that over the radio? Do you call that honesty? I have that letter locked in my safe at home and I would pay anyone five hundred dollars to try and get it. If every preacher in this town were honest he would be able to give you incontrovertible evidence of the truth of the story he is asking you to believe. If he can't give you that evidence don't have anything to do with him, because if he can't prove it, it isn't true.

I understand that the Ministerial association had a meeting today and I have been trying to figure out all day why they didn't invite me. You know I don't want to ridicule anyone and I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but the time has come when American people have got to recognize the power of the spirit of God which is dog-gone far away from anything the church recognizes as the truth of God.

(Interruption from audience).

"You can rent the hall for one hundred dollars a night when I get through." Here we have a sister who believes that old story that all men were born in sin and shapen in iniquity. That is a lie and never was originated by God, but that is the only thing that the church has left. If man didn't have original sin there wouldn't be any need for the cock and bull story of the savior like the church has.

I said last night and I will repeat it tonight—in my home are two of the most beautiful children and I would plug the preacher or priest who told me there was any sin in the lives of those children when they were born. It is a clever scheme, for without the original sin there is no need of a savior, so I am going to discard the original sin idea and the savior will automatically fade out of the picture and when he does what have you left? You have the human race and its God and leave them alone and they will get together without the aid of preacher or priest and when the power of God comes into a human life, everything that is rotten goes out. I will tell you that. You won't find them

sitting in their offices trying to sell you phoney stocks and bonds, if the spirit of God is manifest in their lives. All these world movements are heading up until the times right now demand a true picture of God and the man who can present it, I am telling you, will fit right into the head of the picture. The other stuff has got to go. They made short work of it in Russia. I am not in favor of such Communism here, because the church situation is different here from what it was there, but I am in favor of making this thing called the church prove its story or shut up shop and the story cannot be proven. The church says, "Take it on faith." Why should I? I have a far more sane and logical definition of God than that. Why should I take that story on faith? If the story is true they should say to me, "Here is the story and here is the evidence." But they don't do that and I come along and say, "Out of the way with that story, here's a true story and here's the evidence." And the evidence of the truth of that picture is that in one year it went into sixty-seven countries and this town is full of students who would go to Halifax for me and back again. A universal God operating directly in the lives of human beings and present here and now. Never mind beyond the tomb—that is a good out, that is the only excuse they have—"You won't know Him here, you will up yonder." Stories of God, harps, angels up yonder, anything to get your mind off the idea of the spirit of God here and now. Men's minds will not be taken from the idea of the spirit of God here and now, for they intelligently know that the human race has progressed to a stage where God is a living vital reality here and now and to contact or find that God, no church ritual is necessary. Do you know what is necessary to know God? Know yourselves, and in that thing called "You," if you will keep quiet long enough and be honest enough, right in the center of that you will find God, regardless of what the church says.

You know, pretty soon a movement for God is going to be started and every member of that movement is going to live moment by moment and day by day in the power of God and the old church

is going to open its eyes and say, "What is that? What is the power behind that thing?" And the answer is going to be, "Here are American men and women, with an American religion, who are brave enough and honest enough to believe in the present existence of God here and now. You can take the story of the cross or any other story away, you don't need it, you need God." That is the new vision of God which is breaking on the United States. Don't you think that that is a better picture than the other one? Don't you think that will get you farther? You give me one hundred men and women in the City of Los Angeles imbued with the spirit of God and I will swing this City of Los Angeles a lot nearer to God than it is today and you won't see the sin and you won't see the crime that you have today, neither will you see all the preachers ganging up on a servant of God, as they ganged up on Sinclair a few months ago.

Next Sunday I will be called every conceivable thing that these preachers can lay their tongues to, but the funny part of it is there isn't one single thing they can do about it, because I am the type you can't bluff and you can't scare. Do you know where my strength lies? In the American people. They take my truth and they know I have the vision of God and say, "I will stand by that fellow because he is revealing God to me."

I asked the audience last night to do a simple little thing before going to bed. I asked them to keep quiet, because, ladies and gentlemen, the story of Christ does not appeal to you—the story of God does appeal to you and the spirit of God will be manifest to you in the quietness of your own life, not in the hullaballu of Aimee's temple, not in the sawdust trail of Billy Sunday, but in the quietness of your life in its most elevated moments—there you will find God, and if you are in earnest to know Him you don't need to go to bed tonight without that consciousness. I said last night, and I repeat tonight, that man is the only animal, the only thing on the face of the earth that is capable of knowing God. There is nothing else that is mentally capable of knowing Him. Why in the sam-hill shouldn't they know

Him? Why should you have to go to some preacher or priest and have the sign of the cross made and pay him to save your soul, when this old world lies in your hands and God's hands and He wants to work through you, but He can't work through you if you allow a substitute to come between you and Him.

I want every man and woman in this house tonight, who is in sympathy with me before they go to bed to spend about fifteen quiet moments with God. Don't look for feeling, don't look for sensation, because God is an operating spiritual law and not dependent upon any kind of feeling. I want you to be quiet for fifteen minutes and dwell upon the fact that the great God power of this universe brought you into being, keeps you operating and alive and the very fact that you are the greatest piece of handiwork that he ever made and recognizing that presence and recognizing that power, go to your work tomorrow morning with a quiet strength, which will come from a recognition of His power. What a different day it will be. Consciously, always, recognize in your life the power of the spirit of God and it will amaze you what you can do. There's nothing supernatural about the spirit of God.

The story of the Holy Ghost originated away back yonder. Here is the story they tell about how parts of our Bible were translated. Old Pope Jerome sat translating and the Holy Ghost would come down in the form of a dove, fasten his claws in his head, stick his beak in his mouth and tell the Pope what to write and when he had a belly full he would fly away, and they are asking

you and me to believe a story founded on that sort of stuff. I don't believe that we are going to believe it. I am not. Quietness with God, a conscious recognition of His presence and a constant power will come into your life through such quietness and recognition regardless of whom you may be. Even a preacher can find that power and without praying for it either, for you insult God when you ask Him for something that He has already given. What kind of a God would He be if He could be changed by your prayers, or if He would withhold from you something that He will give you if you ask for it? A new picture of God! I think we need it. We are going to get it and this world is going to see the greatest religious swing toward God it has ever seen and those religious professors are not going to understand it, they are going to be snowed under. Here's what the result will be—not a millenium where any miraculous Christ shall reign here for a thousand years, but a race with every last one of us living up to the best in us as demonstrated by the power of God, and that means eternal life here and now, for when God is known to the full there can be no sickness, no illness and no death. That is an American religion and I am an American, happy to preach it, although all the churches in Los Angeles say, "That fellow is crazy," but I am just crazy enough to call their bluff and will keep on calling it until men and women by the thousands see the beautiful picture of the freeness and the fullness of God and say, "I will accept Him!"

Dr. Robinson's third Los Angeles lecture will appear in the next issue of "Psychiana" Quarterly.



TWO LETTERS

From Portland, Ore., comes this letter and we ask you if you wonder why we are so happy when every mail brings in such letters as this one is. Surely we have at least caught a glimpse of the REAL GOD behind the eternal scheme of things when such results as this can be accomplished.

Portland, Oregon,
March 18th.

"I take this opportunity of expressing to you my heartfelt appreciation of your **wonder-working** course. The realization of the **Presence and Power of the Living God** within and about me, and throughout all His creation is beginning to achieve splendid results in my life and affairs. Detrimental habits of long standing are beginning to quit me cold and I am truly grateful.

My comprehension and ability to receive and absorb and to act upon the truths of the Living God as unfolded by Dr. Robinson and "PSYCHIANA" is being enlarged each day and again I repeat, I am truly grateful."

WILLIAM J. KNIGHT.

If we received but one or two letters as the above, the veracity and authenticity of the statements as well as the personality of the one writing us might be open to question. But when such letters flood our offices, coming in every mail, and from every conceivable type of person, we are forced happily to admit that we are giving people the solution of the Living God. Bank presidents, college professors, Catholic priests, ministers, writers, laborers, teachers, nationally known singers, organists, physicians, dentists, lawyers, chiropractors—in fact every conceivable sort of profession and employment is heard from. The poor and the rich. The sick and the well. The happy and the miserable. And their story is the same. The mighty Power of the Living God (not the church god) is working wonders in their lives as He will in yours when you know who and what He really is. One of the joys of our life came the other day in the form of a letter from the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth. We give our

course of instruction to every prisoner in any penitentiary asking for it, making no charge at all. One of our students sent us the magazine published in the Leavenworth penitentiary, and it made us very happy to receive this brother's letter. We guarantee that with the Light he now has, he never will occupy a cell again in any penitentiary.

Now for a letter from a minister's son in Texas. Every morning our secretary piles up these letters on our desk for answering and we are taking these as they come and writing them up for this department of our magazine. You might ask what we do with the letters that are not so nice, but to tell the truth we don't receive very many of that sort. In the short year we have been distributing our teaching, we have received literally hundreds of letters like the above, and only about two of the opposite type. We will run one of these in shortly though. But what a story this letter tells, and how true to life. We know because our own father was a minister, and although his so-called "christian" teaching is now proven to be as pagan as hell, at that time he honestly believed it to be the truth. And so he handicapped us with such foolish teachings, and then whaled the old nick out of us when we refused to have them crammed down our throat. The town in Texas from which the letter comes is quite small so we will delete it. Every letter we publish, however, is on file in this office, and we usually do not change a word in them.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Possibly you thought only through curiosity you received my name some time back for the free lectures you sent me, but such in a way is not so, for I am very much in earnest in trying to find what you advertise as teaching people to find God, as He is called, yet what He is no one seems to know.

I am the son of a minister and attended bible school for 12 years during which time I am sorry to say, I could not accept the majority of what I was taught, being a fiery youth that I was it broke into my

everyday happiness to live accordingly as I was taught. When on several occasions I asked my teachers and also father, who God was, all I ever got for a reply was "HUSH—you mustn't ask such questions"—or—"We are not supposed to know." He said no one should ever see His face, etc. Even when I was a kid 15 years old and such answers as those were given me, a surging screaming rage rose up in my little addled brain, and I wanted to scream out, "What the h—l are you worshipping for if you don't know what you are worshipping?"

My father lived as near a "christian" life, I believe, as any man ever lived who took the bible at face value, yet in all his goodness and honor to the bible his last eight years on earth were hell. He was an invalid when he died, nothing went his way. Why, because he in all his goodness and faithfulness had not found God, to converse with him in his weakness, and his prayers went no higher than the ceiling like all the rest. I have never really prayed myself—my mother and sisters think it is awful that I don't, but of what use is prayer if you don't know where to pray to.

Dr. Robinson, I could talk to you all night on such subjects and show you things you wouldn't think a boy of my age would ever dream of, let alone think of. I don't even know if you will ever read this or not but anyway I wanted you to know how I felt about your good work. I am 31 years of age, have wife and four-year-old child, and it is my utmost desire to help my boy to be greater than I am. I would gladly take your course but I have not the money to spare. I like the trend of your lectures you sent me, but none can be complete till I find what has puzzled me for so long. If at any time you could write me a line or two, it would be greatly appreciated.

Hoping for you a crowning success in your field,

Sincerely yours,

PAUL _____

We were mighty happy to get that letter and the chances are by the time this appears in print, this young man is supremely happy in the absolute knowledge of the Living God, for we sent him everything we have with our compliments. How we wish it were possible to distribute this marvelous teaching and make no charge for it at all.

Had this letter been sent to either S. Parkes Cadman or Dr. Poling, the writer would probably have been chided somewhat for his honesty and doubt, and a lot of prayers would have gone up (to the ceiling) for this hopeless case. He would, in all probability, have been told to get down on his knees and search for

God until he found Him. But the young man has been searching now for 30 years, and with every facility at his command, seeing that his people are all "christians"—and still he hasn't found Him. And never will because he is looking for the wrong god and is looking in the wrong direction. He has wasted his time looking for the "church" god who, as we now know, never existed, and of course this young man wasn't able to find Him.

The letter, however, was sent to us and not to either Messrs. Cadman or Poling, and we are able to really do something for this young fellow by placing in his hands what we believe to be the actual truth about God. And if his case is like hundreds of others, it won't be very long now till he's either on a train coming over to see us, or writing us one of those wonderful letters we daily receive. I admire that young man's absolute honesty. His make-up must be something like mine, for I too refuse to believe such poppy-cock as the "church" hands out in the name of God. I am just foolish enough to believe that there is a mighty potent God in this world, which God can actually be found here and now, and about which God there need be no secrecy. And the "church" can howl and holler and rave about me and my work all it minds to, I'm here on this earth to show people the absolute fallacy of the "christian" god, and to show people the truth of the Living God. And just as long as we have the spirit of the Living God within us, then just so long shall we fight with every ounce of our might, this rotten heathen superstition which has been foisting itself on the people as the truth of God, when as a matter of fact, it is nothing more nor less than pagan mythology and superstition. And I'm not afraid to say so. Let the heads of the various religious denominations rave their heads off.

Thank God—in this marvelous country of ours—in which I was born and raised, the subject of religion does not enter into the constitution and we have just as much right to tell millions of Americans that they won't go to hell as the church has to tell them that they will go to hell. We have the same right to preach the Living God as the church

has to preach its god, and it would take a constitutional change to stop us—and we know it. I have a perfect right to take this young man in Texas who was born and raised in the church atmosphere and taught the church god, and tell this young man that the doctrine his father taught him is not so. To be sure, a holler goes up from the organized church. That's quite natural, for with this course of instruction going as it is going, and with the influence we are beginning to wield throughout the earth in 53 different countries, this, coupled with the widespread disbelief in any of the churches' teachings, is giving them serious cause for worry. They see the shekels being diverted from their pockets into someone else's and of course they holler.

But the fact remains that either the churches' teachings are wrong or they are right, and this country had better find out which. It has consistently led the world in other lines of thought and it will also lead the world in the religious line of thought and will be the first country in the world to actually demonstrate the mighty power of the Living God. It will be the first country in the world to tell the "church" that from now on it must either stand or fall on its own merits. And when that day comes, if indeed it isn't here already, the church will naturally fall by the weight of its own error, for it has nothing substantial on which to stand. And were it not for the credulity of its members it would have been buried long ago.

Here is this young minister's son who has spent many years in an honest attempt to find the church god and according to instructions too, but he has got nowhere. This man is honest enough to

admit that he got nowhere instead of making a hypocrite out of himself, and joining the church, telling others a lie and living a lie. I take off my hat to this young man.

And now perhaps you see something of the magnitude of the work the writer has set himself to do. "A Herculean task," stated one national magazine when writing us up. "But"—this magazine continued—"Dr. Robinson is a man of great courage, and is known as 'the thinker'." Well—we would need to have great courage to tackle what we have tackled, but we fortunately are of such a make-up that we neither bluff nor are we afraid, and we will stand alone with nothing but the help of God and our students, and before we get through, this marvelous teaching of ours which teaching is revealing GOD, will go round the world. When the time comes that the eye begins to dim; when the time comes that the hand loses some of its cunning; when the time comes that the brain will not react as quickly as it does now; when that time comes, and when we are called upon to lay down our arms, we shall rest secure in the knowledge that we stood alone on the mighty power of the Living God, and with a fearlessness born of God, we did our part in bringing the truth of God to the earth. Let no one deceive himself—this is not a rosy path we have chosen by any means. If it were rosy we wouldn't want it, for we must be active, and all the money in the world wouldn't tempt us to lay this work down. The zeal of the truths of God have eaten us up and we shall continue this warfare against organized paganism as long as we draw breath. We ask our students to stand behind us.



reason the church has nothing to offer anyone spiritually is because it possesses absolutely nothing of the truths of God. Its ministers choose a passage of scripture, and build thereupon a sermon according to their own ideas. These ideas they would have you and me accept as the truth. And out of this tangled mass of ideas, a different one for every different mind, you and I are supposed to find the way of salvation.

How much better would it be for the church to come out squarely and honestly and say that it does not know what the truths of God are. It will tell you that it doesn't believe that god made man from spit and mud, and in the same breath will ask you to believe that god so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not be damned but should live forever. It will tell you and me that it does not believe that Noah gathered together all the animals as the bible states, and in the same breath it will tell us that unless we be born again, we cannot see the kingdom of god. And one of these is as foolish as the other. And both are to be found in the bible.

It will tell you and me all about Paul and about Peter, and will show us just how to obtain "salvation" according to their plan, and at the same time the Roman Catholic is telling us that only their method is correct. And as Dr. Staub says: "the pitiful weakness of the modern church is seen in the ever-increasing number of absentees." Of course it is. And that's not all, for the day is coming, and probably is now here, when there will be practically no one attending church at all. The thing is bound to die a natural death. And for that matter, and as far as spiritual power and interest goes, it might just as well be honest with itself and the world and shut up shop right now, for it isn't fooling very many people. And

those of us who have discovered the great power of the mighty Life Spirit, those of us who have broken through the theological shell, know how very foolish and utterly unreliable is anything the church teaches. We agree with Dr. Staub, certainly. Where we differ is in the fact that we have honesty enough to come out into the open and deny that such practices can do other than stultify the mental powers and capacities of whosoever studies them.

For you know and I know that there is not a grain of spiritual light in such stories as the church gives us. You and I both know by personal contact with the lives of those who belong to the church and constitute its membership, and certainly if there is any evidence of their being, as they claim, linked to God through the holy spirit, you and I would see some evidence of it. But of course no such evidence exists. As a matter of fact, all the church is, is a body of people who gather together around a book called the bible, and worship (?) the god that bible tells about, and upon analysis, the god this book does tell about is so pagan, that any normal man or woman knows that such a god never had any existence at all. When the teachings and beliefs of the church are compared with those of other supernaturally revealed religions, we find them all about the same. They all have their god-man. They all have their virgin-birth. They all have their miracles. They all have the only way—there is no other way to be saved. And so it goes. And to Dr. Staub and to the thousands of other preachers throughout this wonderful land we say, either find out something about the Living God as he actually exists, or be men enough to shut up your religious shops, for to me personally, and probably to thousands of others, they are a pestilence and a blight on the fair name of America.

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