Ye Men of Athens

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"Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are too superstitious. For as I passed by, I beheld an altar with this inscription 'To the Unknown God'. He, therefore, whom ye ignorantly worship, the same declare I unto you"—The Christian Bible.

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INTRODUCTION

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FAR from the mad clamor, clash, and tumult of the city, out here in the wide open spaces where stand towering pines . . . majestic in their beauty . . . wise with the growth of centuries, lies the little city of Moscow, Idaho, peacefully nestling close to the bosom of nature. For nature is peaceful here in Moscow. These pine trees rise like guardians of the little city . . . they seem to stand there to protect it from the noises of the beyond. They are dismayed not by the fierce winds or rising gales, which, ever so often sweep across this peaceful scene. Instead, with passive grace, they sway and nod benignly in their contentment. They are far-famed, these pines of Idaho; and the aspens quiver to the gentle swaying of the breezes. The beautiful corn-fields, brilliant in their autumn ripeness, lend to the beauty of the scene. Here, great acres of richly planted soil are turning golden with promise of a great harvest.

It is to this little city of Moscow that we shall take our reader. There, we shall pass a few hours together. In this city of peace, carefully guarded by these tall nodding swaying pines, we shall see if we cannot find the peace which comes from communing with the God of all nature. We shall try, as we muse here together, to bring to this sad, war-torn world in which we live, something of the calm assurance of peace, happiness and joy which is soon to break o'er this troubled world. A glorious gleam will light your path after your short sojourn here. You will go away—knowing the peace that passeth all understanding. The Peace which is God.

Countless thousands have turned their eyes this way. Countless thousands who have never travelled these Idaho plains have found peace too, for the message which is going to the far corners of the earth from this little city, is the
message which the world has long waited for. Many thousands have been unable to attempt the journey to this land of wide open spaces; but they have found the peace which all try to find, through the written word, emanating from this spot of beauty. Countless thousands have turned their footsteps this way. They came puzzled and dismayed . . . caught in the whirlpool of doubt and fear which has the whole world in its grip. Before they left, they found themselves lifted into a sanctuary of certainty. And there they nestle . . . sublimely content in their new found security and peace.

Peace does shed its wings o’er this fertile land. Every day seems a day of rest. A glorious hidden light seems to serve to guide the footsteps of those who travel here. Each sabbath, the solemnly tolling bells call the worshippers together; for there is a wealth of churches here. They meet to meditate. They meet to see if they cannot find somewhere, that sense of rightness and security the whole world is seeking. They are much more apt to find it here in this city of peace and quietude.

From all corners of the earth they have come. Many were tossed relentlessly on a sea of doubt. Many had been engulfed by the maelstrom of fear. When they came, they were discouraged. They had no tangible faith on which to lean; but they found peace. They found that “Inner Voice” which, from the stillness of the depths of their own souls said unto them “What is it? . . . what is the matter? . . . why do you fear?” And they found the Great Spirit. They went away, confident in the ability of that Great Spirit to satisfy the longings of their souls. And they were not disappointed. They found the True Spirit which may be called God.

Cannily, the Great Spirit they had found began to unwind her cocoon of life. She had subtle ways. Buds burst forth from their dormant hiding at her bidding. Birds came winging to lend their sweet notes of harmony at eventide, sublimely content in their song, and in their confidence of the Great Spirit to provide. Truly, the place to give birth
to a great Spiritual Movement, through which the world shall know, after these long, trying centuries, the Presence of this Great Spirit—God.

Millions have heard the message which has gone throughout the world from this fair little city of Moscow, Idaho. They stand all over the world as witnesses to the sublime Power of the Great Spirit to bring them peace. In the midst of this the greatest of all Spiritual Awakenings, they have come. Wanderers from the mists . . . not knowing whither they were going . . . seeing not beyond their own futile hopes. They had sought in vain for some thread of faith which might lead them to the goal of their ambitions. They had looked in vain for some faint ray of light which they could grasp with a firm hand, but, like the wandering dove that found no repose on the earth, sadly, remorsefully, they had given up all hope. They had despaired of even entering the haven of peace they found when they turned their eyes to this little city of homes and churches.

Here they have found peace. They have found the Source of Infinite Power. They came here to find these things, and they left, overwhelmed with joy. They came bewildered . . . they left radiant with happiness and buoyant with new hopes. They had found God through the simple message of a simple quiet man in Moscow, Idaho. Some of them said when they came “Oh, but my problems are too great! I am beyond the scope of human aid”. But they too found the Spirit of Infinite Peace which this Great Spiritual Awakening is bringing to the world. They found Power. They found Joy. They found an abundance of spiritual and material blessings at their right hand.

They came with spirits crushed and bleeding. They came with bodies racked with pain; they found surcease from suffering; they found their spirits renewed in a blaze of hope and glory, as they found God. Baffling indeed are the ways of human flesh. It will labor and strive; it will toil far into the night, forgetting all else than the goal of its ambitions. It will endure endless sacrifice, if haply it might find that peace and tranquility it instinctively knows
is... somewhere. Then, through many and devious ways, the footsteps of these wayfarers have turned to this little city; and they have found that peace which comes only from the Realm of the Great Spirit.

The University of Idaho nestles hard by. Over the slopes of its campus the late Senator William E. Borah loved to ramble. Many a time he visited the home of the man with whom we are to spend a few hours. There is a low-lying comfortable chair in this home, in which the late beloved Idaho statesman loved to rest. It is the favorite chair of the man we shall shortly meet.

I want to relate a rather amusing incident concerning Senator Borah and little nine-year-old Florence, the daughter of Dr. Frank B. Robinson, for, as you have perhaps suspected, that is the man who will speak with you through this book in just a few moments now. There is a gentleman in Moscow who wears a toupee. He looks well in it. Recently, little Florence and her mother were in a local barber-shop awaiting their turn. The gentleman with the toupee entered, and, after speaking to the few customers, proceeded to take off his toupee, and hang it on a nail which had been conveniently placed for that purpose.

Florence’s eyes opened wide. “Oh—Mamma” she said as loud as she could and in her most excited voice, “that man took off his hair and hung it on a nail”. Everyone in the barber-shop convulsed with laughter, naturally, although they tried to hide it somewhat as they tried to spare the feelings of the gentleman with the toupee.

Shortly after, while the late Senator was resting in Dr. Robinson’s favorite low-lying chair, Florence entered the room and the Senator called her over to him. “Come and sit on my knee and give me a big love,” he requested. Florence at once went over, climbed up on the Senator’s knee and put her arms round his neck. Looking up at his hair, quick as a flash she clambered down out of his lap and went over and threw her arms round her Daddy’s neck. Surprised, Dr. Robinson said to her “Why Florence—what’s the matter? You go right over and sit on the Senator’s knee again;
he likes you". Slowly Florence retraced her steps, and once more climbed on Senator Borah's lap. Coyly looking up at his hair she said "You doesn't take your hair off and hang it on a nail does you?" The Senator assured her that he did not, and all was serene from that time on.

However, this introduction is not a biography of Dr. Robinson. I merely mention this little incident in passing. We have far more important things to talk about; so let me finish my introduction as speedily as possible in order that we may get into the message Dr. Robinson has for this world; for he has a message, I assure you! and this message has gone round the world in the most amazing manner. It will finally bring the world to God; and that is something no message from anyone has been able to do yet.

I count it a distinct privilege to be asked to write an introductory statement to this book. I do not feel that I am qualified to do this. Yet, as Assistant Director of what is the fastest growing religious Movement in the world, and as the "next-in-charge" to Dr. Robinson, I cannot see how I can gracefully refuse his request. This man is already internationally famous. The eyes of the religious world are focused upon him. The Movement he heads has not been in existence long enough yet for the entire world to know of it; but it will be known for what it is; and that, very speedily.

To few men has international acclaim and success come as speedily, as it has come to the author of this book. Few men have been so abundantly blessed as he has; for it is a blessed thing to be able to bring to a dying world the message which will save it? Deeply religious by nature, this man all his life tried in vain to find God. He tried every avenue offered by many religious organizations whose claims are that they, and they alone know, and offer the true solution to this world's ills, and the "one and only" pathway to God. But he failed to find God anywhere, and none of the organizations through which he tried to know God were able to supply that knowledge.

Then, after nearly forty years of heart-rending search,
he did what few ever do. He began to think. As a result of his thinking, this world has been given a religious Movement which, in the next few years, will bring to it the conception and the Power of God for which the world has ever sought, but has never been able to find. For, in spite of how much we of the church love the institution, the fact remains that it has failed in its task of revealing God to man. H. G. Wells recently said—“Civilization will not sink five years from today, it will not sink one year from today; it is sinking now”. That could not be possible had full recognition of God been brought to the world by anyone; and Dr. Frank B. Robinson was the man for this hour of need.

As a result of the thinking Dr. Robinson did, The “Psychiana” Movement, in its first year, went into sixty-seven different countries. In the United States alone, today, there are more than 12,000 different cities, towns, and villages where may be found, in each, from one to more than ten thousand members of this Movement. Yet it has no church building; it has no ministers; it has no meeting-places, with the exception of a branch office in The Hague in Holland.

My life has been dedicated to the service of the Methodist church for more than forty years. I was president of Montana Wesleyan College for fourteen years, and president of Gooding Methodist College in Gooding, Idaho, for nearly eighteen years. I was school inspector of the State of Montana for several years, and for the past few years, before being associated with Dr. Robinson, I was president and director of the Idaho Institute of Religious Education at the University of Idaho. While not first called to do the work Dr. Robinson is doing, I feel I am qualified to pass on the merits of it. I do not hesitate to make the statement that I have seen more of the works of God and received more words of gratitude in the few years I have been associated with Dr. Robinson, than in forty years of religious education and public school work.

What Dr. Robinson will say to you in this book will astonish you. It will sting many, I assure you. But the
prick of the hypodermic needle stings when diphtheria antitoxin is administered. Yet, diphtheria antitoxin is the only known remedy for that deadly disease. If what Dr. Robinson writes stings, let me assure you the sting will soon be forgotten in the joy of knowing the glorious revelations of the Power of God this man will bring to you. He will never try to hurt anyone’s feelings. Nevertheless, he will bring his message of God to the world, regardless of how many or who it stings; for he is the most plain-spoken man I have ever met, and he is also the most kind.

However, you may rest assured, that this man’s life is on the altar of service for God. He knows nothing else; he works far into the night, wears himself out, and tears himself ruthlessly to pieces in order that he may do a good job of bringing to the world the Truths of God which can save it, before he is “ordered home”. How he stands it, I do not know. What he does would kill the average man, yet today, Dr. Robinson is in the pink of condition, and can do more work than any two men I have ever met.

I know all about Frank B. Robinson. I knew him in his youth, more than thirty years ago. In writing an introduction to “Gleams Over the Horizon” by Dr. Robinson, I said “A true friend is one who knows all about us, and likes us just the same”. That is the kind of friend I want to be to the man with whom I have the honor to work.

Now, I turn you over to my friend. Read carefully what he has written, for he knows whereof he speaks. If we, here in Moscow, can be of any assistance to you in your search for this true picture of God, please let us know. When the true Light dawns in your life, then spread the good news as fast as you can. Ours is not the job of saving the whole world. No one man can do that. Ours is the job of sowing the seed. If the seed fall on fertile soil, it will bring forth an abundant harvest, and through these priceless truths, the entire world shall be brought to a knowledge of the fullness of the Power of God.

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Chapter One

THERE MUST BE ANOTHER GOD

DR. TENNEY has painted a peaceful picture of Moscow, Idaho, in his letter of introduction. It is peaceful here. I wish the rest of the world was as full of peace as this little community is. But it is not. For the war-dogs are loose. Human beings are being blown into eternity ruthlessly, and human life has no value at all to those forces which recently have manifested on the earth, believing that “Might makes Right”. I confess I do not understand their appearance—so many of them at once. But they are dangerous. That philosophy will drive every semblance of peace and happiness and God from off the face of the earth if it is not checked, and none can say with certainty that it can be checked.

The minds capable of engineering such modern implements of destruction, certainly cannot be limited in their ghastly inventions. We do not know what they might have “up their sleeves”. We do know that if they should come into control of this world, life will not be worth living. For no permanent peace can ever be brought to the earth, if it is based on a foundation of wholesale murder. The spirit of permanent peace must stand on the proper basis and foundation. And war is not that foundation. In other words, peace comes from within man. It cannot be forced upon man at the point of the sword.

Dr. Tenney alluded in his wonderful introduction to a recent statement of H. G. Wells. I agree with that statement. Civilization, as we have known it, is sinking now. It may sink completely. But I do not believe that any civilization set up by any “dictator” at the point of the sword will ever endure. If that sort of civilization is forced upon the world at the point of the sword, the world and the people will be kept in subservience to it at the point of the sword. Permanent peace cannot be
brought in, in such a manner. So, looking at the world as it exists today, the future is not easy to contemplate. It holds little hope. Yet I find it full of hope. For while it is obvious to any thinker that no permanent peace can come at the point of the sword, it may be that these war-mad dictators, and others, who seem to value human life at such a low price, can be brought to their knees, and a permanent, lasting peace brought to the earth, in spite of their faith and confidence in the ultimate permanent triumph of arms. No man can state with certainty that in the present holocaust that any one side will win. The Allied forces may win, and they may not win. If they do not win, and these totalitarian monstrosities are to be the order of the day, then these United States had better note carefully what is going on. For if Hitler wins the war, the first country he would take from England would be Canada, and that would be bringing these damnable doctrines a bit too close to home for comfort.

The Monroe doctrine requires the U. S. to fight if a foreign soldier enters the Americas. And I believe they would. But can we say with assurance that the United States could win a war against all totalitarian nations? I don’t think we could. Certainly today we could not do it for we are not the type of people who have made designs on the territory of others. But we have on the earth today, those whose sole aim and object seems to be to rule the world by brute force. They have even gone so far as to write a book, and prophesy in the book what they would do. And the dangerous part of the whole transition through which humanity is going lies in the fact that so far, these nations have done exactly as they predicted they would.

I do not blame the individuals of any nation. They do not want war. But they are living under governments headed by individuals who, through some mental process or other, have decided that they can rule this world by force. What brought the advent of these men, I shall not deal with in this book. There is a far more important problem to be discussed.

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I believe these totalitarian ideas and ideologies to be false in their inception, and I believe them to be impossible of fulfillment. To live under such a world regime would render the whole human race nothing more than serfs and slaves. It would admit that the rule of force is the most powerful thing in the world today. As a religious leader I am not prepared to admit that. If the day ever comes when brute force is to be the dominating factor in this world, it will destroy itself. For human nature is so constituted that it longs for freedom. It will not forever settle down under the rule of any dictators, whoever they may be. The seeds of decay are in that philosophy, and therefore it cannot and will not survive.

But if it cannot be beaten by force of arms, with what weapon are we going to beat it? Personally, I believe, as I write this, that these totalitarian nations will be successful. I believe England and France will go down. What then? Certainly these mad-men will not stop with what they have stolen from others, leaving the United States alone. That will never happen, for danger to us may be closer than we dream, now. So I repeat the question— "What will happen to us here in the U. S. if Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini and Japan win this war?" That question is pertinent. It must have an answer.

I believe the answer to that question exists. I believe the next few years will bring to this world an era of peace, joy, and happiness such as it has never seen or enjoyed since civilization began. It does not look that way now. But I believe that will all come to pass. If it does not come to pass, civilization is permanently doomed. But what then, can it be, which is not brute force, yet which can defeat brute force as that force is manifesting on the earth today? Certainly nothing we have known anything about in the past can be called into play against these forces of wrong. I know of absolutely nothing this world knows about which can defeat force of arms, except a greater force of arms. But that is not what I am talking about. These forces, if one may call the ideas at the back of these armies, forces,
are not the forces of anything good. It is never right to kill. It is never right to steal the country of another. It is never right to blow human beings into eternity by the submarine or the bombing-plane or by any of the rest of inventions of war. That is never right.

I am aware that there are arguments on each side of the present conflict. I am aware of the fact that the German leaders may be honest in their aims and intentions to “defend their land against Britain” and I also know that the English really feel that Hitlerism is a menace. I might even agree that Stalinism, with its Godless philosophies actually thinks such philosophies are right and true, and I'm not going to be the one to tell any of them that their particular stand is wrong. What I am saying is that war is never right. No civilization can be set up on a basis of the results of war, and a lasting peace never comes from such civilization. So then, when this war is ended, regardless of who wins, the world cannot help but be in far worse condition than it was in before the war started.

The idea behind war is wrong. Regardless of what injustices may exist on either side, brutal murder, opposed by brutal murder, cannot be the answer. And the reason it cannot be the answer is because killing anyone in war is wrong. Never can it be justified. It is my opinion therefore that if these forces and ideologies, etc., are to be replaced permanently on the earth, it cannot be done by war, but it must be done by bringing into play a higher power or force than that which rules and seems to control those in power who have set out to conquer the world by force of arms. To meet these threats of arms by more arms, simply means that the nation with the most men and the most deadly armaments “wins” the war. Nothing is settled that way. The one who loses may have been right. But if the other fellow had greater armies, and more deadly explosives, he would “win”, even though the ends of justice be defeated in his winning.

So then, I say to you that if permanent peace is to be brought to the earth, and it will have to come sooner or
later, it must be brought in, not by the force of superior armaments, but by a more powerful and higher conception of the moral values of right and wrong. The trouble is that in the minds of these European and Asiatic fanatics, their only philosophy is that “might makes right”. And just so long as they believe that, it would be useless to expect them to use other means than the sword and bombing plane and submarine, to accomplish that which they set out to accomplish. So no higher type of thought or morality can ever originate in the same place the higher thought or power, which can check these warriors, originates. If it could, they would not be fighting today.

This puts us up against the proposition that in order to stop this war and bring permanent peace to the earth, a higher force, or power, or moral law must come into play, and it must come from someone who does not hold that “might makes right”. Now where are we to look for this “someone?” From whence is this liberating power to come? Or is the only future we have to look forward to, a future rule by the sword with people kept in submission for fear of their lives? Can that be the end of humanity? And it is to try and help bring this higher power into play at this time that I write this book. For I believe that I have the answer to the problem. And when a man feels that, and when his experiences of eleven years, convince him, and many many millions more that he has the answer, that man should, with all the power of his nature, get that answer to the people just as fast as he possibly can. That is what I am trying to do. For I am convinced that this world has gone as far as it can go, with what morality and light it has today. And it is to bring to this world a greater morality and the knowledge of a higher spiritual power, that I write the book. I am convinced that this world has never known what either true morality or true religion is. We have had, and still have, many different forms of theology on the earth. But I do not believe the true conception of the higher moral and spiritual powers has even been given to this world by any organization,
religious or otherwise. If these higher values and this higher spiritual conception ever had been brought, this world now “would not” but “could not” be in the condition it is in. These “dictators” could not possibly have sown the seeds which have germinated in what we have with us today, which teaches that “might makes right”.

When I speak of “spiritual” values, I am not speaking of the religious beliefs of any system of religion. They may be true and then again they may not be true. The fact that they are “believed” has no bearing upon their truth or their falsity. In the current issue of “Life” magazine (March 24, 1940), there is a full page photo of the Pope of Rome standing with outstretched arms “beseeching God to restore honor among the nations”. Evidently the Pope did not have much faith in either his God or in his ability to persuade God to restore honor among the nations, for the caption of the article closes with this—“Three days after the Pope’s peace plea, the Vatican laconically announced that a special air-raid shelter, secreted under the Vatican courtyard was nearing completion, for the peace-seeking Pope”. Undoubtedly the Pope, with all due respect to him, felt that he had better play safe and build this bomb-proof cellar, just in case God did not do as he asked him to.

I feel that quite a lot of responsibility rests upon the head of the Pope of Rome, if his claims, some of them very astounding, are true. Just a few weeks ago this gentleman chided the American people for, as he put it, “not paying more attention to the only one authorized to act and teach for God”, meaning himself. I think that claim may be nullified by the fact that a few weeks later the Pope “beseeches” God Almighty to stop the war, and at the same time builds a bomb-proof cellar.

I do not think there is any question but what any higher morality or spirituality must inevitably come from God. And here may lie the crux of the trouble in the world today. God, as that Great Spirit which created all life exists, may be a good deal different in attributes and general character from those credited to God by what we know as “religion”.

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The world, so far as we know, has always been full of religion. It is full of it today. Yet notwithstanding the claims to "divinity" made by all of the world's many systems of religion, they do not seem able to bring to the nations, such a conception of God, or such a morality or spirituality which could bring this business of war to an end.

Without going into what God is at this time, I remind you that it is the negative forces of the world which have brought to pass a condition in which "might is right". And if those negative forces can be eradicated by a higher morality and spirituality, then certainly there must be some higher realm of morality and spirituality from which those higher forces must come. We have seen that the same channel of thought cannot germinate "war-thoughts" and "peace-thought". They are opposites. They come from different sources, and different schools of thought. Yet both are now struggling for the mastery, on this earth. The totalitarian school of thought denies the existence of any power higher than the power of "might". It ridicules the thought of God. Perhaps the reason it ridicules all thought of there being a "supreme being" is because it has seen so little evidence of such an existence. Perhaps it has mistaken the Creative Spirit for certain organizations which have claimed, without proof, that what they have offered is of God. And perhaps they were mistaken. If this happened to be a fact, there is still much hope left for the world. For, when the true conception of God is brought to the world, it is entirely possible that these "godless" totalitarian nations may be very eager and even anxious to accept that picture. It depends entirely upon our conception of God.

When I use the word "god", at this point, I mean whatever force, power, or spirit it must have been which manifested life on this earth originally, and which continues to sustain that life. For I do not believe life is either mechanical or automatic. Nor do I believe life was germinated here by any force, power, or spirit which we know today. The origin and source of life has ever remained a mystery, as
has the identity of the word I take that source to mean—God. However, more of that later.

The possibility must be mentioned here of there existing a higher source of morality, spirituality, and power, and there being no organization on the earth today which has had a conception of such a power either given to them, or brought to them by someone else. As we are informed by systems to religion, all there is to know of God is confined in their respective teachings. There can be no conception of God outside of their own. The Pope of Rome very actively and freely makes that statement. The opposing systems of religion say such a statement is not true. So where is the truth if those who say they teach it, cannot agree among themselves what that truth is?

It seems rather strange, but whenever and wherever wars have been fought, the name God has cropped up right in the middle of those wars. This may be very significant. In the world war, it was “Gott mit uns” on the one side, while the slogan on the British Royal Standard is “Dieu et mon droit”—God and my right. And when our own doughboys went over there, they carried in their pockets coins upon which is stamped—“In God we trust”. But the “Gott” the Germans trusted did not come to their help. They lost the war. Or did they? Regardless of how far in history we look back, in every war that has been fought, both sides called upon the name of God to bring them victory. The religions of each warring nation prayed to God or to “Gott” to bring their armies through successful. But no one wins in a war. We have seen that. And this leads me to believe that there is quite a possibility that the “Gott” or the “God” these nations depend upon for help, may be an entirely different entity from the Great Spirit who brought life to this earth in the first place, and to Whom we are to look for the higher morality and spirituality by which we can bring to the earth, a reign of permanent peace, founded on peace within man, and not peace by the sword. When this world witnesses a peace
“from within man”, that peace will be permanent. The peace of the sword never can be.

Several years ago, I saw an exhibit in New York, so gruesome that I have often wished I had never seen it. Yet it gave to me a very clear picture of what I wanted to know, and it helped me considerably in presenting to this world the liberating truths of the True God, which truths have had such a phenomenal growth during the past eleven years. This collection of relics consisted of a group of “instruments of torture” which one system used upon the “heretics” of another system of religion, or upon those who had no religion at all, in an effort to force their system of religion where it normally was not wanted.

The most gruesome of these contraptions was called “The Iron Maiden”. It was about 8 feet tall, made of metal, and it hinged on the side, opening up like a door. On the inside, both back and front, set about 6 inches apart, were pointed iron spikes about 6 inches long. The “heretic”, which meant “unbeliever” was stripped naked, placed inside the “Iron Maiden” and the door forced shut. Two spikes were so placed that they penetrated the eyes of the poor unfortunate who was having “religion” forced upon him. Several more penetrated his bowels. And so on. It is evident that none could survive the “Iron Maiden”. Yet that thing stands there in New York today and can be seen for 25c. The most gruesome thing about it was the fact that the “Maiden’s” ears were huge funnels, into which molten lead was poured in a final effort to induce the poor devil, man or woman, who was inside that thing. These were the practices of “religion” not too long ago.

There was a “bath-tub” on exhibition. It was on rockers, and had sharp nails driven into the bath-tub from the outside, ever few inches. The “unbeliever” was stripped, placed in the bath-tub with hands and feet tied, and rocked from side to side until he agreed to “join the church” which was inflicting such inhumane tortures on him or her. There was the “thumb-screw” and too many more devilish objects for me to spend more time describing. The point I wish to
make is that such methods were used by the "representatives of God" and not too long ago (the inquisitions) to bring a knowledge of God to the world. What we are offered today as religion, while it does not do those cruel things, is a direct descendant of it. The "god" is the same. And we may see that the "god" of this religious institution and the Great Spirit which is God, whose aid we are now trying to assure, are two different "gods".

It is just possible that the true conception of the Creator, whatever he may be, has not yet been brought to the earth, in spite of the many systems of religion, and in spite of the fact that the warring armies, as well as the religious organizations of the world, both call on God to help them win their wars, and to help them save the world. But we have seen that there is no known power on the earth today which is capable of even beginning to stop these ghastly slaughters. We hear the name of God, but so far as either knowing what God is, or having any confidence whatsoever in God—well—we just have not seen anyone, nor any system of religion which knows about that. And I am convinced that it is quite as useless for the Germans to call on their "Gott" and the English to call on their "God" as it is for the Pope of Rome, or any other spiritual leader, to call on his "Dio" or his "Maria". For it must be remembered that the Roman Catholic religion is an Italian system.

Somewhere, there must be another God. There must be a True God. A God this world has never known. A God these varying religions have never known. I believe there is. I believed there was eleven years ago, and I still believe it. In fact I believe it more now than I did then. For I have now the experience of seeing what has happened in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people all over the world. Now I know that there exists a God this world, and this God the church knows nothing about. Rather a stupendous statement that. Yet a statement which can be borne out by an overwhelming mass of evidence. Under the new conception of God, a new Power comes into lives. Peace comes too. Lives are changed as they have never
been changed before, and God, the True Spirit of God, becomes a living reality in those lives. I have, therefore, grounds for believing that there is coming to this earth, through this Movement, a conception of God which can and will bring to the earth, that higher morality and spirituality the earth so much needs. For that higher morality and spirituality are all that is needed to make wars, strikes, injustices, and crimes—unknown.
Chapter Two
GOD BEHIND "PSYCHIANA"

It is not my intention to waste any of your time by giving you a history of anyone in the Robinson family. Yet I feel that I must give you a few facts which help to lead to the Spiritual Power which is being manifested on this earth through us here in Moscow, Idaho. For this new conception of God did not spring into being overnight. It took many years of heartrending search before the Light finally broke. I am only happy that I had the bull-dog determination to seek until I found. For with this new and higher moral and spiritual conception of God, for that is really what it is, this world can now find complete surcease from all its sorrows. It can find, individually—peace. It can find God. And when God is found, all is found. Strange, though, this new and higher conception of God is entirely different from any conception brought to man through any religious organization on the earth today.

A civilization can rise no higher than its conception of God. And if the conception of God held nationally and internationally is so low that warring nations call upon it, then certainly that cannot be the true conception of God. If the conception of God held by the religions of this world is so low, that they tell us we cannot know God this side of the tomb, that cannot be the true conception of God either. The true conception of Deity must be so far and above any conception offered to the world by anyone today, that there can be no comparison. Different morals must be involved. Higher ideas and ideals must be there too. The conception must be universal. It must appeal, as truth, to the savage in darkest Africa, just as easily as it appeals to the most educated one here in educated America.

There can be no room for splits and 500 different organizations in one system of religion (as the Christian religion has) in the realm of the Higher and Truer God. When this new conception of God is fully grasped, it
will be discovered that this conception, contains in itself, an all-sufficiency of everything needed to bring to this troubled earth, perfect peace, complete happiness, and freedom from want. If the conception of God I bring cannot do that, it is not the true conception of God. Leave it alone. But it not only can do that, it does do that.

As I know God exists, there is no reason why this day, there cannot be universal peace and happiness on this earth, with wars a thing of the past. That is more simple of achievement than appears on the surface. All that is necessary to bring in that day is for the proper, the sensible, the true conception of Almighty God to be brought to the earth. That of course means that whatever conception we have today must go. Whatever these religious organizations have brought to us and offered to us as being of God, we shall have to refuse. For there is abundant evidence that none of these systems of theology, man-made they most are, can do anything towards raising the conception of Deity to a plane on which it can, by its own power, replace the conceptions usually accepted and taught on the earth today.

The different church organizations I believe, in the main, to be honest. But honesty and the true conception of God may be two different things. In this instance, they are. If the churches will accept the new conception of God which is being brought to the world, they may yet have an opportunity to live up to the True Light. In doing this they will have to raise their sights on God. What they have, and what for thousands of years they have offered to the world as being "of God", will have to be labelled correctly—"of man".

I was born and raised in the shadow of the Christian church. My father is a Baptist minister and is still living and preaching. From early childhood there has been in me, an intense desire to know the truths of God. This, entirely outside the efforts of puritanical parents who, with a Bible in one hand, would whale me within an inch of my life for every petty infraction of the rules I com-
mitted. So I am in a position to know the inner workings of a household wherein there lived—one who knew God. I am very frank to admit that nothing I ever saw or heard in that home convinced me that there was very much of God in it. There may have been a lot of the god the Baptist church worships, but there was none of the God I now know. What there was in that home, was a lot of the god of the church, but none of the true God.

The search for God though went on undaunted. Every travelling evangelist who came along could be sure of finding one “seeking soul” at the altar. Wherever I thought there was a possibility of finding out the actual truths of God, there was I in the midst of them. This search kept up for many years, and it embodied both Catholic and Protestant churches. It made no difference to me what church it was, if that church could satisfy the inner longings of my soul for God, that is where I wanted to be. I would be baptized. Five times. And, not having found any of God, I would at once start the search all over again, this time in some other denomination.

I shall not weary you with the details of that search. It kept up through the years, and as they rolled by, the more anxious did I become to know God. It was a passion with me. It was a soul hunger. It had to be satisfied. Form, theology, creed, ritual, all these meant nothing to me. I knew them all by heart. It was God I wanted, and God I set out to find. In Toronto, Canada, some years ago, one Dr. Elmore Harris, who was president of the Bible Training School, paid all my expenses through that institution. He had heard of my church activities. Being a millionaire, and a member of the Massey-Harris farm implement family, he naturally was very wealthy. He was a fine man. One day, calling me into conference with the deans and instructors of that institution, he said to me “Frank, we want you to keep very humble. We feel that the Lord has a wonderful work for you to do, and we feel that the Holy Spirit has been given to you in a great
measure. As a result of your ministry, this world will be drawn closer to the cross of Jesus Christ”.

I thanked the good brethren, for I knew myself that some day or other I should be leading a Movement of the Spirit of God, so dynamic that it would leave its mark on the world. What I did not tell Dr. Harris, nor any of the rest of the instructors, was that while I was studying the Christian bible in his school, I was studying other and comparative systems of religion somewhere else. I had been disappointed too many times in my search for God. I was not going to be disappointed again. Finally the day of graduation came, and I threw a bombshell into that wonderful group by telling it that I had not yet found God, and under no circumstances could I go out and preach until I had.

I remember a long conference with that board. The argument used on me was that I must accept the Christian religion by “faith”. Dr. Imrie used the illustration of the boat crossing the river. “Frank,” he said, “here is the Mississippi river—you want to get to the other side of it—here is a boat ready to carry you across—now how can you get across if you don’t get on the boat?” At that point I began to ask Dr. Imrie some rather embarrassing questions. Questions which he could not answer. For I was not interested in just another “belief”. I believed that God existed here and now, as a dynamic, literal, spiritual Power, and I believed furthermore that I, of all people, could actually find and know the living Power of God. That, however, was not in accordance with Baptist doctrines, so I left the Baptists.

I pounded a drum in the Salvation Army, and came almost going to the Army Training School as an officer. But still I had not found God. True, I stood there on the street corners of Belleville, Ontario, Canada, Sunday after Sunday, and told people I was “saved”, but the Army forced us to do that. I knew everyone in that corps. And I knew if they were “saved” so was I. For there was no difference in life or actions between us. They would drink
a glass of beer and so would I. But this did not satisfy me at all. So I took to the hills. And the sea. There, on some lonely mountain-side or beside the sea, Frank B. Robinson has spent many an hour, many a day, many a week, trying to find God. I besought God, as the Pope did the other day, to reveal his Power to me. But I kept on seeking. No light came. Nor did it come to the Pope either, I suspect, for a few days after he asked God to stop the war, he built a bomb-proof cellar. That was the way the God of the church, which God unfortunately I was seeking, used me, too.

Every so often I received a letter from some good friend who believes religiously in "orthodoxy", telling me the reason I had so much trouble was because I would not "believe". Of course I would not believe. There was nothing offered me to believe in. I had not found God, and I did not intend to go through life with a pseudo-god, nor did I intend to let the matter stay in abeyance, trusting to good fortune or luck to find God after I had passed from these shores. When I asked the representatives of these religious organizations "where is your God?" I answered by the statement that someone killed him 2000 years ago, but someday, soon, perhaps, he would be back again, and at that time he would straighten this whole mess of a world out. That was not the God I wanted to believe in, for I instinctively knew there must be a far more potent God than that, for instance, a God too big to allow anyone to kill him for any reason at all.

One of such letters came in today from a dentist in Atlanta, Ga. I will quote one statement from the letter of Dr. Allen:

"The church has lost the dynamic power you have found, but deserved to be pitied rather than condemned. They at least have preserved a form of godliness. Your 'Law', coupled to the stabilizing gospel of Jesus Christ, would stir the church as nothing else since the days of St. Paul".
I will grant you Dr. Allen that this is a fact. I will also ask you what good a “form of godliness” can do this earth in the face of the disaster so very imminent? This world is full of “forms of religion”. That’s all it has. And perhaps these warring “dictators” have mistaken these “forms of religion” for the true Power of the Spirit which is God. If that should be so, where does the responsibility for these ghastly wars lie? Your reference to Jesus Christ proves that you are a member of the Christian religion, and to you, all the truths of God are wrapped up in that religion. But why did the Pope have to build a bomb-proof cellar, after asking his god to stop the war? Can it be that all he has is a “form of religion?” I suspect that all this world has ever known is a series of “forms of godliness”, none of them having the Power of God in them.

This brother admits that the “dynamic power” in the “Psychiana” Movement would shake the church as nothing since the days of St. Paul has shaken it. But if it will do that, why confine it to the church? It will shake the whole world just as effectively, will it not? And does not the whole world need the saving truths of God—or are they just for those who agree with your system of religion? The Christian church has done everything it can do with what little power and experience it has. But that little is not enough to save this world. The conception of God is not high enough. We shall see later on just where that conception came from.

The years rolled by. I had married the youngest daughter of Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt of Klamath Falls, Oregon. One child had been born to the union—Alfred. He is now 17 years old and a wonderful pipe-organist. At that time the search for God was still going on. For many years I left the church completely alone, and did some investigating and much research work. But the desire for God was still there. And it was still unanswered. So I made up my mind to give the church one more chance to tell me what it had to tell me about God. I joined the First Baptist church,
services of which were held in the Auditorium in Los Angeles. That was a big congregation. The Rev. Whitcomb Brougher was pastor. Whenever he spoke, he would come out on the platform wearing a big diamond, and a spotlight invariably played upon him.

When I joined that church, there was quite a bit of skepticism manifested. I did not have even a job. It did not take very long for me to discover that I was not wanted in that church, having no job, and therefore unable to pay my way, so I took refuge somewhere else. I went home, broken-hearted and broken in spirit too. Here I was, forty years old, and from a tender age I had tried all my life to find God. The churches had nothing to offer but the “form of Godliness” Student Allen in Georgia writes about. And so my mind was about made up that there was nothing much to this “god” proposition. But I knew better. I could recount here, and make a book out of my sufferings and attempts to find God, but that must wait. I am anxious to tell my readers the good news. So then, that Saturday afternoon, no job, no God, nothing at all but a wife and small son, I decided to send Mrs. Robinson and Alfred home to her parents in Klamath Falls, Oregon. They were dark days indeed. But I am so very glad I was called upon to go through them, for as a result of my untiring efforts to find God, the religious conception of God will be raised, and a sensible, logical God will be presented to the world, and that God, the world will accept.

I stood there, all alone in that little home at 500 Laurel Avenue in North Hollywood. Wife and child gone—I could not even support them. And yet, in that moment of misery, my thoughts were still of God. I still knew God existed, and I still believed I could find God. Where?—I knew not. Perhaps, as one minister suggested, I had committed the unpardonable sin. Perhaps I was a doomed lost soul, destined to frizzle and fry forever in the midst of a burning fiery furnace. For this, too, I had been told was my lot. In any event, I looked up into the face of the blank heavens and uttered then the last prayer I have ever
uttered to either an "unknown" or a "known" god. "Oh God—if I have to go to hell after trying for forty years to find you, then I'll go to hell still trying to find you". This, in effect, was the prayer, the last prayer I ever uttered to my God. Yet that prayer seemed to lift the load, and instinctively I knew that I was on the way to find God.

And it did not take very long to find God either. For, strangely enough, the load I had been carting about for forty years disappeared instantly, and I was free. Hell-fire did not bother me from that day on. In fact nothing the religious organizations through which I had tried to find God—nothing they had ever told me appeared to me now as the truth. I knew, and I knew full well, that God, as that Great Spirit exists, is a totally different God from the one the Baptist church and other churches had taught me to try to believe in. The God I now found, was a very present help in that time of trouble. I was happy indeed.

Of course, it took quite some time to become used to denying that the god of the church is the God of the universe, but I had done plenty of studying in comparative religions, and everything dovetailed together so beautifully that there could be no mistake. I had found the true God. And the True Spirit of God was not the God of the church. What a revelation. What a discovery. What a change will come to civilization when the True God is made known to all mankind. Why I had to be the one to bring this revelation I do not know. God, I discovered, moves in many mysterious ways in working out his laws, and if I was to be a humble pawn for God—that satisfied and still satisfies me.

I do not believe you would want me to go into detail covering the days and the weeks and the months which went by, after I had found God. The work is well known all over the world today. And the work proves the vision was sure and clear. For the conception of God which broke upon me, takes in the whole human race. It is big enough for them all. In the Baptist church, and according to my friend the Catholic priest in the Catholic church, only
those who were “saved” and “baptized” and “a member of the body of Christ” could ever be finally brought to a true knowledge of God, and that could not be while they lived on this earth. It had to be somewhere “beyond the tomb”. Yet here was I, reveling in the newly found Power of the Spirit of God, and I knew that the whole world, regardless of what any church said, could know this power also. That, my friend, is true religion.

Any attempt to separate God from his creation must fail. Such attempts have failed. The condition of the world today is directly due to the fact that religious organizations have attempted to “save” the human race by making it conform to a god of their own making. For, as you have suspected ere this, the God of this universe is not the god of the churches. This need make none feel bad; quite to the contrary. For if the true picture of God has not been brought to the world, there still is hope for it. If the church has presented the true picture of God to this world, there is no hope for it, for that picture has failed. And it has miserably failed. But God does not fail. Therefore, the staggeringly important statement I am making to you now, that the God of the universe is not the God of the church—is true.

There followed here, quite a change in everything. The owner of the home had taken it back again, and I had secured a “position” or was it a “job” in San Bernardino, California, managing some drug-stores. If I remember correctly they were the “Allison” stores. I rented a little home and sent for Mrs. Robinson and Alfie as soon as I could. I remember the home, it was built as a model home, and faced the beautiful mountains of San Bernardino. I stayed at the drug-stores not long, for the Spirit of God had come into my life. I saw, and saw very clearly, what my duty was from that moment on. For the true picture of God had been given to me, and with the picture came the duty of passing that picture to the rest of the world. I knew at once that my name would be in the headlines from one end of the world to the other, and the responsibility,
especially when placed on the head of one who had made such a failure of life, seemed heavy. But with that responsibility came the absolute assurance of the Power of the Spirit of God—*in me*, and so plans were laid to begin what is now the fastest growing religious movement in the world. And this means that I am doing my duty as I should do it.

People come from all over the world to Moscow to see me. Every Sunday all summer long, cars from out of town by the hundreds can be seen driving slowly by the home, trying to see if they can get a glimpse of Dr. Robinson. If these good folks could only realize that Dr. Robinson is the same Frank B. Robinson he ever was, *plus the Power of the Spirit of God*, they would not come to Moscow to get a glimpse of me, but would be finding and using the Power of God themselves, and then, when they had found it, they would find some way of telling others. Let none think for one moment that I possess any super-ability. I do not. The only thing that can be said in my favor is that I had enough confidence in God to keep seeking him until I found him. And then, when I did find God, I discovered that it was an entirely different Deity from any I had ever been told about.

The Spirit of God is behind this Movement—there can be no question about that. But please let none make the mistake of thinking that it is because of Frank B. Robinson this Great Spirit is manifesting on this earth. Had not I found the truths of God, someone else, who probably could tell them to the world better than I can, would have seen them, and his, or hers would now be the task of directing this Great Movement of God on the earth. I do not crave honor of men. I want no one to come to Moscow to see me. I want to be left alone, with the Great Spirit of God, to do the work that has been given me to do “while it is day—for the night cometh—when no man can work.” And there is not too much time left. Unless the world catches this true picture of God ere long, I am afraid that the world may be forced to accept the domination of these war-mad dictators.
That will not be for long, but the war, even though it is in its fiercest stage now, could be stopped in 24 hours if those who know only the church God knew the actual Power and Presence of the Living God. For there is a difference I assure. A wonderful difference.

What is that difference, do I hear you ask? Let me tell you. The church God, and a hundred million followers can do nothing to help this world, or to bring peace to it. With the True Spirit of God—one man, coupled with that dynamic power, can bring to the world sufficient knowledge of God to stop all wars and save mankind from itself. Had the true God been preached by the Christian church, for only one year, we should all be living in a paradise now—and living forever too. And that doctrine was taught by the Hindoo 2000 years before the Christian church was ever heard of.

I at once began to lay plans for the distributing of the knowledge of the Power of the Spirit of God to the world. And here let me state that I was wise enough not to attempt to lead God. I had nothing more than a job. Certainly one cannot start a world religious movement on a job? But we did just that. The story in itself is remarkable. The Salt Lake Tribune called it “A story which fades anything Horatio Alger ever did into nothing.” The Portland Oregonian said “Whether we like it or not, here is a man and a Movement which will have to be reckoned with.” The Boise Capital News said “Whatever the source of this man’s Power, it must be potent.” For although I did not have $50.00 to my name, inside of one year, sixty-seven countries knew of this teaching, and had sent for information concerning it.

I cannot begin to tell you hundreds of newspapers and magazines have publicized the founder of this Movement and the Movement itself. Perhaps I may mention just a few, such as Time, Newsweek, The Editor and Publisher, Advertising Age, The Presbyterian Banner, The Lutheran Companion, The Sunday School Times, The Gospel Advocate, [34]
Walter Winchell, Westbrook Pegler, Harold Ross, The Milwaukee Journal, The Washington, D.C., Times-Herald, The Pathfinder, Everybody's Weekly, The Toronto Star—but I must stop. Yesterday, March 25th, 1940, our clipping bureau sent us 86 clippings from different newspapers, each of which has given headlines to the founder of this Movement, and each of which had published a cut. Today, the "Psychiana" Movement is not only the fastest growing religious Movement in the world, but it has, in a few short years, jumped up to eighth, I think it is, in size in America. One man and the True God together.

The trouble with present existing systems of religion lies in the fact that while they all want to know God, and while they all try honestly to do something for God and humanity, they set up the standard their God must conform to. They are not satisfied to accept God as that great spirit exists, they have to kill him, and then tell the world that it cannot know God unless it accepts their definition of God.

The Christian religion, for instance, calls every other system of religion "pagan." Why? because these other systems of religion do not believe that God Almighty was killed on a cross in the form of Jesus Christ. And you can reverse the system. Each system of religion in existence calls the others wrong, because they differ in the identity of God. Religions far older than the Christian religion had every detail of the Christian story 2000 years before a Christian or Christ were ever heard of. Yet in spite of this fact, the Christian religion tells the rest of the world that unless it finds God the Christians' way, it will never find God at all. The fact is that neither the Christian religion, nor any other system of religion knows anything about any god, other than a god of its own manufacture. Certainly the god of the Christian Church cannot be the God of this universe.

Leaving San Bernardino, I secured a place in Yakima, at the Pioneer Drug Store, and it was while in Yakima that the first faint outline of "Psychiana" began to take form.
Slowly, surely, working day and night, the outline was pieced together. Then, desiring to find another place to work where the drug-stores closed at 6 p.m., I sent a wire to the Spokane Drug Co. asking them if they knew of such an opening. A wire came back that there was such an opening in Moscow, Idaho, so to Moscow, Idaho, we came. I commenced work at the Corner Drug Store the following day.

Soon after arriving in Moscow, I borrowed an old typewriter from a dentist here, and later gave a clothes presser, Carey Smith $5.00 for it, for he owned it. As I worked in the drug store, I was thinking how best to put this new philosophy of God into print. I had never written anything before in my life. All I had done was to clerk in drug stores, and do far more distasteful work than that many a time. But here I was, I had come to Moscow to write something which would reveal the Spirit of God to the human race. I carried a little red covered note book in my pocket, and whenever I would get a thought, I jotted it down. At night, just after having arrived in Moscow, I would rent the dining room of the hotel and there would give "lectures" to the townspeople, and if you think that didn't take courage you make a mistake. But I meant business. I had found God. So what did I care if the good people of Moscow twisted their first fingers at their forehead? I had had an experience. I knew the Power of the Spirit of God. That's what I wanted to tell to the world, and, having come to Moscow for that purpose, I thought I might just as well start in. And I did.

Inside of three months I had written the first series of "Psychiana" Lessons on the Spirit of God. Then I faced the problem of naming the Lessons. I had, up to that time, no idea what the Movement would be called. Nor did I know where the money would come from with which to launch a world movement for God. And the funny thing about that is that I did not care too much. I knew that the Spirit of God would bring the money when I actually needed it. And it did. It led me in an amazing manner. Perhaps it will not
be amiss to clutter up this book by telling you the story of how the name "Psychiana" came to be in existence, and how the Movement got off to its start. It might interest you, especially how I got the name "Psychiana."

The complete manuscript of the first ten Lessons was written, and I think I had about $35.00 in the bank. Throwing the Manuscript on the kitchen table in the apartment in which we lived, I said to Mrs. Robinson—"Well—there it is." She replied, "Yes—but how are you going to finance the printing and the rest of the expense of putting out those lessons?" I replied that I did not know, nor did I care. I informed the good Mrs. Robinson that I should have no trouble in raising the money. Now Moscow is a small college town. There are about 15 churches to a population of about 5000 people. It's hard-shelled where religion is concerned, and anything which even attempts to get off the beaten path had better move from Moscow. I smile often when I recall how hard they tried to move me.

According to all the rules of the game, no stranger could come into Moscow and raise even $50.00. Yet here I was, knowing no one, and I had to make up my mind to raise here enough money with which to finance this Movement. And on top of that you must remember, they pointed their first fingers to their foreheads. A few days before Xmas, 1939, I took my brief case with the MSS inside it and left the house. In reply to a query from the good wife as to where I was going, I informed her that I was "going down town to raise $2500.00." She remonstrated with me. Why did I not forget all about this writing business and save a few dollars every month out of my salary—"why, in a few years we can own our own home," she said. She is a good girl. Very much respected and loved in Moscow today, and very prominent in social and civic and church activities. Her desire to own her own home was perfectly natural, and under other circumstances what she suggested would have been the thing to do.

However, I had kept my peace. I had not even told her what I was going to do, nor had I informed her of the vast
Movement which I knew would spring from the vision of the Spirit of God as that vision had come to me some years before in North Hollywood. I replied to her remonstrations that I could not get $2500 in Moscow with the statement or rather the question “How long are you going to stay up?” She replied “until ten o’clock.” “I’ll be back with the money before that time,” I replied. Then she made a very significant remark. She said to me—“If you’re in that frame of mind you will get it.” And I did.

Standing on the outside of the closed Corner Drug Store, I met the manager of a grocery store here. Ned Phillips. He still is manager of that same store and he knows me personally probably better than anyone in Moscow outside of the immediate family knows me. Remember, I had not been in Moscow three months at that time. Asking Ned right off the bat if he had any money, he replied that he had $500 in the bank and asked me what I had in mind. Taking him into the drug store I told him and showed him what I wanted to do. Ned said to me “Well, Frank—I don’t know you very well but I like you—I think you’re all right.” And he gave me $500. But I wanted and needed $2500.00 so I asked Ned if he knew of someone else who had $500.00 and he informed me that his brother-in-law to be had $500.00 and he offered to call him up. He did and we went to his apartment where the second $500.00 was secured. George Benson is the name. He was then, and still is a bookkeeper for the R. B. Ward Paint and Hardware Co. here in Moscow.

That made the first thousand, and in a strange town, too. The next man suggested was Elmer Anderson who at the present time is Accountant for “Psychiana.” He has been here almost ever since the Movement started. He had $750.00 and I got that. Then, after putting our heads together, we decided to take a cold ride into the country about ten miles to see another good friend, Oscar Anderson. Oscar had $750.00 and there was the $2500.00 secured by a stranger in a small town, and I doubt if there is another man alive who could have done that. But I was ap-
plying and using the Power of the Spirit of God, and was following a direct leading of the Spirit of God throughout the evening. I could not have failed.

Then I made another world record. It must be remembered that I knew and still know nothing about advertising although I have been called "the world's cleverest advertising man." Certainly, with a lifetime spent in a drug store, I could not know advertising, but I sat down nevertheless and wrote a piece of advertising copy which immediately, on its first insertion, broke all records for mail-order copy. Operating entirely by mail, a charge has to be made for the Teaching, but as I have explained, the entire Movement is non-profit. The marvel to me as I look back is the unerring accuracy with which the leads I received from the Spirit of God came to me.

Some power certainly was guiding me for up to that time my life had been one long complete failure. I spent it all trying to find God and the Power of God. I see plainly the object of it all now. I see the divine guidance behind it all. I have suffered—yes—as perhaps few men have suffered. But the breaking of the day brings me now plenty of happiness. For I see, as few can see, the Day of God. In that Day of God, what the church has for so long predicted will come to pass. Not in the way the church thinks it will come to pass, however. Had not the Christian church been "sick," it would be doing this work instead of me. I can't help the fact that the church is sick. I did not make it sick. My work is to diagnose its disease and give it the prescription. What happens after that is no affair of mine.

And so the Spirit of God continued to lead. That one national advertisement in one national magazine, has grown until as I write this we are advertising the Power of the Spirit of God in literally hundreds of newspapers and scores, yes hundreds of magazines. There are more than 12,000 cities, towns and villages in the United States alone where, in each, there may be found from one, to fifteen Students. Certainly some power was behind me in those days of eleven years ago, don't you think?
Let me give you the amazing story of the name "Psychiana" and how it was secured. The Lessons had been written. The advertisement had been sent to the magazine in the east—*minus the name*. I informed them I would send the name later. It came close up to the time when I had to get that name. I thought and thought and thought. I did not know as much then about the operation of the Spirit of God as I know now. So, instead of allowing the Spirit of God to provide me with the name, which it did anyway, I stewed and stewed. Then Mrs. Robinson said to me—"Why don’t you use the same philosophy you did to raise the money?" I saw the point at once, and went to sleep, laying a pencil and paper by the bedside. Early in the morning I was having a very realistic dream. One of the most vivid dreams I have ever had. I seldom dream, by the way. I was standing at the door of a small room, in the center of which was a Helen Gould army cot. On the cot lay a corpse, and, standing over the corpse, and making downward motions with both hands over the head of the corpse, was a tall thin young man. Entering the room I said to him—"Now just what do you call that?" Turning from the corpse to me he replied—"You ought to know—this is "Psychiana," the Power that will bring new life to a spiritually dead world." And then I tried to wake up, and did. If you ever tried to get something across from the dream world to the conscious state, you know what a job you have on your hands. Well, I kept repeating the name "Psychiana," "Psychiana," until I was full awake. Then, turning to Mrs. Robinson I said—"I have it—I have the name—it's "Psychiana"—what do you think of it?" She replied it was "good." And it certainly was. For that name, dreamed into existence, means plenty to the religious life of this world.

Now let me tell you something about that experience. It is hard to believe, but it is true nevertheless. A short while after this experience, I happened to be walking past the cashier’s desk one morning. Seeing a photo there, I asked who that Student was. She replied that it was a Student in Alexandria, Egypt. I asked her at once to take a
letter to that gentleman. In that letter, I told him that I wanted $40,000 with which to do what I wanted to do with this Movement. I had no way of knowing whether he had $40,000 or forty thousand cents or no cents at all. His application for enrollment said he was a bookkeeper. In a few weeks, the Spokane Eastern Trust Co. called me long distance from Spokane, and informed me they had some money which had been telegraphed from Egypt. “How much,” I asked, “forty thousand dollars?” I was informed that the sum was $20,000 with another $20,000 to follow immediately. Now listen to this if you believe the Spirit of God does not unerringly guide those who know this Great Spirit—The man whose photo I saw on the cashier’s desk was the man who was making the motions over the head of the corpse in the dream.

It is impossible to explain this happening away. “Chance” won’t do. “Nervous reaction” don’t do either. This is definite tangible evidence that the Spirit of God was guiding me, even then at the very inception of the Movement. For by the same circumstance there came to me, not only the name of the Movement, but the money with which to put it on its feet. Truly God moves in a mysterious way. I could tell you of many other strange happenings brought to pass by the Power of that same Spirit. But I have wandered a lot so far in this book. I shall get down to the subject matter of the book now. I just want to say here that the “Psychiana” Movement is recognized all over the world as the fastest growing religious Movement there is, and the one which is really accomplishing results. The reason for this is the fact that the Spirit of God is behind it all. It certainly is not through any super-ability I possess, I assure you.

Shortly after the first advertisements began to appear nationally, it was evident that some very determined attempts were to be made to stop the Teaching. I will not go into these attempts at this time, any more than to say that the attempts made to stop it, were pronounced by Senator William E. Borah to be “the most vicious and dastardly persecution ever to come to my knowledge.” The details of the
attempts to stop the Teaching would make a book in themselves, and some day I may write that book if I can ever get the time.

Soon after the insertion of my first piece of advertising copy, replies began to pour in to me. I worked all day in the little drugstore and attended to the replies at night. With the $2500 I had borrowed, I ordered one thousand sets of my Lessons printed, and ten thousand each of the literature which I sent to those who replied to my advertisement. Then, I had about $425.00 left, and when the sum of $400.00 was paid for this first advertisement, I think we had $16.47 in the bank with which to buy postage stamps. I had rented a little office which cost $5.00 a month, and after closing up the drugstore I would go up there and answer the replies which had come in. I might add there that our system of mailing and accounting has been called the most perfect in existence, yet the basis for it all started in that little room over the drugstore, eleven years ago.

Our accounting system now consists of many hundreds of different forms, etc., and all of these have been drawn up by me. In our International Headquarters building here in Moscow, are tens of thousands of different pieces of literature, but no one to date has ever written one thing for me. Both the bookkeeping system and the entire mailing system were worked out under the direct Power of which you will hear shortly. I have had no help. At the present time, in addition to guiding this Movement, and that is more than one man's job by the way, I write every article which appears in our Weekly magazine. That in itself is a good job for several men.

In this little "office" over the drugstore, the "Psychiana" Movement had its first start. The first piece of mail was distributed from there. I called the boys who had loaned me this money together, and with a few saws, nails, and hammers, and some rough lumber, we built the shelves and the tables. Various predictions were made locally as to just how long this "thing," as they called it, would last. The longest time given it by the town's most prominent lawyer was six
months. "People won't fall for that stuff," he said. Varied were the emotions in this little University city, for what I was doing was so very different from anything they had seen here, that naturally the curiosity of all was aroused. The advertisement, too, that created national and international comment. Nothing ever containing the statements I made had ever before appeared anywhere. It was startling. It was radical. It was different. Yet that piece of advertising copy, with one exception, broke all known advertising records in the mail-order field. The piece of advertising I am now using, is universally admitted to be the most powerful of all pieces of reader copy. Yet it was written by a man who knows absolutely nothing about advertising, who had had no advertising training, and had little business ability and no executive ability. Truly, the Power and the ability needed to build, and to successfully prosecute this Movement, comes from somewhere quite outside myself. What I am relating to you here is direct evidence of the operations of the invisible Spirit of the True God, about which I shall have more to say to you later on in the book.

"I Talked with God"
(Yes, I Did—Actually and Literally)

and as a result of that little talk with God, some ten years ago, a strange Power came into my life. After 42 years of horrible, sickening, dismal failure and despair, everything took on a brighter hue. It’s fascinating to talk with God, and it can be done very easily once you learn how. And when you do, well, there will come into your life the same dynamic Power which came into mine. The shackles of defeat which had bound me for years went a-shimmering—and now?—well—I own control of the largest circulating daily newspaper in my County. I own the largest office building in my City, I drive a beautiful limousine, I own my own home which has a lovely pipe-organ in it, and my family are abundantly provided for after I’m gone. And all this has been made possible because one day, ten years ago, I talked with God. Actually and literally talked with God.

You, too, may experience that strange Power which comes from talking with God, and when you do, if there is poverty, unrest, unhappiness, ill-health or despair in your life, well—this same God-Power is able to do for you what it did for me. No matter how useless or helpless your life seems to be—all this can be changed. For this is not a human power I’m talking about—it’s a God-Power, and, of course, there can be no limitations to the God-Power, can there? Would you like to know how you too may talk with God? Would you like to know how this God-Power may come into your life as it came into mine? Then write a letter or post-card to Dr. Frank B. Robinson, Dept. 198, Moscow, Idaho, and full particulars of this strange Teaching will be sent you free of charge. But write now—while you are in the mood. It only costs one cent to find out, and this might easily be the best one cent you have ever spent. It may sound unbelievable—but it’s true, or I wouldn’t tell you it was. Advt. Copyright 1939 Frank B. Robinson.

I reproduce here the present advertisement. You will note from a reading of it that my whole desire is to bring men and women to a consciousness of a Power which can do for them what only God can do. There are no exaggerations
in this piece of copy. It speaks the plain truth, and while it may seem inconceivable to some that these things can be possible, it has been abundantly proven that when the Power of the God I shall tell you about—the True God—is known and used—All things are Possible. And that is what I know. And that is the reason the True God can save this earth from the frightful slaughter of human beings which is being witnessed, and which will be witnessed in greater measure very shortly. How I wish the church had discovered the True God some few years ago. What a lot of bloodshed could have been prevented.

We worked nights in the little room which we called an “office” for several weeks, and the replies to the advertisement continued to pour in. It became evident at once that more room would be needed, so we rented three more offices on the same floor. Then, unable to work all day and all night, I worked only half time in the drugstore, finally having to leave and give all my time to what was then becoming known all over the world as “Psychiana.” Inside of six months it again became necessary to move to larger quarters, and this time we moved across the street into a building which looked so big to me that I wondered what we would do with the extra space. However, inside of a year another move became necessary, and this time I bought a piece of property which had a two-story building on it. The building had been used as an undertaking parlor.

It was not very long until we were operating in that building, first downstairs, then both up and downstairs. Then it became necessary for us to put on two 8-hour shifts, and then three of them. So we were literally working day and night to get out the literature for the replies which by this time were pouring in on us from every country in the world and every city, town, and village in America. This two-story undertaking parlor soon became too small even though we were working three 8-hour shifts daily, so I built another building which we now occupy. This building is too small, and we shall build another one soon, three or four times as large as this one. I expect, ere long, to have a
building ten or twenty stories high here in Moscow, devoted exclusively to “Psychiana.” For when the fullness of the Power of God we teach is fully known, Moscow, Idaho, won’t hold this Movement in its present quarters, I promise you.

I wish, at this time, to answer a criticism I often hear. You have probably heard it, too. The charge has been made by those who know nothing whatsoever about this Movement, especially those of other “faiths,” that I have made a fortune from this Movement. That is not true. At no time has this corporation, or anyone connected with it, ever taken one penny of profit from the Movement. I receive a salary of $750.00 a month, and Dr. Tenney receives much less than that. Much of the insurance on my life it paid out of that sum, and when we get through, there is very little left. I don’t believe any fair-minded man or woman will deny me that salary, especially when it is not as large as the salary of a Methodist Bishop. This Movement is a responsibility, and let none think it is not. It is, perhaps, the biggest individual responsibility any man anywhere is carrying. For, as a result of this Movement, there is being brought to this world, for the first time in its known history, the actual truths of the existence of God. Those truths will revitalize all religions, and will, through the Power of the Spirit of God, bring God and man into actual contact, and through this ever-abiding Presence of the Spirit of God among men, peace, eternal and lovely will be brought to the earth.

I ask for nothing out of the way from the Movement. I ask a comfortable living. I ask for whatever things are necessary for the successful prosecution of the Movement to its high end. For myself, I want nothing more. I do not even have a personal bank account. So any charges that I have made, or am making a fortune from this Movement, are made only by those who do not speak truly. I have received many offers of far more money than I shall ever make, but they have all been turned down, naturally.

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Shortly after releasing this Teaching, it became evident
that the Power of the Spirit of God, as we teach that
Power, was beginning to manifest in the lives of those
who studied with us, all over the world. I shall never for­
get the first “testimonial” letter I received. It came from
Irontown, Ohio, and stated that through the Power of God,
as we teach it, a case of rheumatism of twenty years stand­
ing had immediately been healed. The object of this Move­
ment is to manifest and demonstrate the Power of the New
God, as we have discovered this Power to exist and as we
Teach it. The manifestations are beyond our control. From
the very first it was evident that healing of the body was
one of the first manifestations of this newly found Power.
Cancer cases, supposedly incurable, disappeared, to use the
words of one letter, “like a sea-anemone.” Every conceiv­
able type of illness began to go under the healing Power of
God. Where poverty existed, that too was replaced by ma­
terial abundance. Letters of this type came in by the tens of
thousands. We kept track of 150,000 of them, and while
they still come to us every day, we have no room to keep
them any more. Last week we destroyed tens and scores of
thousands of them, to make room for something else.

What became evident at once, was the fact that this new
conception of God brought the Power of God with it. That
Power, was, and is, abundantly able to bring into human
lives, actually and literally, whatever those lives need. In
effect, how the Power operates, is this—it discloses to ev ery­
one who wants to know, the actual Power of the Spirit
which is God. Naturally, that Power is more than able to
manifest itself in every life, and by its manifestation every
life has, at its disposal, more of the Power of God than it
can ever use or need. This is quite different from the god
of these various systems of “religion.” I have nothing to
say against any system of religion—only this—they cannot
and they do not disclose any power of any sort. They have
buildings, they meet, they sing a hymn or two, and they
listen to a sermon which may have something constructive
in it and which may not. They talk about their “crucified
"god," the Christian about his, the Hindoo about his, the Shintoist about his, and so on down the line. All they seem to be interested in is in listening to some preacher or priest expound the merits of someone who lived, perhaps, 2000 years ago. In the Catholic church it is the Virgin Mary. In the Protestant church, it is Jesus Christ.

Neither of these branches of the Christian religion, however, can manifest one little bit of the Power of the Spirit which is God. That is something they know nothing about. All they do know is that they have a system of religion which is based on the existence, either mythical or real, of a god who, 2000 years ago, came down from heaven to be crucified on a cross, for the "sins" of the world. And the church expects to save the world with that story. Needless to say, it cannot be done. For it will take Power to save this world. It will take the sort of Power that has been manifesting through "Psychiana" for eleven years. And that Power—the Power of the Living God—the church has never had and never known. It does not even profess to have any such Power. It has never claimed to have it.

When asked what the church is going to do about present world conditions, it replies that most any day now, Jesus Christ, its "crucified god," will return to the earth, and everything will be fine from that day on. But that philosophy is open to question and doubt. I have no faith in it. If the god of the church is going to stop this war in that manner, then the blood of thousands must be on the head of the God of the Christian church for delaying his coming. And more blood must be placed there every added day he delays. Thinking Americans, however, do not believe that story. And they should not believe it. For it is not true. That theory of God is nothing more nor less than a church imagination. It has no basis in fact, as I shall abundantly prove before you close this book. When I have proved that, the members of the church can then turn to the True God, and there they can find the actual and literal power of the Spirit of God, as we of "Psychiana" are teaching and demonstrating that Power.
Chapter Three

MANY CRUCIFIED GODS

IT HAS become evident so far, that there is, operating on this earth, a spiritual Power which must be God. It is also evident that there has existed on this earth for the past few thousand years, systems of religion, eleven major systems in all, each of which claims that it is representing and teaching the truths of God, for their doctrines differ. Moreover, they have different "gods." On the opposite page is a list of the eleven major systems of religions operating on the earth today, as Prof. Hume has it.

Now it is evident that all of these systems of religion cannot be true. Either one is true, the rest false, or they are all false. Which is it? Shall we see? Each of these systems of religion claims the only truths of God, and so far as that individual system is concerned, it has a right to make such a claim. It will be noticed there that these different systems have different "gods." It will be noted that the Christian religion, with which we shall specifically deal, because we are living in a Christian land, is, with one exception, the youngest system of them all.

I have made probably as extensive a study of the origins of all religions, as anyone has. I do not profess to be an authority on these systems of religion, but I have read, and digested whatever authorities there are to be found. Knowing that the Spirit of God, as that Spirit is operating on the earth today, is entirely different from anything any of these eleven systems of religion have taught, and knowing further that the manifestations of the Spirit of God today are completely lacking in any of the rest of these systems, today, I have given careful study to them all.

This I have done with an unbiased mind. I wanted to know where they came from. I wanted to know whether or not they possessed the Power of the Spirit of God, as that Power is manifesting on the earth today, or if they were
### A Conspectus of the Eleven Living Religions of the World

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just "another system of religion." Many of these systems are much older than Christianity. They have had much longer in which to prove their claims to "divine inspiration." Yet none of them have been able to demonstrate on this earth, and spiritual Power of God which can drive war, crime, suffering and unhappiness from off the face of the earth. Now is this because the "god" they have adopted is not the True God, or what is the reason?

If any of these systems of religion had possessed the Power which is manifesting through "Psychiana," certainly the whole world should have been brought to a redeeming knowledge of God long ago. But that has not happened. In spite of all of these systems of religion, our own Christian religion included, one look at the world today is quite enough proof that the Power of the Great Spirit—God, is completely lacking. It does not exist anywhere that I can find. These churches, of course, will all fight this statement vigorously. Each will claim that the "Divine Spirit" has taken up its abode in that particular system of religion, but in no other. But if that be so, then these systems certainly have been lax in demonstrating to this world, any of the "divine power" they say they have. For, in spite of all these systems of religion, this civilization is sinking now. Not, as H. G. Wells said, five years or one year from now, but now. And every thinker knows that. Suppose that the whole world comes under the domination of such men as Stalin, Hitler, or Mussolini—where will religious organizations be then? Where will the name of God be then?

So I consider it not only advisable, but absolutely essential that we get to the bottom of the "god" proposition, especially since there is on the earth, operating today as never before, a new system of religion. It is beyond the shadow of questioning that the Spirit of God is manifesting its Power through this new Movement. Then, for safety's sake if nothing else, should we not make an honest attempt, if for no other reason, to find out just what the truth about God is? And should we not make that attempt regardless of what the members of these different religious or-
ganizations think of us for "doubting" their "faith?"

Only the Spirit of God can bring eternal peace and happiness from this world-chaos. And if none of these existing systems of religion have a deity who can do that, then, unless some new conception of deity is found, is not this world hopelessly lost? What other means of escape from this Godless blight we now see, is there? I do not know where such means of escape are to be found. Personally, I do not believe there is a power on the earth which can check these mad-men. Maybe there is. But I know of One Power which can do that. And the United States, and the church, had better find that Power. For if it is not found, God Almighty alone knows what the future of civilization will be. I would like every reader of this book, church-member or non-church-member, to remember that in writing the book, I am only trying to get at the liberating truths which must exist in the Realm of God.

I am not interested in the traditional "god" of any system of religion. I am interested only in the God who is big enough to embrace all systems of religion, with the rest of the world thrown in. If I can find that God, and if I can bring to this earth a knowledge of the Power of such a God, I shall owe this earth nothing. To that end I am striving. That end, through the Spirit of God, will be attained. So then, let none ascribe another motive to this book. If the truth hurts you—if it upsets your most cherished traditions—if you learn facts here about your religion which you never knew before—it will be because what I write is true.

In the eleven years of pioneering this "Psychiana" Movement, and in spite of the crystallized opposition of the church, no one has ever yet successfully challenged one statement I have written. And I have written plenty of them which are opposed to what the church teaches. It will be impossible, in this book, to give every reference, but if you want those references, they may all be found in "Crucified Gods Galore" which book may be secured from the "Psychiana" Book Dept., Moscow, Idaho. So I shall, in this book, give you the fundamental major findings. I think
though, they will be enough to convince you that the origins of every system of religion on the earth today, the Christian religion included, are not safe foundations upon which to build a system of religion which is to be expected to manifest any power of any sort, in this world emergency. I shall write kindly, but firmly. I shall write in order that the world may know the true from the false. That known, the world will choose the true, and, through the Power of the Spirit of the True God, it will be once and for all completely saved from every force which seeks to rule under the absurd theory that “might makes right.”

Inversely to the remoteness of time has been man’s ascent toward the temple of knowledge. Truth has made its ingress into the human mind in the ratio by which man has attained the capacity to receive and appreciate it. Hence, as we tread back the meandering pathway of human history, every step in the receding process brings us to a lower plane of intelligence and a state of mind more thoroughly encrusted with ignorance and superstition. It is, therefore, no source of surprise to learn, when we take a survey of the world two or three thousand years in the past, that every religious writer of that era committed errors on every subject involving a scientific principle which employed his pen. Hence, the bible, or sacred book, to which he was a contributor, is now found to bear the mark of human imperfection. For the temple of knowledge was but partially reared, and its chambers but dimly lighted up. The intellectual brain was in a dark, feeble, and dormant condition. Hence, the moral and religious feelings were drifted about without a pilot on the turbulent waves of superstition, and finally stranded on the shoals of bigotry. The Christian bible, like other bibles, having been written in an age when science was but budding into life, and philosophy had attained but a feeble growth, should be expected to teach many things incompatible with the principles of modern science. And accordingly it is found to contain, like other bibles, numerous statements so obviously at war with present established scientific truths that almost any schoolboy
at the present day, can demonstrate their falsity. Let the un-
biased reader examine and compare the oriental and Christian
bibles, together, and he will note the following facts, viz:

1. That the cardinal conceptions of all bibles are essen-
tially the same—all running in parallel grooves.

2. That every chapter of every bible is but a transcript of
the mental chart of the writer.

3. That no bible, pagan or Christian, contains anything
surpassing the natural mental and moral capacity of the
writer to originate. And hence, no divine aid or inspiration
was necessary for its production.

4. That the moral and religious teachings of no bible
reach a higher altitude than the intelligence and mental de-
velopment of the age and country which produced it.

5. That the Christian bible, in some respects, is superior
to some of the other bibles, but only to the extent to which
the age in which it was written was superior in intelli-
gence and natural mental capacity to the era in which the
older bibles were penned; and that this superiority consists
not in more exalted religious conceptions, but only in the
fact that, being of more modern origin, the progress of
mind has worn away some of the legendary rubbish of the
past. Being written in a later and more enlightened age, it
is consequently a little less encrusted with mythological tra-
dition and oriental imagery. Though not free from these
elements, it possesses them in less degree. And by compar-
ing Christ’s history with those of the oriental Gods, it
will be found:

1. That he taught no new doctrine or moral precept.
2. That he inculcated the same religion and morality,
which he elaborated, as other moral teachers, to great
extremes.
3. That Christ differs so little in his character, preach-
ing, and practical life from some of the oriental Gods, that
no person whose mind is not deplorably warped and biased
by early training can call one divine while he considers the
other human.

4. That if Christ was a God, then all were Gods.
A Word to the Clergy

I am sorry but I shall have to blast the hopes of thousands and millions of people by telling them that the divine claims of your religion are all gone. I must say to you now that your New and Old Testament claims are all swept away by the logic of history and nullified by the demonstrations of science. I am going to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that instead of your God being divine and supernatural in origin, he was very human and pagan in his origin. I am going to show you something else about your God and ask you, once and for all, to stop preaching that your religion is a divine production, obtained by supernatural revelation, for as a matter of fact, your religion is merely a human production, reconstructed from heathen materials and from oriental systems many thousands of years older than yours, and furthermore, you must accept the logic of this book. Of course, there are some of you who will continue, in spite of the unanimous and unalterable verdict of history, science, facts, and logic, to proclaim to the world the now historically demonstrated error which you have so long preached, that God is the author of your religion and Jesus Christ a Deity-begotten Messiah. You probably have heretofore honestly believed these doctrines to be true, but you can now no longer plead ignorance as an excuse for propagating such gigantic and serious errors as I shall overwhelmingly demonstrate to you that your claims are untrue. You yourself seriously question the truth of your philosophy. You yourself are not satisfied that you are preaching the truth. You know that you are "blind leaders of the blind" and you further know that if you continue to disseminate the great religious falsehoods that you are disseminating, your followers will sooner or later heap upon your honored names their unmitigated ridicule and condemnation. When they know the truth as it exists, they will charge you with being either deplorably ignorant or disloyal to the cause of truth; and the United States in the year 1933, and the whole world for that matter, wants the truth.
Horace Greeley once said, "No doctrine of Christianity exists but what has been anticipated by the Vedas." The recent translation for the first time of the Hindu Vedas (the oldest bible now extant or ever written) into the English language has revealed to the unwelcome gaze of the Christian reader the startling fact that "the heathen" has long been in possession of "holy books," possessing essentially the same character, and teaching essentially the same doctrines as the Christian bible.

If, then, this heathen bible, compiled, according to the Christian missionary, Rev. D. G. Allen, 1400 B. C., contains all the doctrines of Christianity, then away go over the dam, all your claims for the Christian bible as an original bible, as an original revelation or a work of divine inspiration. Your bible is thus shown to be of heathen and human origin instead of heavenly and divine authorship as claimed for it by its disciples. This applies to all bibles, and your Christian bible forms no exception to this statement. Your bible being essentially like other bibles, it must, of course have had the same or a similar origin—a fact which, though it may be new and startling to millions, will be universally accepted as truth in the immediate future. This fact will confront and deny the claims of two hundred million Christian professors who assert with unscrupulous boldness that every doctrine, principle, and precept of their bible is of divine emanation. How utterly groundless and untenable is such a claim when arranged by the side of modern discoveries in religious history.

Equally unsupportable is the declaration that "there is no other name given under heaven whereby men can be saved, than the name of Jesus Christ and Him crucified," when in the light of modern explorations of Sir Godfrey Higgins, which have disclosed the history of nearly a score of crucified Gods and sin-atoning Saviors who, we have equal proof, died for the sins of mankind.

Thus, the two prime articles of the Christian faith—Revelation and Crucifixion—are forever established as human and heathen conceptions. So, to the clergy, I say that
if you take all of the supposed facts you have in proof of your New Testament story and compare those facts with the past history of all religious countries and their teachings, antedating your teachings by hundreds of years, you will find the sad proof that reason and logic, and even the most cogent and convincing facts of science and history prove your theory to be powerless and untrue. I recognize the fact that religious superstition or a religious conviction which has been stamped upon the mind for thousands of years in the past and transmitted from parent to child until it has grown to man's stature becomes a part of the living tissues of the soul.

No matter how glaringly absurd, how palpably erroneous, or how false an opinion or doctrine is shown to be, there are still some who cannot see it. There are a few members of the clergy reading this who will continue to hug to their bosoms as divinely revealed truth what this book will prove to be a humanly originated pagan superstition.

Now there are several propositions quite fatal to your claims for Christianity and these propositions are established beyond refutation by the historical facts cited in this work. Now let us look at a few of them at this point, for if after reading the following fifteen points you can successfully convince people that your religious doctrine and your God are the only ones of divine origin, then you are a better man than I think you are. Kindly study these fifteen points carefully and remember that I shall give you history and proof of every one of them.

1. There were many cases of the miraculous birth of Gods reported in history long before Jesus Christ was ever heard of. Perhaps some of you know this, but if you do, you have not the courage to tell it to your congregations.

2. There were many other cases of Gods being born of virgin mothers—also long before your story of Jesus Christ was ever heard of.

3. Many of these Gods, like Christ were (reputedly) born on the twenty-fifth day of December. Suppose that the next Christmas sermon you preach, you inform your congregation that you are talking about the last of about a score of other crucified Saviors before him. See how they will like
that and also see how long you will hold your job. We are dealing with facts here, however, and if your job is founded in error and falsity, you are better off without it.

4. The advent into the world of these other crucified Gods, like that of Jesus Christ, is in many cases, claimed to have been foretold by "inspired prophets."

5. At the birth of your Savior, Jesus Christ, stars figured quite prominently, but stars figured equally as prominently in the reputed birth of several other crucified Gods before yours. At the birth of your God, angels, shepherds, and wise men from the East made their appearance, but long before your God was ever heard of, angels, shepherds, and wise men of the East also heralded the births of many other "divine sons of God" who were a part of the Trinity and who came to the world to give their lives that the world, through them, might be saved.

6. Practically all of the many crucified Gods before Christ, like Christ, were claimed to be of royal and princely descent. I have never been able to figure out though how Jesus Christ, if he had no human father, could by any possible means have had any of Joseph's blood in him, thereby being the "seed of David."

7. Like your crucified God, the lives of these other crucified Gods were also threatened in infancy by the rulers of the country which gave them birth.

8. Many of them, like Christ, gave early proof of "divinity." Like him, they retired from the world and fasted, and also, like him, they declared "My kingdom is not of this world."

9. Some of them, like Jesus Christ, preached a spiritual religion, and, like him, they were "anointed with oil."

10. It will probably interest you to know also that the rest of these crucified Gods were all "crucified for the sins of the world."

11. After three days in the bowels of the earth, like Christ, they all "rose from the dead" and finally, like him, are reported as ascending back to heaven.

12. The same violent convulsions of nature at the crucifixion of several of these other Gods are reported.

13. They were nearly all called "Savior," "Son of God," "Messiah," "Redeemer," "Lord," etc.

14. Every last one of them, like Christ, was the second member of the Trinity of "Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

15. The most amazing part about the rest of these crucified Gods, which antedated your God, lies in the fact that
they all taught the doctrines of "Original Sin," "Fall of Man," "The Atonement," "The Trinity," "The Word," "Forgiveness," "An Angry God," "Future Endless Punishment," and so forth. All these things were a part of the religion of each of these sin-atoning Gods as found set forth in several oriental bibles and "holy books," similar in character and spirit to the Christian's bible and written like it by "inspired and holy men," long before the time of either Christ or Moses (before Moses, in some cases, at least). All these doctrines and declarations, and many others not here enumerated, the historical citations of this work abundantly prove, were taught in various oriental heathen nations centuries before the birth of Christ, or before Christianity, as a religion, was known in the world.

Now, gentlemen, I ask you how you can, after learning these facts, dare any longer to assert that Christianity is of divine emanation, or claim a special divine paternity for its author. Only the priest and preacher who loves his salary more than the cause of truth—and I fear that this class is very numerous—or who is deplorably ignorant of history, will have the effrontery or audacity to do so. The historical facts herein set forth clearly prove such assumptions to be false. They prove this as clearly as figures can demonstrate the truth of any mathematical problem. You have no logic or no sophistry which can refute, overthrow or set aside these facts. It makes no difference whether you stand up in your pulpit and prate Sunday after Sunday regarding the divinity of Jesus Christ or not, the facts given in this book will stand as facts to the end of time, in spite of your weak efforts to evade, ignore, or invalidate them.

I trust, however, that you will be men enough to step out of the flimsy protection or shell of the religious denominations which shelter your falsehood, and find the truth of God as this great Spirit exists, will grasp that truth and do your part toward bringing peace to a world sadly befuddled by conflicting religious doctrines and dogmas, all of them claiming "divine revelation."

There are many reasons why these ancient religions were all alike. Perhaps the first cause is the fact that the primary and constituent elements and properties of human nature
being essentially the same in all countries and all centuries, and the feeling called religion being a spontaneous outgrowth of the devotional elements of the human mind, the coincidence would naturally produce similar feelings, similar thoughts, similar views, and similar doctrines on the subject of religion in different countries, however widely separated. This accounts in part for the analogous features observable in all the primary systems of religious faith, which have flourished in the past ages.

A more potent cause, however, for the proximate identity extending to such elaborate detail as is evidenced by the foregoing schedule is found in the historical incident which brought the disciples of the various systems of worship together, face to face, in the then grand religious emporium of the world—the royal and renowned city of Alexandria, capital of Egypt. Here, drawn together by various motives and influences, the devotee of India, the devout disciple of Buddhism, the ever prayerful worshipper of "Mithra, the Mediator," the representatives of the crucified Quetzalcoatl of Mexico, the self-denying Essene, the superstitious Egyptian, the godly Chaldean, the imitative Judean founders of Christianity, and the disciples of other sin-atoning Gods met and interchanged ideas, discussed their various dogmas, remolded their doctrines, and recast and rehabilitated their systems of religious faith by borrowing from each other, and from other systems there represented. In this way all became remarkably similar and alike in all their doctrines and details. Thus, the mystery is solved, and the singular resemblance of all the ancient systems of religion satisfactorily accounted for.

Now, as I close this chapter, let me ask you to note the following points.

1. The religious conceptions of the Old Testament are as easily traced to heathen sources as those of the New Testament. Unfortunately, I cannot include in this work such an exposition, as my time is too completely occupied.

2. The comparative exhibition (originally designed for this volume) of the doctrines and teachings of twenty bibles which proves them to be in their leading features essentially
alike is found to be, when completed, of sufficient magnitude to constitute a volume of itself.

3. I want to impress upon the minds of my clerical friends the important fact that the gospel histories of Christ were written by men who had formerly been Jews (see Acts xxi. 20) who probably possessed the strong proclivity to imitate and borrow which their bible shows was characteristic of that nation; and since they were written many years after Christ's death, according to that standard Christian author, Dr. Lardner, it was impossible, under such circumstances, to separate, even had they desired to, the real facts and events of his life from the innumerable fictions and fables then afloat everywhere relative to the heathen Gods who had pre-enacted a similar history. Two reasons are thus furnished for their constructing a history of Christ almost identical with that of other Gods as will be shown in forthcoming chapters of this work.

4. We have known the singular and senseless defense of your now tottering system to be attempted by members of your order by the self-complacent soliloquy "Christianity, whether divine or human, is good enough for me." Such subterfuge betrays both a weak mind and a weak cause. The disciples of all the oriental systems cherished a similar feeling and a similar sentiment. And the deluded followers of Brigham Young exclaimed in like manner, "I want nothing better than Mormonism." A South Sea Islander once exclaimed to a missionary, when a reform diet was proposed, "Snakes, lizards and frogs are good enough for me." Now such logic, if universally adopted—and thank heaven it is not being universally adopted—would keep the world eternally in barbarism. You cannot make any progress where such sentiments prevail. The truth is that no system of religion, whatever its ostensible marks of perfection, can long remain "good enough" for aspiring and progressive minds, unless occasionally improved, like other institutions. It should be borne in mind that our controversy does not appertain so much to the character as to the origin of the Christian religion. Our many incontrovertible proofs that it is of human and heathen origin proves at the same time that it is an imperfect system and as such, needing occasional improvement like other institutions. Its assumed perfection and divine origin, which have always kept it from improvement, quite well account for its present corrupt, immoral, declining, and dying condition, and it will, before long, die of paralysis unless its assumption of divine
perfection is exchanged for the principles of improvement and reconstruction. This policy alone can save it.

5. We will here notice another feeble, futile, and foolish expedient we have known resorted to by persons of your order to save your sinking cause, when the evidence is presented with such cogency as to admit of no disproof that all the important doctrines of Christianity were taught by older heathen systems before the era of Christ. The plea is, that those systems were mere types, or antetypes, of the Christian religion. But this plea is of itself a borrowed subterfuge of heathenism, and is, moreover, devoid of evidence. The ancient Egyptians, also the Greeks, claimed that Brahanism was a type, or antetype, of their religious systems. And Mahomedans now claim that both Judaism and Christianity were designed by God as foreshadowing types of the religion of the Koran. And the disciples of more than a thousand systems of religion which have flourished in past ages, could have made such logic equally available in showing, in each case, that every system preceding theirs was designed by Infinite Wisdom as simply a typical or ante-typical forerunner of theirs. How ridiculous and senseless, therefore, is the argument thus shown to be when critically examined in the light of history! So much so as scarcely to merit serious notice.

6. Here permit me to say that I believe Christianity to be not only of human origin but of natural origin also; that is, a natural outgrowth, like other systems, of the religious elements of the human mind—a hypothesis which accounts most beautifully for the numerous human imperfections now visible in nearly every line of its teachings. Those imperfections correspond exactly to the imperfect minds which produced it.

7. And I believe that the principal teacher of Christianity, "the man Christ Jesus," possessed a very exalted and superior mind for that age in the moral and religious departments, and in the intellectual to some extent also. But his superiority in these respects was probably not greater than that of Zera Colburn or Henry Safford in the mathematical department. And all probably derived their peculiar extraordinary traits of mind from the same causes: that of strong psychological influences impressed upon the minds of the mothers prior to their births. Had these antenatal influences been as well understood then as now, we presume that Christ would have escaped the fate of an exaltation to the Godhead.

8. Permit me to say that the numerous and overwhelming
facts of this book render it utterly impossible that the exal­
ed claims you put forth for your religion and its assumed
author (that of a divine character) can be true.

At this point we shall look at the Christian Bible as it is.
We shall pay no attention to what we have been told it is.
We shall see for ourselves. Then, if we find evidence that it
is "the divinely inspired word of God, absolutely true from
cover to cover", we shall plainly and bluntly say so. If we
find the opposite to be a fact, we shall say so equally as
plainly and as bluntly. I am not charging, even though we
find the Christian structure unsound, that the Christian or
any other religion is a detriment. The letter of Dr. Allen is
of peculiar significance here. If, for instance, the Christian
had the dynamic Power this Movement has, it could bring
that Power to the world, and peace—everlasting peace could
come to the earth, and I'm not so sure it could not come, even
inspite of the story of Jesus Christ. What that story actually
does, is to come between the Spirit of God and man. It is an
interpolation which we would be better without.

To recognize the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of
God, it is necessary, as I see it, to first recognize the open
channel which exists between the Spirit of God and man.
Once that is recognized, the realization of the Power and
Presence of the Spirit of God is easy. But—if the church
comes along and introduces another "god" as it has, that
complicates the situation very considerably. Man does not
then know which "god" is true and which is false. The
Christian church has attempted to get around that by stating
that the Christian "god" is a "trinity". And it was not too
long since John Calvin, the Founder of Calvinism, or Pres­
byterianism, condemned Dr. Michael Servetus to a brutal
death by fire, for writing a pamphlet against the trinitarian
doctrine. True, they built a monument to him later, but that
could not bring back the life to Dr. Servetus. That could not
course the blood through his veins again. (Did you ever hear
the Presbyterians tell you of Calvin's act?)

No. The trinitarian doctrine will not answer the problem.
There is one God. That God is an invisible Spirit. None has
ever seen God. We shall soon see where the claims of “Godship” for the many “crucified gods” came from. There is a way which it can truthfully be said that Jesus Christ was God. But if we admit that of Jesus, we must also admit it of every human being. I wish the church would. It has ample scripture on which to build a structure on that thesis. For as a matter of fact, that is the exact situation as it exists today. But more of that later.

Any philosophy of God which endows him with “trinityhood” is a false conception, for there can be none other except one great and true God, the spirit of eternal life. Remember that please. I realize that there is sentiment in the old hymns of the church. I play them over and over again. But that is merely because the Christian church is so close to the truth. It is close. Far closer than it realizes. The only thing which stands in the way of the Christian church, or any other church saving this world by bringing it to the knowledge of the Power of the Spirit of God, the “god” the church has now. Jesus Christ. If then, I prove to you that the story of Jesus Christ is absolutely without foundation, and if I prove there is no historical truth in it, the church then can equip itself with the Power of the Great Spirit—God. Through that Power, it can bring to earth, the blessed fullness of the True God. That fullness exists. It was only awaiting one poor misfit to grasp it. And you see what has been done by that poor misfit after he did grasp it.

If God Almighty could take a man like me, and could bring hundreds of thousands the Power of the Spirit of God, what can God do with a church which is willing to get rid of its idols, and find and use the Living Power of the Living Spirit?

The only possible chance this world has to be “saved” through the Christian church is for its story to be true. But we shall see as we progress that its story is not true. It is not even original. Therefore, if the Christian story is not true, from whence is “salvation” to come to the world? May we look for it from one of the rest of the ten major systems of religion? Can it come from there? I think not. The only
hope there is for this world, if the Christian story is true, is through the personal return of Jesus to the earth. But we shall see that the chances against that happening are ten million to one. For there are many other "crucified gods" we are told, who are to come back to save the world. And there is just as much evidence of the veracity of the stories of these other "gods" as there is of the story of Jesus Christ. So then, let us not bank too much on that. This world needs God—now. It is in a critical condition. Its very peaceful existence is threatened. If something should happen to Jesus, and he never should come back, we should then be forced right back where we are now—trying to find the true answer.

Now the Christian's bible. What is it? There lies before me now, an Authorized version of this bible. The first verse of the first chapter of the first book in the bible states that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. That is true. In the margin, however, a date is there. 4004 B. C. That, of course means that the date on which God created the heavens and the earth was 4004 B. C. otherwise it would not be there unless it was considered authentic. On looking up the references of this date, I find that a Catholic Bishop of Armagh, in Ireland, sat down and figured it out under the "inspiration of the Holy Ghost". Here is what he found. One Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the month of October, God did all this creating, and the year was 4004 B. C. That is about 6000 years ago. That statement, in spite of the "inspiration of the Holy Ghost" we cannot accept. We know better.

As a sidelight on the "inspiration of the Holy Ghost" let me tell you how the Latin Vulgate of the Christian bible was translated from "manuscripts" which are all lost now. Jerome, a pope, did the translating. He states that when he was ready to go to work, he would pull a bell. Upon hearing the bell, the "Holy Ghost", in the form of a dove, would come down from heaven, fasten its feet in the pope's hair, and, leaning over and sticking its bill in the pope's mouth, would tell this pope what to write. This, then, is the Vulgate

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translation of the Christian bible. If, however, the "Holy Ghost" made a slight mistake in his "inspiration" as he did when he told Bishop Ussher that the world was created in the year 4004 B.C., this puts quite some doubt on the authenticity, even of the Holy Ghost. We are, therefore, compelled to look somewhere else for authentic information, than the Christian Holy Ghost.

This Holy Ghost is the third party of the "trinity" of the Christian religion. Jesus Christ is the second part. We shall see the origin of both first and second parts are long, and the reader may make up his mind whether these stories can be expected to be the foundation of the religion through which God can come into this woefully bad world picture, and bring out of it—peace.

The Christian bible is not one book. It is a compilation of many books, the origin of each is unknown. Not one single manuscript covering one single writing in the Christian bible has ever been known to exist. Not one. I am, therefore, not required to prove or disprove the Christian theory of God. It cannot be proven by anyone. Not even the church which has built its structure on the bible. If I ask for the originals of any part of the bible, the church tells me, "sorry—they all got lost". Therefore, the church itself cannot prove the truth of the book on which its structure is founded. I am well aware of the fact that millions have been taught to respect and honor this book as "the divinely inspired word of God". Nevertheless, proof that it is that has never been known to exist. This requires the acceptance of this book as the "word of God" on belief in the veracity of those who told us it was just that, and nothing more. The four gospels of the Christian bible being the only place in the book where the story of Jesus Christ is to be found, and these four gospels being completely anonymous, and the original manuscripts all having been "lost", we find we are left without evidence which proves the truth of the Christian story. Herein comes the "faith".

It is undoubtedly the right of any man to believe anything he chooses to believe about God, or about anything else. But
every man should know what the evidence is, either for or against what he believes. This world will never know God through any system of religion which has nothing more than "faith" to offer in its own support. It cannot point to the bible and say "Why—it's in there", for no evidence has ever been adduced which can even faintly prove that the bible is the divinely inspired word of God. It may be looked upon as the word of the church of God, in that case I ask you to believe that a goose laid a golden egg, and in substantiation of that, I point you to Mother Goose Rhymes. For the evidence in each case is the same.

It will not do to offer the excuse that "it must be true or so many would not believe it". If you do that, I shall point you to the religion of the Hindoo, and shall tell you that more people believe the god of the Hindoo than ever believed the god of the Christian church. Believing in a thing does not make it so. Millions today say they believe in a score of gods. But look at the world. They may "believe" in these gods, but they cannot get any action out of their gods. They are all, the Christian god included, as silent as the tomb. And they are silent when they should be heard from. Why?

Let us remember here that the Christian bible then, is completely anonymous. It is completely unprovable. No manuscript proving the writer of anything in the bible has ever been known to exist. We have, therefore, nothing but the belief of the Christian church to go on. Absolutely nothing more than that. And coupled with this fact, we have ten other major systems of religion making the same, or similar claims to the Christian religion. Which is true? Or is any one true?

Practically the whole of the New Testament and the Christian story of God hinges on the four gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Now where did they come from? Did the divine inspiration of the Holy Ghost put them there, or write them? Let us see. These four gospels were placed in the New Testament canon because of a vote of Catholic bishops and priests, held at the Council of Trent in the year 1145 A. D. Note the A. D. There were many anonymous
“writings” which began to appear in the hands of priests and monks about that time. No one knows where they came from. They may have been written by these monks and priests for all we know; they appeared nowhere else than in their hands. Some they had had for some time, others, like Topsy, just “came”. Anyway, this Council of Trent took a vote on which of these anonymous writings were to be called “the inspired word of God” and as such placed in the New Testament canon of scripture.

Some of them were rejected because “they will not be believed”. But they all were admitted to the “sacred” canon by a vote of Catholic priests and bishops. That may be “divine inspiration” and it may not be. At any rate, that is the reason they are there. If you are a Catholic, (many Catholics read what I write) ask your priest about this. Some of the gospels upon which so much stress is laid today by Christians, came pretty close to not getting in the “canon” at all. Some of them left out are so manifestly impossible of belief that I don’t blame those old priests for leaving them out. The people would believe anything those days, but I’m quite sure they would not have believed some of the books which were left out. Incidentally, none of these gospels were claimed to have been written till long after the alleged time of the happenings recorded in them. The word “Christian” was unknown till the second century after these anonymous writings were voted into the Christian bible by this group of priests and bishops. The doctrine of the immaculate conception of a virgin was not broached until the twelfth century, and it was accepted by the Franciscans, and rejected by the Dominicans, and it has been a bone of contention ever since.

Pope Pius IX arbitrarily, and without the concurrence of “the council”, and on his own personal responsibility, promulgated this virgin birth story, and it has become a fundamental part of the Christian religion—just because one Roman Catholic believed it, or said he believed it.

But to come back to the four Christian gospels, upon which the whole fabric of Christianity is founded. There are
four gospels because “animals have four legs”. This will astound the Christian. Let him read the Catholic Encyclopedia and other works governing the Council of Trent. At that council, an argument started about how many of these gospels there should be. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, in charge of the council, made this statement—“the earth has four corners, there are four great winds, animals have four legs, so we must have four gospels”. And those four gospels are the foundation stones of the Christian religion today. Do you think they are secure? Do you think the Spirit of God, in sufficient measure to bring peace to this warring earth, can be manifested on the earth through a system of religion which is based on the fact that animals have four legs?

It took the Roman Catholic church until the year 1545 A. D. to decide what was, and what was not, by popular vote, the “divinely inspired word of God”. So then, the Christian bible is not nearly as old as we have been taught to believe it is. Nor is it quite as authentic. It is completely anonymous in the first place, and in the second place, the four gospels, on which the entire fabric of Christianity is founded, are in the “word of God” because animals have four legs. This fact will doubtless shock many. It should shock them. Ministers and priests should have told them these facts ages ago. Had they done this, I am of the opinion that the world would not be in the God-less condition it is now, as I write this.

When all error and mistake is removed from the Realm of the Great Spirit—God, that Spirit can begin to be recognized by the whole human race. Not alone the Christian church. Not alone the Hindu, or any other church, but by the whole of humanity. And any system of religion which does not appeal equally alike to all men, of every race, is not the True Religion of the True God, regardless of the claims of all systems of religion. This world cannot be made whole by any picture of God which is not a universal picture, and which does not appeal to all alike, moreover, we see the results of the operations of eleven of these systems
today. None of them can be even faintly suspected of knowing anything about any Power big enough to bring peace out of the present chaos.

They are all earnest. They all mean well. But they all have believed what preacher and priest has chosen to tell them, and the things I am telling you now, the church has refrained from telling you. Perhaps, when you know both sides of the Christian story, you may change your mind about its veracity and authenticity. Personally, and aside from this Movement of the Spirit of God on the earth called "Psychiana", I am not interested in any system of religion. I know the foundations of them all. They do not appeal to me. For I, personally, find nothing of God in them.

Let me at this point give you one of the stories of Jesus which was voted out of the canon of scripture, "because it would not be believed", and then when you have read it, consider carefully that the four gospels you have, stand upon the same sinking sands as this story stands on. The gospels the Christian church builds on, are no more authentic than is this story, and several more in my possession. I shall tell the story in my way, not injuring the meaning.

One day, Jesus was working at the carpenter business. His boss told him to build some davenports, or beds, and to make them say, six feet long. Jesus said to the other boy who was working with him—"let's not take two boards six feet long and nail them together, let's make one board five feet long and the other six feet long". The boy working with Jesus said, "what's the big idea" or words to that effect. Whereupon Jesus said that they would nail together one board five feet long, and another board six feet long, and when they had them nailed together, each would get at one end, and they would push hard, and push the long board down to the size of the five-footer.

This story can be found in the books which were voted on by the Council of Trent, but which were voted out instead of being voted in. I cannot conceive of Almighty God, the maker of heaven and earth, ever being cooped up in a human body and engaging in such a conversation as that.
I care not what church advocates that theory of the Spirit of God which made this earth—I do not believe it. Here is another one of those anonymous writings, which comprise the four gospels upon which the Christian religion is founded.

On this occasion Jesus was playing on the house-top with a group of other little boys. (Remember, I’m talking about God Almighty according to the Christian church now.)

One of the little fellows fell off the top of the house, and was instantly killed by the fall. Some of the other boys accused Jesus (Almighty God) of pushing the other boy off the roof. This Jesus denied, but he was arrested nevertheless. (Imagine here, if you can, the Great omnipotent Maker of this universe, being arrested and thrown into jail for pushing one of his playmates off the top of a house). In an endeavor to prove his innocence, Jesus offered to raise the dead boy and he could testify whether Jesus was wrongly accused of murder. For that is what it was. The offer was accepted and Jesus was taken to where the dead child lay. Bringing him back to life, Jesus said to him, “Did I push you off the top of the house or did you fall off?” The boy replied that he fell off, whereupon Jesus was freed and the dead boy went dead again.

I pass these two incidents on to you for what they may be worth. They are of exactly the same material as the four gospels. If you feel that this is evidence for the truth of these gospels, that is for you to decide. Personally, to me, these stories are but caricatures of Almighty God. The God we of “Psychiana” teach, is an entirely different God from this one of the New Testament and the Christian religion. The conception of God given to the world by the “Psychiana” movement is a conception which is followed by Power. Power enough to reveal the Spirit of God to anyone. Under the Christian conception, we find the world of Christianity in the horrible conditions of today. Perhaps Jesus Christ was Almighty God. Perhaps he was not.
THE question of the truth and the originality of the god of the Christian church enters here. I shall not burden you by going into too much detail, but it is essential that we briefly look at the main precepts and fundamentals of the Christian religion. Let me add here that the only reason I deal with this particular system is because this land is called a Christian land, and the facts of the Christian religion, and what it teaches are better known than are some of the older systems of religion.

Of great importance here is the fact that the god of the Christian church, was about the thirty-second “crucified god” to appear on this earth, according to traditions of other systems of religion. As a matter of fact, there is no historical evidence supporting either the birth or the existence of Jesus Christ on this earth at all. Such evidence has never been known to exist. Outside of the four Christian gospels, you cannot find one single reference to Jesus Christ anywhere. Certainly not in history. This fact, I think, is abundant evidence that his existence was not known to anyone, and this proves the story to be but an origination of the Christian church, just as other religions originated their gods.

We know that the four gospels were voted into the “canon” of scripture less than 400 years ago. That is not very long when compared with the millions of years this earth has been revolving on its axis. There were millions of people living on this earth, long before 1545 A. D. But if the Christian story of God is true, and if these four gospels are the “word of God”, then these millions of souls are automatically doomed to a terrible death, even though they never had a chance to hear “the only name given under heaven among men, whereby men may be saved.”

So there is much injustice there. And I don’t believe
the Spirit of the Living God, which Spirit we are looking to to bring peace to this earth, can be that unjust. It will be discovered when the truth of the True God is finally known, that every soul who ever lived upon the earth, will be just as much a part of God as you and I may be, even though we have to go through “purgatory” or “hell-fire” to make us acceptable in the “sight of the Lord”. It will be further discovered these varying systems of religion, all of them honest, all of them really trying to do what is right, have fallen so far short of what they might have been, because their conception of deity was man-made instead of being God-made.

No god, pagan or Christian, can lift the human race any higher than the level on which that god dwells. If the god of the Christian church ordained that in order to know him we have to submit to the doctrines and dogmas and creeds of any man made church, you can depend upon it, all such a god can ever bring to this earth, cannot be any higher than man can conceive it. The true picture of God is so far above anything any religion offers today, that these religions, at first, will not be able to recognize it. To them, it will seem impossible. But to the rest of the world it will at once appear as the only sane and logical conclusion one can come to. That conception will save this world because it will manifest the Power of the Spirit of God to man, and through man.

It could do this world no good if the power of any church god were to be thrown against world conditions, for there would at once arise an argument among the gods as to which is the correct god. If all the gods who are in heaven now, were to come back to earth all at once, as we are told they will, there certainly would be confusion amongst them. And a confusion of gods cannot bring peace to this earth. It is the confusion of man-made gods, and the confusion of religions which have brought this earth to the God-less condition it is in today. And all the while, the True Spirit of the True God has been patiently waiting for someone to look a bit beyond these man-made gods, there to discover in [ 72 ]
plain sight, the Great Spirit which is God. Naturally the churches cannot recognize God, for he is so totally different from anything they have been taught to believe about God. God, to be real to the church, must be a “mystery” far removed from this earth. There must be a “mystery” about Godliness. There must be a “mystery” about the church. It tells us that it is the “body” of Christ. It claims that body to be invisible. But we can see it. We know it. Well if Jesus Christ ever lived, he died a long time ago, and he has never been heard from since. Neither have the thirty-two other gods of ancient religious myth and tradition.

There is one “crucified” god I shall mention in detail. In the study of this god, we find the answer to where the Christian religion came from in the first place. If we successfully find the answer to that, we shall have the answer to the existence of the True Spirit of God. For it is needless to say, that if we find another system of religion which is far older than the Christian religion, yet which possesses every fundamental of that Christian religion, it is at once proven that the Christian story is not original. If it is not original, it may not be true. Shall we see?

Fourteen hundred years before the time of Christ, there was, on this earth, another god. This one was not called “Jesus Christ” but he was called “Jeseus Chrishna”. Those two names are quite similar. This god Chrishna has more followers to day than Jesus Christ has. There are points of similarity about these two gods which it may well to hastily look at. Not that I shall go into this at any great length. I have done that in two other books, “Gleams Over the Horizon” and “Crucified Gods Galore”. So in this book I shall just introduce enough evidence to prove my point that the god of the Christian or any other church is not the God of this universe. That God can, here and now, manifest its Power to the full and free liberation of all from the damnable chains which now bind them.

The Hindoo tells us, and was telling us 1400 years before either Christ or Christianity was ever heard of, that Chrishna had an immaculate conception. He was born of a virgin
called, not Mary, but Maia which means Mary. The "Holy Ghost" of the Hindoo "trinity" of gods, was the cause of the birth. For, like Jesus, Chrishna was "conceived of the Holy Ghost". He was born on the 25th day of December, like Christ. His life was sought by the ruling King, Herod in the time of Christ, and Cansa in the time of Chrishna. His father was a carpenter, and he lived to about 33 years of age. Then he went out into the desert and dropped from sight for quite a while.

The birthplace of Chrishna was Mathura, which is the same place, with little changing, as the Maturea where Christ was supposed to have stopped. Jesus washed the feet of the Jews, and Chrishna washed the feet of the Brahmins. A woman came and anointed the feet of Chrishna with oil. Another woman did that to the feet of Jesus too. Only that was 1400 years later. After a short ministry Chrishna, like Jesus, was crucified. He also descended into hell, preached to the spirits there. Jesus did that too. Three days later, like Christ, Chrishna rose from the dead, ascended into heaven where he now is. If both of these stories are true, there are two "crucified gods" that we know of in heaven, now. Chrishna was called "The Savior of Men" as was Jesus. He had a fight with the "devil" just as Jesus had. He gave the same commandments Jesus did, and he came to redeem man from the curse God had place upon man, exactly as Jesus did.

This proves that all the fundamentals of the Christian religion were known to millions of people, fourteen hundred years before the dawn of Christianity. This being true, we may be excused if we do not accept the Christian story of Jesus Christ as God. And we do not accept it any more than we accept the story of Chrishna. God has never yet been seen by anyone, let alone been crucified by the very humans he made.

In the Christian bible, we find that after God made man, in the year 4004 A. D. he finally discovered that the man he had made was not so good. Not so hot. He did all sorts of things he had no business to do, and got himself constantly into trouble. So then, to correct the mistake he had made,
he decided to drown all men and women he created from off the face of the earth. So did the Hindoo god decide the same thing 1400 years before, according to the Hindoo bibles, which are the oldest bibles extant, far antedating the bible of the Christian. This is too bad for the Christian. Others can now claim the truth on account of having the same story long before.

According to the Christian bible, the first man and woman were called Adam and Eve. But according to the Hindoo bible they were called Adimo and Heva. Not so much difference. When the flood came, the only man found righteous in the Christian bible was Noah. In the Hindoo bible, 1400 years before, it was Noe. Not so much difference there either. Noah had three sons, the Christian church tells us. They were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. But Noe, the other righteous man of the Hindoo, 1400 years before, also had three sons. They were called Sherma, Hama, and Jiapheta. This is more than coincidence.

As a matter of fact, there is so much similarity between the Buddhism and Christianity that it bespeaks a common origin. It has been possible to trace the two religions to a common source and origin. I have done this in another book. Whole pages of teachings are to be found in the Hindoo bible; exactly the same teachings are in the Christian bible. Christ was resurrected from the dead before hundreds we are told, and Chrishna also rose from the dead, and as he was raised by a supernatural power to heaven, the multitudes exclaimed “Lo Chrishna’s soul ascends its native skies”. The only question I want to ask here is this—how can the Christian claim either originality or truth for his system of religion, when every vital part of it was known, under another name, to more millions than have ever heard of Christianity? By what logic does the Christian call the religion of India “pagan”, and by what authority does he send missionaries into India, to convert those of that religion to the Christian religion, when every fundamental of the Christian religion was known to those “pagans” with almost exactly the same name, 1400 years before. There is
a muddle somewhere along the religious line. And it is this muddle we are attempting to untangle. I believe, before we finish, we shall have it all untangled. Then, we can bring to you, a far different set of facts. We can then bring to you the knowledge of a God so big that no man could ever crucify him. A god so big that acquaintance with him automatically liberates mankind.

Every fundamental of the Christian religion was known to other systems of religion, long before either Christ or Christianity were ever heard of. Remember that please. I give you here a list of thirty-two "gods" who, according to their religious myth and traditions, were "crucified for the sins of the world". And still there are more brutal "sins" in the world than there ever could have been before these "crucified gods" came on to the scene to save man. Maybe if they had left man alone, as he came from the hand of the Creator, and maybe if this world had never seen a church or a system of religion, it would not be in the almost hopeless condition it is in today. Certainly no system of religion, nor all systems combined can bring peace to this earth now, when we need it most.

It may be advocated that religion is not for the present, only for the future. I have been told that the work of religion is to "save the soul" after death. Well if that is so, religion is useless here and now, when we need it most. For no church in existence can tell us what the soul is. And if the Creator of man and the universe can "save the soul" after death, that Creator can also save both body and soul while we live. To so limit God and say that the only time we can know him is after we are dead and gone, is advocating a theology which, to say the least, admits it cannot help this world today. And if theology cannot do something for man here and now, theology has not the right God.

Every fundamental of the Christian church is to be found in the religions of the "heathen". There is not a single fundamental doctrine of Christianity which the heathen did not know. The only difference between Christianity and the
rest of these “supernaturally-revealed religions” is the difference in identity of their “crucified god”.

We are told at the birth of Christ, shepherds and wise men heralded his birth. A star shone overhead and guided them to the place where the young child lay. But there were shepherds too at the birth of the Hindoo “savior of the world”. And a star guided them also. So then, if the Hindoo had all of these things long before the dawn of Christianity, why spend good money to “save” the Hindoo when so much of that money might be spent here at home feeding the American hungry? A couple of years ago while visiting in Washington, D. C., my friend Sterling Wheelwright, the pastor of the Westminster Chapel (Mormon), took me out to hear an organ recital in the unfinished Episcopal church there. The building cost millions and the organ cost about $150,000. When the church, which is being built in the form of a cross will be completed, no one knows.

On the way home, we picked up the vicar or the verger or whatever it is he is called, and Wheelwright introduced me to him. “What do you think of our church?” he asked me. I replied, “I think it is the greatest monument to paganism I have ever seen”. That is what I think. For if it should be proven that the god of the Christian church must take his place among the gods of other religions, and if they are “pagan”, is not the Christian god Jesus Christ “pagan” also?

The story of the serpent in the Garden is far older than Christianity. So is the “mass” or sacrifice. The atonement doctrine originated in heathenism, and also did the doctrine of “inbred sin”, the crucification, the virgin birth, the resurrection, and every fundamental of Christianity—the heathen had them all.

At this point I want to give you briefly a few of the precepts of Jesus, for an examination of a man’s philosophy invariably discloses what that man is. That applies equally to a god. If Jesus Christ was God Almighty, he made no such errors as we shall see he did make. For one of the attributes of God is perfection, and another is truth. If therefore, there is one single thought in the precepts of
Jesus which is either unscientific or untrue, we may eliminate him once and for all as being Almighty God, regardless of how many people believe him to have been just that.

That Jesus Christ was neither a natural or moral philosopher is evident from the following facts:

1. He never made use of the word "philosophy."
2. Never gave utterance to the word "science."
3. Never spoke of a natural law, or assigned a natural cause for anything. The fact that he never made use of these words now so current in all civilized countries, is evidence that he was totally ignorant of these important branches of knowledge, the cultivation of which is now known to be essential to the progress of civilization. And yet it is claimed his religion has been a great lever in the advancement of civilization. But this is a mistake, a solemn mistake, as elsewhere shown.
4. Everything to Christ was miracle; everything was produced and controlled by the arbitrary power of an angry or irascible God. He evidently had no idea of a ruling principle in nature or of the existence of natural law, as controlling any event he witnessed. Hence he set no bounds to anything, and recognized no limits to the possible. He believed God to be a supernatural personal being, who possessed unlimited power, and who ruled and controlled everything by his arbitrary will, without any law or any limitations to its exercises. Hence he told his disciples they would have anything they prayed for in faith; that by faith they could roll mountains into the sea, or bring to a halt the rolling billows of the mighty deep. He evidently believed that the forked lightning, the outbursting earth-shaking thunder, and the roaring, heaving volcano were but pliant tools or obsequious servants to the man of faith. And he displays no less ignorance of the laws of mind than the laws of nature; thus proving him to have been neither a natural, moral, nor mental philosopher. He omitted to teach the great moral lessons learned by human experience, of which he was evidently totally ignorant.
5. He never taught that the practice of virtue contains its own reward.
6. That the question of right and wrong of any action is to be decided by its effect upon the individual, or upon society.
7. That no life can be displeasing to God which is useful to man.
8. And he omitted to teach the most important lesson that
can engage the attention of man, viz.: that the great purpose of life is self-development.

9. That no person can attain or approximate to real happiness without bestowing a special attention to the cultivation and exercise of all the mental and physical faculties, so far as to keep them in a healthy condition. None of the important lessons above named are hinted at in his teachings, which, if punctually observed, would do more to advance the happiness of the human race than all the sermons of Christ or Chrishna ever preached, or ever taught.

10. And then he taught many doctrines which are plainly contradicted by the established principle of modern science, such as,—

11. Diseases being introduced by demons, devils, or wicked spirits. (See Mark ix. 20.)

Christ nowhere assigns a natural cause for disease, or a scientific explanation for its cure.

12. His rebuking a fever discloses a similar lack of scientific knowledge. (See Luke iv. 39.)

13. His belief in a literal hell and a lake of fire and brimstone (see Matt. xviii. 8) is an ancient heathen superstition science knows nothing about, and has no use for.

14. His belief in a personal devil also (see Matt. xviii. 18), which is another oriental tradition, furnishes more sad proof of an utter want of scientific knowledge, as science has no place for and no use for such a being.

15. Christ taught the unphilosophical doctrine of repentance, as he declared he “came to call sinners to repentance” (Matt. ix. 13)—a mental process, which consists merely in a revival of early impressions, and often leads a person to condemn that which is right, as well as that which is wrong.

16. The doctrine of “forgiveness,” which Christ so often inculcated, is also at variance with the teachings of science, as it can do nothing toward changing the nature of the act forgiven, or toward cancelling its previous effects upon society. Science teaches that every crime has its penalty attached to it, which no act of forgiveness, by God or man, can arrest or set aside.

17. But nothing evinces, perhaps, more clearly Christ’s total lack of scientific knowledge than his holding a man responsible for his belief, and condemning for disbelief, as he does in numerous instances (see Mark xvi. 15), for a man could as easily control the circulation of the blood in his veins as control his belief. Science teaches that belief depends upon evidence, and without it, it is impossible to
believe, and with it, it is impossible to disbelieve. How foolish and unphilosophical, therefore, to condemn for either belief or disbelief!

18. The numerous cases in which Christ speaks of the heart as being the seat of consciousness, instead of the brain, evinces a remarkable ignorance of the science of mental philosophy. He speaks of an “upright heart,” “a pure heart,” etc., when an “upright liver,” “a pure liver,” would be as sensible, as the latter has as much to do with the character as the former.

19. And in many cases in which he makes it meritorious to have a right “faith,” and places it above reason, and assumes it to be a voluntary act, shows his utter ignorance of the nature of the human mind.

20. And Christ evinced a remarkable ignorance of the cause of physical defects, when he told his hearers a certain man was born blind, in order that he might cure him. (Matt. vii. 22.)

21. And Christ’s declaration, that those who marry are not worthy of being saved (see Luke xx. 34), shows that he was very ignorant of the nature of the sexual functions of the human system.

22. Nothing could more completely demonstrate a total ignorance of the grand science of astronomy than Christ’s prediction of the stars falling to the earth. (See Luke xxi. 25.)

23. And the conflagration of the world, “the gathering of the elect,” and the realization of a fancied millennium, which he several times predicted would take place in his time, “before this generation pass away” (Matt. xxiv. 34), proves a like ignorance, both of astronomy and philosophy.

24. And his cursing of the fig tree for not bearing fruit in the winter season (see Matt. xxi. 20), not only proves his ignorance of the laws of nature, but evinces a bad temper.

25. Christ indorses the truth of Noah’s flood story (see Luke xvii. 27), which every person at the present day, versed in science and natural law, knows is mere fiction, and never took place.

And numerous other errors, evincing the most profound ignorance of science and natural law, might be pointed out in Christ’s teachings, if we had space for them. It has always been alleged by orthodox Christendom, that Christ’s teaching and moral system are so faultless as to challenge criticism, and so perfect as to defy improvement. But this
is a serious mistake. For most of his precepts and moral inculcations which are not directly at war with the principles of science, or do not involve a flagrant violation of the laws of nature, are, nevertheless, characterized by a lawless and extravagant mode of expression peculiar to semi-savage life, and which, as it renders it impossible to reduce them to practice, shows they could not have emanated from a philosopher, or man of science, or a man of evenly-balanced mind. They impose upon the world a system of morality, pushed to such extremes that its own professed admirers do not live it out, or even attempt to do so. They long ago abandoned it as an impracticable duty. We will prove this by enumerating most of its requisitions, and showing that they are daily violated and trampled under foot by all Christendom. Where can the Christian professor be found who, 1. "takes no thought for the morrow"; or, 2. who "lays not up treasure on earth," or, at least, *tries* to do it; or, 3. who "gives up all his property to the poor"; or who, "when his cloak is wrested from him by a robber," gives up his coat also; or who calls no man master or mister (the most common title in Christendom); or who calls no man father (if he has a father); or who calls no man a fool (when he knows he is a fool); or who, when one cheek is pommeled into a jelly by some vile miscreant or drunken wretch, turns the other to be battered up in the same way; or who prays without ceasing; or who rejoices when persecuted; or who forgives an enemy four hundred and ninety times (70 times 7); or who manifests by his practical life that he loves his enemies (the way he loves him is to report him to the grand jury, or hand him over to the sheriff); or who forsakes houses and land, and everything, "for the kingdom of heaven's sake." No Christian professor lives up to these precepts, or any of them, or even tries to do so. To talk, therefore, of finding a practical Christian, while nearly the whole moral code of Christ is thus daily and habitually outraged and trampled under foot by all the churches and every one of the two hundred millions of Christian professors, is bitter irony and supreme solecism. We would go
five hundred miles, or pay five hundred dollars, to see a Christian. If a man can be a Christian while openly and habitually violating every precept of Christ, then the word has no meaning. These precepts, the Christian world finding to be impossible to practice, have unanimously laid upon the table under the rule of "indefinite postponement." They are the product of a mind with an ardent temperament, and the religious facilities developed to excess, and unrestrained by scientific or intellectual culture. A similar vein of extravagant religious duty is found in the Esselian, Buddhist, and Pythagorean systems. As Zera Colubn possessed the mathematical faculty to excess, and Jenny Lind the musical talent, Christ in like manner was all religion. And from the extreme ardor of his religious feeling, thus derived, sprung his extravagant notions of the duties of life. This peculiarity of his organization explains the whole mystery.

Christ as a Man, and Christ as a Sectarian

To every observant and unbiased mind a strange contrast must be visible in the practical life of Jesus Christ when viewed in his twofold capacity of a man and priest. While standing upon the broad plane of humanity, with his deep sympathetic nature directed toward the poor, the unfortunate, and the downtrodden, there often gushed forth from his impassioned bosom the most sublime expressions of pity, and the strongest outburst of commiseration for wrongs and sufferings, and his noble goodness and tender love yearned with a throbbing heart to relieve them. But the moment he put on the sacerdotal robe, and assumed the character of a priest, that moment, if any one crossed his path by refusing to yield to his requisitions of faith, or dissented from his religious creed, his whole nature was changed. It was no longer, "Blessed are ye," but "Cursed are ye," or "Woe unto you." Like the founders of other religious systems, he was ardent toward friends and bitter toward enemies, and extolled his own religion, while he denounced all others. His way was the only way, and all who did not walk therein, or conform thereto, were loaded with curses.
and imprecations, and all who could not accomplish the im-
possible mental achievement of believing everything he set
forth or urged upon their credence, and that, too, without
evidence, were to be eternally damned. All who climbed up
any other way were thieves and robbers. All who professed
faith in any other religion than his were on the road to hell.
Like the oriental Gods, he taught that the world was to be
saved through faith in him and his religion. All who did not
honor him were to be dishonored by the Father. And "with-
out faith (in him and his religion), it is impossible to please
God." He declared that all who were not for him were
against him; and all who were not on the same road are
"heathens and publicans." His disciples were enjoined to
shake off the dust from their feet as a manifestation of
displeasure toward those who could not conscientiously
subscribe to their creeds and dogmas. Thus we discover a
strong vein of intolerance and sectarianism in the religion
of the otherwise, and in other respects, the kind and loving
Jesus. Though most benignantly kind and affectionate while
moving and acting under the controlling impulses of his
lofty manhood, yet when his ardent religious feelings were
touched, he became chafed, irritated, and sometimes intol-
erant. He then could tolerate no such thing as liberty of
conscience, or freedom of thought, or the right to differ
with him in religious belief. His extremely ardent devotional
nature, when roused into action in defense of a stereotyped
faith, eclipsed his more noble, lofty, and lovely traits, and
often dimmed his mental vision, thus presenting in the same
individual a strange medley, and a strange contrast of the
most opposite traits of character. That such a being should
have been considered and worshipped as a God, and for the
very reason that he possessed such strange, contradictory
traits of character, and often let his religion run riot with
his reason, will be looked upon by posterity as one of the
strangest chapters in the history of the human race. But so
it is. Extraordinary good qualities, though intermingled
with errors and human foibles, have defied many men.

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NOTE: One Christian writer alleges, in defense of the objectionable precepts of Jesus Christ, that "He taught some errors in condescension to the ignorance of the people." If this be true, that he taught both truth and falsehood, then the question arises, How can we know which is which? By what rule can we discriminate them, as he himself furnishes none? Or how are we to determine that he taught the truth at all? And then this plea would account for and excuse all the errors found in the teachings of the oriental Gods. If it will apply in one case, it will in the other. And thus it proves too much.

There is also a physiological principle comprised in the doctrine of the Divine Incarnation fatal in its practical and logical application to the divinity of Jesus Christ, and all the other incarnate or flesh-invested Gods of antiquity. It is evidently fraught with much logical force. It is based upon the law of mental and physical correspondence. As is the physical conformation, so is the mentality, is a law of analogy which pilots us to nearly all our practical knowledge of the natural world. A knowledge of either serves as an index to the other.

When we observe an animal possessing that physical form and construction peculiar to its species, we expect to find it practically exhibiting the nature, character, disposition, and habits peculiar to that class of animals. If it possesses, for example, the conformation of a sheep, we infer at once that it has the disposition of a sheep, and we are never disappointed in this conclusion. And when we encounter an animal with the tiger form, we expect to see exhibited the tiger spirit. If it possesses the well-known physical conformation of the tiger, we are never deceived or misled when we assign it a predatory disposition. If it is a tiger form, it is sure to be a tiger in character and habits. And so of all the genera and species of animals that range upon the face of the globe. We may travel through the whole field of animated nature, and observe the infallible operation of this beautiful law of correspondence till we come, however, to the crowning work of God, called Man. Here we find this law, this beautiful chain of analogy, broken by the doctrine of the "divine
incarnation." God becomes a man, at least is made to exhibit every external appearance of a man. All external distinction between God and man is thus obliterated. So that the very first being we meet in the street or on the highway possessing the form, size, and physical conformation of a man, and presenting every other external appearance of being a man, may nevertheless be a God. And no less is this objection practically exemplified, and no less is the infraction of this beautiful law of analogy observable in the case of Jesus Christ, than in the numerous other incarnate Gods and demigods of antiquity. Being in appearance a man, how was he to be, or how could he be, visually distinguished from a man? Or how could those men who were contemporary with him, know, as they approach him, or as they approached each other, whether they were meeting a man or a God? Seeing that "he was found in fashion as a man" (Phil. ii. 8), either he might be mistaken for a man, or they for a God. They were constantly liable to be confounded. If, then, the infinite deityship was lodged in the person of Jesus Christ, it is evident that that important fundamental law of nature—"as is the form, so is the character"—was utterly annulled, prostrated, annihilated and banished from the world by the act. So that all was, and is henceforth and forever, chaos, confusion, and uncertainty. For if the principle can be violated in one instance, it may be in another, and in thousands of cases, ad infinitum. If one case could be allowed to occur, the principle is established, and nature's universal chain of analogy is broken and destroyed; for to intercept the law is to "break the tenth and ten thousandth link alike."

Hence it is evident that if a being resembling a man may be a God, an animal resembling a cow may be a horse, and yonder stick a poisonous adder; and fatal may the consequences, in thousands of instances, in judging or inferring the nature and character of an animal by its form and size. A supposed innocent animal might be a deadly enemy, or vice versa. Can we then believe, or dare we believe, a doctrine so atheistical in its tendencies as the Infinite Deity was
incorporated in the person of the meek and lowly Jesus, when it would thus set at naught, violate, prostrate, and utterly cancel from the world one of God's own fundamental laws, and one of the essential principles of natural science, and banish forever the co-ordinate harmony of the universe, and thus inaugurate a state of universal disorder, incertitude, anarchy, and misrule into the otherwise beautifully law-governed, well-regulated domain of nature? Certainly, most certainly not! If the incarnation of the Deity should, or could take place, there should be something strikingly peculiar, ay, infinitely peculiar, in his figure, size, and general appearance, in order to make him susceptible of being distinguished from the human. Otherwise, men would be liable to be constantly mistaking and worshiping each other for the Great Almighty and Ubiquitous God, and thus constantly blundering into idolatry. And we actually find several cases reported in the Scriptures (mark the fact well) of men, ay, the saints themselves, being led into this error; being led to commit "the high-handed sin of idolatry" in consequence of their previous acceptance of the belief in a man-God—that is, a God of human size and type. St. John, in two instances, was in the act of worshipping a being possessing the human form, whom he mistook for the omnipotent and omnipresent God. (See Rev. xix. 10, and xxii. 4.) Having, perhaps, been taught that "the fullness of the Godhead dwelt bodily in Christ Jesus," he probably mistook the being he met for Him, and hence offered to worship him. If, then, Christ's own inspired disciples" could thus be betrayed into "the sin of idolatry" by having abolished the infinite distinction between the divine and the human, we surely find here a weighty argument against such a leveling and equalizing doctrine. And certainly nothing could be better calculated to promote "the sin of idolatry" than thus to obliterate the broad, the infinite grand line of demarcation between the infinite God and his infinite creature man. Indeed, may we not here find the very origin and the cause of the new general prevalence of idolatry in pagan countries? Is it not directly traceable to the demolition of the broad,
high, and insurmountable wall of distinction which ought forever to stand between a God of infinite attributes, and a being caged up in the human form? Certainly, most certainly it is. Hence here I would ask, How can Christians, after subscribing to the doctrine, “that the fullness of the God-head dwelt bodily in the the man Christ Jesus” (as Paul very appropriately calls him), condemn the people of any age or nation for worshipping as God their fellow-beings—that is, beings with the human form? Certainly the man who could believe that the infinite God could be comprehended or incorporated in the person of Jesus, could easily be brought to believe that the Grand Lama of Thibet is a proper subject of divine worship. He only lacks the substitution of names. Substitute the Grand Lama for that of Jesus Christ, and the thing is done. And idolatry thus becomes an easily established institution, and its abolition in any country an absolute moral impossibility.

At this point in our travels together into the realms of religions, someone is bound to bring into the argument the doctrine of “divine incarnation”. This, however, is one of the oldest heathen doctrines, and is to be found right at the core of the religion of India, and other systems of religion. Let me give you a few thoughts on that subject.
Chapter Five

GOD IN ACTION

WHAT then is the religious situation as it exists throughout the world today? In a nutshell it is as follows—we have eleven major systems of religion, all claiming to know God and to be representing God on the earth. Many of these systems, the Christian religion for instance, is divided into many branches or parts, and no two of those parts agree. There are more than 400 different divisions in the Christian religion, and they continually squabble between themselves. One tells the rest that it, and it alone is the only true church—they tell the rest of us that God Almighty, in the form of Jesus Christ ordained that particular system, and they go further and tell us that the head of that organization is the only one authorized to teach and act for Almighty God. (In the form of Jesus Christ, of course.)

The rest of these sects, divisions, and denominations deny this claim. So there is not unity, even among the different branches of these religions as to what the truths of God are. These eleven major religions have been operating on the earth only for the past few thousand years. The Christian religion is the youngest of them all, excepting Mohammedanism.

Now it will be obvious at once, that all of these systems of religion cannot be true. They cannot have the one true picture of God. For the “gods” they have are all different. For example—if the claims of the Hindoo that Jesus Christ is the true God are correct, the claims of the Christian that Jesus Christ is the true God, cannot be correct. There is a mistake somewhere. For either one of these systems is true, the rest false, or they are all false. They cannot all be true. It takes no superability to see this, and, judging from the condition the world is in today, I should say that none of these systems of religion knows anything at all about God. They may know, and do know all about the god they
have adopted and teach, for the chances are that in every instance these religious organizations originated their particular “god” themselves. We know that one branch of the Christian religion, in 1545 A. D. decided by popular vote of priests and bishops what the “word of god” was to be from that time on. And we know that one of the considerations for placing four gospels in the “canon” was because animals have four legs. We know further, that in so far as authentic history is concerned, they cannot prove that their “god” ever had an earthly existence, for there is no record among historians that God Almighty ever came to this earth and performed miracles so stupendous that had they really happened, they would have been written across the pages of authentic history in letters of gold.

The only place where reference to any of these “gods” is to be found, is in the “bibles” or “sacred writings” of that each particular system of religion. No religion ever heard of the god of the other religions. The trouble with all of these claims is that there have been too many of them. I promised in a previous chapter that I would give you a list of some of these “gods” and here is the list.

More than twenty claims of beings invested with divine honor (deified)—have come forward and presented themselves at the bar of Christendom in having proclaimed Jesus Christ “the only son, and sent of God”; twenty Messiahs, Saviors, and Sons of God, according to history or tradition, have in past times descended from heaven and taken upon themselves the form of men, clothing themselves with human flesh, and furnishing incontestable evidence of a divine origin, by various miracles, marvelous works, and superlative virtues; and finally these twenty Jesus Christs, accepting their character for the name, laid the foundation for the salvation of the world, and ascended back to heaven.

1. Christna of Hindostan.
2. Buddha Saka of India.
3. Salivahana of Bermuda.
4. Zulls, or Zhule, also Osiris and Orus, of Egypt.
5. Odin of the Scandinavians.
6. Crite of Chaldea.
7. Zoroaster and Mithra of Persia.
8. Beal and Taut, “the only Begotten of God,” of Phenicia.
9. Indra of Thibet.
12. Wittoba of the Bilingonese.
13. Thammuz of Syria.
15. Xamolxis of Thrace.
17. Adad of Assyria.
18. Deva Tat, and Sammonodadam of Rum.
19. Alcides of Thebes.
20. Mikado of the Sintos.
22. Jesus of Eros, and Bremrillah, of the Druids.
25. HI! and Feta of the Mandaltes.
26. Gentaut and Quetzalcoatl of Mexico.
27. Universal Monarch of the Sibyls.
28. Ischy of the Island of Formosa.
29. Divine Teacher of Plato.
30. Holy One of Xaca.
32. Adonis, son of the virgin Io of Greece.
33. Ixion and Quihirns of Rome.
34. Prometheus of Caucasus.
35. Mohamud, or Mohamet, of Arabia.

These have all received divine honors; nearly all have been worshipped as Gods, or sons of God; were mostly incarnated as Christs, Saviors, Messiahs, or Mediators; not a few of them were reputedly born of virgins; some of them filling a character almost identical with that ascribed by the Christians’ bible to Jesus Christ; many of them, like him, are reported to have been crucified; and all of them, taken together, furnish a prototype and parallel for nearly every important incident and wonder-inciting miracle, doctrine, and precept recorded in the New Testament, of the Christians’ Savior. Surely, with so many Saviors the world can not, or should not, be lost.

Yet the world is lost today if ever it was. And the reason for its lost condition must lie in the real religion—for religion is the only realm which claims to know anything about God. In this realm of religion, we must take all the claims of all the religions, place them side by side, analyze them all, and see which, if any, really knows God. It would be manifestly unjust to take one system of religion, and claim divinity for that, and at the same time deny divinity to any other system of religion which has the same rules for “salvation”, and had them long before the other religion was ever heard of.

Each system of religion, with its followers, does just that. For instance, those who live in countries which have the Christian religions, swear by all that’s holy that the Christian religion and the Christian bible are the only true revelations from God to man. Yet we find, as we have seen, every fundamental of the Christian religion in the religion of the Hindoo, and we find it there long, long time before Christ or Christianity or the Christian church were ever heard of.

If the claim of any of these many systems of religion is
true, if it does really teach the truth of God, and if it does actually represent God on this earth, why is the world in the condition in which we find it today? Cannot these systems of religion find their god?—do they not know where he is? has he no power with which to step into this troubled world picture and bring peace? I wonder. For certainly it is ridiculous to even suspect that the “god” of any of the eleven major systems of religion operating on the earth today, including the Christian god—is the great creative spirit behind this universe.

I shall have to take issue therefore with every system of religion in existence which has a “crucified god” at the back of it, for I do not believe any such story is true. Nor do you if you give it one moment’s thought.

This world is getting to a condition where it is not safe for any system of religion—except the true religion of Al­mighty God, and that religion has not yet been brought to this earth. The only religions we have on the earth today, are founded on ancient myth, and superstition, and can easily be proven to be such. If you think that religious superstition is still not rife in America today, read the following A.P. dispatch which I cut out of the Seattle Post Intelligencer yesterday:

Eve Acquitted, Adam Guilty Of Original Sin

New Catechism Lifts Cloud From Prominent Woman of Ancient History

KANSAS CITY, Thursday, March 28.—(AP)—All blame for the first sin of the world is shifted to Adam, and Eve is completely exonerated in the revised catechism soon to be released for use in parochial schools. This precept is in conformance with orthodox Catholic teaching, said the Rev. Francis J. Connell of New York in explaining the revisions today to the National Catholic Educational Association convention. Heretofore, Adam and Eve were blamed jointly for disobedience to God’s command when they partook of the fruit of the tree of life, of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden.

The revised catechism, drafted by a committee headed by Bishop Edwin V. O’Hara of the Kansas City diocese, simplifies much of the language and some theological points in the Baltimore catechism which has been in use fifty-five years. The new catechism also contains information about St. Joseph as well as the Virgin Mary, and warns against sinfulness of suicide and drunkenness. Obligations of citizens and civil officials to their country also are emphasized.
Here we find one branch of the Christian church still fooling around with the absurd story of Adam and Eve and the talking snake in the Garden of Eden. And this branch of the church goes so far as to absolve the woman from all blame in this foolish story. But we have seen already that long before Adam and Eve were ever heard of, Adimo and Heva, and another talking snake had a session in another garden, 1400 years before Adam and Eve appeared upon the scene, and were accepted by the religion which calls itself Christian.

It is not coincidence however, that Adimo and Heva and a talking snake are to be found in the “bibles” of the Hindoo long before Adam and Eve were found in another bible. It is not coincidence that the same flood story is told. It is not coincidence that Noe was saved, with his three sons, Sherma, Hama, and Jiapheta, long before the Christian Noah with his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth came along. It is not coincidence that on the 25th day of December, 1400 years before Jesus Christ, that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin caller Maia, nor is it coincidence that they both were God Almighty in human form. It is not coincidence that the God of the Hindoo is a “trinity” consisting of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost as is the Christian God. It is not coincidence that both were crucified on a cross for the sins of the world nor is it coincidence that both rose from the dead three days later, preached to the spirits in hell, and later arose from the tomb, and ascended into heaven where they both are now, sitting, we are told, at the right hand of God. That, I say, is more than coincidence. The one, the later one, must have been copied from the earlier story.

When we take into consideration the fact that it is still less than 400 years ago since one branch of the Christian religion decided what the word of God was, and when we take into further consideration that the only place where the Christian story of Jesus Christ is to be found in the four gospels, which were out there less than 400 years ago
by popular votes, we begin to see the story as it really should be seen.

Some good Christian at this point will say to me—"Am I to understand that you claim that Jesus Christ was not a historical character and never lived?" That, my friend, is exactly what I claim—and I claim further that none of the rest of the world's "crucified gods" ever lived either. Let us see.

The fact that no history, sacred or profane,—that not one of the three hundred histories of that age,—makes the slightest allusion to Christ, or any of the miraculous incidents ingrafted into his life, certainly proves, with a cogency that no logic can overthrow, no sophistry can contradict, and no honest skepticism can resist, that there never was such miraculously endowed being as his many orthodox disciples claim him to have been. The fact that Christ finds no place in the history of the era in which he lived,—that not one even of his life is recorded by anybody but his own interested and prejudiced biographers,—settles the conclusion, beyond cavil or criticism, that the godlike achievements ascribed to him are naught but fable or fiction. It not only proves he was not miraculously endowed, but proves he was not even naturally endowed to such an extraordinary degree as to make him an object of general attention. It would be a historical anomaly without a precedent, that Christ should have performed any of the extraordinary acts attributed to him in the Gospels, and no Roman or Grecian historian, and neither Philo nor Josephus, both writing in that age, and both living almost on the spot where they are said to have been witnessed, and both recording minutely all the religious events of that age and country, make the slightest mention of one of them, nor their reputed authors. Such a historical fact banishes the last shadow of faith in their reality.

It is true a few lines are found in one of Josephus's large works alluding to Christ. But it is so manifestly a forgery, that we believe all modern critics of any note, even of the orthodox school, reject it as a base interpolation. Even Dr.

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Lardner, one of the ablest defenders of the Christian faith that ever wielded a pen in its support, and who has written ten large volumes to bolster it up, assigns nine cogent reasons (which we would insert here if we had space) for the conclusion that Josephus could not have penned those few lines found in his "Jewish Antiquities" referring to Christ. No Jew could possibly use such language. It would be a glaring absurdity to suppose a leading Jew could call Jesus "The Christ," when the whole Jewish nation have ever contested the claim with the sternest logic, and fought it to the bitter end. "It ought, therefore," say Dr. Lardner, for the nine reasons which he assigns, "to be forever discarded from any place among the evidence of Christianity." (Life of Lardner by Dr. Kippis, p. 23.)

As the passage is not found in any edition of Josephus prior to the era of Eusebius, the suspicion has fastened upon that Christian writer as being its author, who argued that falsehood might be used as a medicine for the benefit of the churches. (See his Eccles. Hist.) Origen, who lived before Eusebius, admitted Josephus makes no allusion to Christ. Of course the passage was not, then, in Josephus. One or two other similar passages have been found, in other authors of that era, which it is not necessary to notice here, as they are rejected by Christian writers. It must be conceded, therefore, that the numerous histories covering the epoch of the birth of Christ chronicle none of the astounding feats incorporated in his Gospel biographies as signalizing his earthly career, and make no mention of the reputed hero of these achievements, either by name or character. The conclusion is thus irresistibly forced upon us, not only that he was not a miracle-worker, but that he must have led rather an obscure life, entirely incompatible with his being a God or a Messiah, who came "to draw all men unto him." And it should also be noted here that none of Christ's famous biographers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, are honored with a notice in history till one hundred and ninety years after the birth of Christ. And then the notice was by a Christian writer (Ireneus).
Add to this startling fact, the evidence of the religion of India, and one cannot help but be struck with the self-evident fact that in all probability, the Christian religion is Hindooism under another name. Let it be distinctly understood that I am not trying to destroy either the Christian or any other religion. Not that the world would be any better or worse without any of them. But that is not the object of what I write. I do not believe the truths of God have ever been brought to this world by any system of religion, regardless of what it calls itself; and if these truths have not been brought to the world, then this world has been existing in complete ignorance of truths, so dynamic, so staggering in their import, that, when the world does know them, it will be completely liberated.

One look at the world today will convince even the most optimistic that there is little of God in it. But with all these varying systems of religion there should be a lot of God in it—that is—if any of them have the true picture of God. I have no fight with any system of theology. I love every human being regardless of what religion he or she belongs to. But if I find that what has been offered, and what is being offered to this world in the name of God Almighty is nothing of the kind, what sort of a traitor to humanity would I be if I refrained from bringing these facts to public attention?

In addition to this, it must be remembered that the “Psychiana” Movement is bringing to the world, for the first time its history, the actual truths of the Great Spirit—God. These truths do not jibe with the theologies of any system of religion on the earth today. For under the Power of the Spirit of God as revealed by this Movement, men and women are being liberated. They are finding the actual Power of God. No church has ever been able to do this to date, in spite of all their claims.

So then, while what I write must cause eruption among all religions on the fact of the earth today, let none say that I am destructive. This world has never known a more constructive forces than the “Psychiana” Movement. And
whether it hurts the feelings of any church organization is entirely beside the point. The one point involved so far as my writings go, is—*is the story of God taught by these world religions true or false?* I am convinced that these stories are all false, the Christian story included. That should not be cause for alarm though—that should be cause for great rejoicing—for those who know me best know full well that I should never attempt to replace false theories of God, unless I had the *true conception of God.* Thank God, that vision was given me, and I must, and I shall bring it to the world, regardless of what any existing system of religion thinks about it.

Let us take one more look at Chrishna and Christ before I leave this subject.

"Brahminism or Buddhism in some of its forms is said to constitute the religion of considerably more than half the human race. It teaches the existence of one supreme, eternal, and uncreated God, called Brahma, who created the world through Chrishna, the second member of the Trinity." Paul says, God created the world through Jesus Christ, the second member of the Christian Trinity. (Eph. iii. 9.) How striking the resemblance! "The doctrine of the incarnation, the descent of the Deity upon earth, and his manifestation in a human form for the redemption of mankind, seems to have existed in the shape of prophecy or fact in all ages of the world. Hindooism teaches nine of these incarnations. Furthermore, it teaches the doctrine of the Trinity, the fall and redemption of man, and a state of future rewards and punishments in a future life. . . . This religion in chief of Asia is traceable to remote ages. The doctrine of the Trinity is represented in the Elephantine cavern, and taught in the Mahabarat, which goes back for its origin nearly two thousand years before Christ."

"In the year 3600, Chrishna descended to the earth for the purpose of defeating the evil machinations of Chivan (the devil), as Christ 'came to destroy the devil and his works.' (See John iii. 8.) After a fierce combat with the devil, or serpent, he defeated him by bruising his head—
he receiving, during the contest, a wound in the heel. ('It [the serpent] shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.'—Gen. iii. 15.) He died at last between two thieves.

... He led a pure and holy life, and was a meek, tender, and benevolent being, and enjoined charity, hospitality, and mercy, and forbade lying, prevarication, hypocrisy, and over-reaching in dealing, and pilfering, and theft, and violence toward any being.” (Lecture before the Free Press Association in 1827.)

“The birthplace of the Hindoo here (Chrishna) is called Mathura, which is easily changed, and by correct translation become Maturea, the place where Christ is said to have stopped, between Nazareth and Egypt. . . . To show his humility he washed the feet of the Brahmins (as Christ is said to have washed the feet of the Jews—see John xiii. 14). One day a woman came to him and anointed his hair with oil, in return for which he healed her maladies. One of his first miracles was that of healing a leper, like Christ. (See Mark i. 4.) Finally, he was crucified, then descended to Hades. (It is said of Christ, 'his soul was not left in hell.'—Act ii. 31.) He (Chrishna) rose from the dead and ascended to Voicontha (heaven).” (Higgin's Anacalypsis, vol. ii. p. 239.)

Now, we ask, is it any wonder, in view of the foregoing historical exposition, that Eusebius should exclaim, “The religion of Jesus Christ is neither new nor strange”? (Eccl. Hist. ch. iv.) Truly did St. Augustine say, “This, in our day, is the Christian religion, not as having been unknown in former times, but as having recently received that name.”

Here, then, we pause to ask our good Christian reader, Where is your original Christianity now? or what constitutes the revealed religion of Jesus Christ? or where is the evidence that any new religion was revealed by him or preached by him, seeing we have all his religion, as shown by the foregoing historical citations, included in an old heathen system more than a thousand years old when Jesus Christ was born? We find it all here in this old oriental
system of Buddhism—every essential part, particle and principle of it. We find Christianity all here—its Alpha and Omega, its beginning and end. We find it here in all its details, its root, essence, and eternity,—all its “revealed doctrines,” religious ideas, beautiful truths, senseless dogmas and oriental phantoms. Not a doctrine, principle, or precept of the Christian system, but that is here proclaimed to the world ages before “the angels announced the birth of a divine babe in Bethlehem.” Will you, then, persist in claiming that “truth, life, and immortality came by Jesus Christ,” and that “Christ came to preach a new gospel to the world, and to set forth a new religion never before heard amongst men” (to use the language of Archbishop Tillotson), when the historical facts cited in this work demonstrate a hundred times over that such a position is palpably erroneous? Will you still persist, with all those undeniable facts staring you in the face (proving and re-proving, with overwhelming demonstration, that the statement is untrue), in declaring that “the religion of Jesus Christ is the only true and soul-saving religion, and all other systems are mere straw, stubble, tradition, and superstition” (as asserted by a popular Christian writer), when no mathematician ever demonstrated a scientific problem more clearly than we have proved in these pages that all the principle systems of the past, by no means excepting Christianity, are essentially alike in every important particular—all of their cardinal doctrines being the same, differing only in unimportant details?

Seeing, then, that all systems of religion have been found to be essentially alike in spirit and in practice, the all-important question arises here, What is the true cause assignable for this striking resemblance? How is it to be accounted for? Perhaps some of our good Christian readers, unacquainted with history, may cherish the thought that all the oriental systems brought to notice are but imitations of Christianity; that they were reconstructed out of materials obtained from that source; that Christianity is the parent, and they the offspring. But, alas for their long-
cherished idol, those who entertain such forlorn hopes are "sowing to the wind, and are doomed to disappointment." With the exception of Mohammedanism alone, Christianity is the youngest system in the whole catalogue. The historical facts to prove this statement are voluminous. But as it needs no proof to those who have read religious history, but little space will be occupied with citations for this purpose. With respect to the antiquity of the principal oriental system, we need only to quote the testimony of Sir William Jones, a devout Christian writer, who spent years in India, and whose testimony will be accepted by any person acquainted with his history. He makes the emphatic declaration, "That the name of Chrishna, and the general outline of his history, were long anterior to the birth of our Savior, and probably to the time of Homer (900 B.C.) we know very certainly." (Asiat. Res. vol. i. p. 254.) No guess-work about it. "We know very certainly."

And being a scholar, a traveler, and a sojourner among the Hindoos, and well versed in their history, no person ever had a better opportunity to know than he. We will hear this renowned author further. "In the Sanscrit dictionary, compiled more than two thousand years ago, we have the whole history of the incarnate deity (Chrishna), born of a virgin, and miraculously escaping in his infancy from the reigning tyrant of his country (Cansa). He passed a life of the most extraordinary and incomprehensible devotion. His birth was concealed from the tyrant Cansa, to whom it had been predicted that one born at that time, and in that family, would destroy him": i.e., destroy his power. (Asiat. Res. vol. i. p. 273.) This writer also states that the first Christian missionaries who entered India were astonished to find there a religion so near like their own, and could only account for it by supposing that the devil, foreseeing the advent of Christ, originated a system of religion in advance of his, and "just like it." Stated in other words, he got out the second edition of the gospel plan of salvation before the first edition was published or had an existence. Rather a smart trick this, thus to outwit God Almighty.
With respect to the vast antiquity of the Hindoo oriental religion, which indicates it as being not only the source from which the materials of the Christian religion were drawn, but as being the parent of all the leading systems, with their three thousand subordinate branches which existed at a much earlier period than Christianity, we need only to point to the deep chiseled sculptures and imperishable monuments enstamped on their time-honored temples, tombs, altars, vases, columns, pagodas, ruined towers, etc., which with contemporary inscriptions, warrant us in antedating the religion of the Himmalehs far beyond the authentic records of any other religion that has floated down to us on the stream of time. The numerous images of their crucified Gods, Chrishna and Saki, emblazoned on their old rock temples in various parts of the country, some of which are constructed of clay porphyry, now the very hardest species of rock, with their attendant inscriptions in a language so very ancient as to be lost to the memory of man, vie with the Sanscrit in age, the oldest deciphered language in the world.

All these and a hundred corroboratory historical facts fix on India as being the birthplace of the mother of all religions now existing, or that ever had an existence, while the great worship in which they were subsequently remodeled was in Alexandria in Egypt, whose theological schools furnished the model for nearly every system now found noticed on the page of history—Christianity of course included.

The foregoing evidence does not meant that the religion of India is the true religion of the Spirit of God by any means; what it does is to remove the last shadow of doubt about the originality of the Christian religion, with which we, here in the United States, are vastly interested. No one will grant the truth of the story of the religion of India. It must be classed with the rest of these systems of religion, and if this hurts, I point once more to the condition of the world today, and then to the condition of the Christian church. Let me briefly at this point submit just a little bit of evidence that shows beyond the shadow of a doubt

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that unless something happens to the "Church of Jesus Christ," the whole Christian structure will pass away, and that perhaps faster than the Christian church realizes. I am only trying to help it, and, by bringing to it the true conception of God, I can help it—if it will be helped.

Leaders of the church everywhere are lamenting the fact that the whole structure is passing. They do not seem to know what to do to save it. Bishop Magee of the M. E. church recently made the statement that in one year this church lost about three-quarters of a million members and closed up about three thousand Sunday Schools. The Right Rev. Tucker, primate of the Protestant Episcopal church in America, recently made the public statement that "unless the Christian church develops an enthusiasm for its work comparable to that of warring Japan or Soviet Russia, the Christian cause may fail and pass out of the picture". Dr. Jean S. Milner, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Indianapolis (Henry Ward Beechers old church) said recently in his book "The Sky Is Red"—"The Spirit of God (Christ) will not leave the earth, but the Spirit will manifest in institutions other than our own."

A conclave of Presbyterianism was held in Canada last month, and there too the appalling condition of the Christian church was admitted and deplored. The remedy suggested by the moderator was this—"We must lose no opportunity to spread 'Christian propaganda' wherever and whenever we can". Perhaps that is the answer and perhaps it is not the answer. We shall see.

Here we have the sad spectacle of the only force in this world which could be an influence to good, passing away. And it is passing away because it thinks more of its man-made and church-made traditions than it thinks of Almighty God. It operates under the delusion, and the strong delusion that all the truths of God have been given into its hands, when as a matter of fact, none of these churches, so-called "pagan" or Christian, know the first thing about the Power of the Spirit of the Living, Saving God. That is an experience they have not had yet. The gods of these
churches is "my god"—not the God of the universe—but "mine".

But there is only one True God—and it is certain that all eleven of these systems of theology cannot have that one God. Equally certain is it that the Christian religion cannot have that God—for everything that religion has was known to millions, thousands of years before the Christian church was ever heard of—how can it have the true God.

There is only one picture of God which can meet the needs of this world, and that must be a universal picture. It cannot be circumscribed with the confines of the Christian or any other religion. Any attempt to tell the people of this country that God Almighty may only be found through the doctrines or creeds or dogmas of any church, is telling us something which is not true. When the truths of God are finally brought to the whole universe, it will be discovered that they meet the needs of the savage in darkest Africa, who, by the way, never had a chance to hear of Jesus Christ, just as effectively as these truths will meet the needs of the Chinaman, the Jap, the German, the Russian, and the rest of the human race. Those truths were not given into the hands of the Roman Catholic church, the Protestant church, the church of India or the church of any other country. If they had been, God would reign supreme on the earth today, and there would be no more war.

All existing religious systems have looked for a God everywhere except where God is to be found. They have raised their hands to heaven like the Pope did recently, imploring God to stop the war. That act in itself proves conclusively that even the Pope does not know where God is. They used to say, in olden days, that when it thundered—God was angry. They used to see God in the storm. They fled away from the "face" of God—for he was an "angry" God. And the churches, capitalizing on that monstrous theory of God, set themselves up as "agents" of God, and drew up rules and regulations whereby they could open the door to the kingdom of heaven, and allow those who subscribed to what they asked them to subscribe to, to enter.

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Even to this day, practically every system of religion in existence, especially the Roman religion, bodily tells the world that “God gave the keys to the kingdom of heaven into their hands”. And men and women by the thousands, otherwise intelligent, actually believe that. All I can say is that if any church organization actually possesses the keys to the “kingdom of heaven”, it better get busy and open the door so that the wholesale brutal murders which are ruining this beautiful world may be stopped.

These religious organizations, not having the true God, and not knowing anything at all about the Great Spirit, proceeded to cook up a god of their own making, which “gods” they still have. And the condition of the world tells very plainly what sort of “gods” they must be.

Did you ever stop to think of what this earth would be like if the Creative Spirit of God who made it were known on the earth? Let us think for a moment or two. In the first place—who and what is God? Let us see—and in endeavoring to find out, we shall not look to “the heavens” and implore God to “speak”, we shall see what God is like in actual operation. Let us see how God operates in you.

Let’s examine you and see who and what you really are. We may find that God is a good deal closer to you than you ever imagined him to be. In fact, what we discover about God through the study of man, may stagger you.

What are you? Who are you? Where did you come from? Who made you? Let me tell you. When your parents fell in love with each other and were married, they complied with the Law of God governing childbirth. They made the physical connection which is necessary for the sperm of the male to meet the ovum of the female. You were unknown at that time. Your parents did not even know what the result of that union would be, male or female, for they had no control over that.

All they did was to merely make it physically possible for two little bugs to come together. So small are these little bugs that millions of them can be placed on the head of a pin. Two of those little bugs met, united, and nine months
after, you appeared on the scene. But did your parents make you? I don't think so. When they had completed the sexual act they had done all they could do. And what they did was a long way from making the spanking baby boy or girl which came along nine months later. Neither your father or mother had anything to do with that. Their part was purely physical. They caused the sperm and the ovum to meet in the place where they were supposed to meet. Then what happened?

At that point in the operations of making a baby from two tiny little bugs, and after your parents had done all they could do, some other power stepped into the picture and took complete charge of the building operations from that point on. Now what I am asking you is—what was that power? There's another question I want to ask you—where is that power now? In the building of your body from two tiny little bugs, problems were performed which stagger the imagination. No chemist or physicist could ever hope to duplicate the marvelous biological, physiological and chemical actions and reactions necessary to build that marvelous piece of physical mechanism called—you. Problems were solved during those nine months which human intelligence never could solve. Yet there was an intelligence present which did solve those problems and which did bring into existence a completely new and living soul. That soul is you.

Your parents know nothing about how the process took place. They know nothing about biology or physiology or chemistry. All they could do was to physically see that the two serums met and from that meeting there was made—you. Now what Power, I ask again, was that? And there is another question I want to ask you is which perhaps more important than the first question—do you believe that when this invisible spirit which can create life in a physical body had completed its task, and made you—do you believe it said—"there you are—I've done my job—I brought you into being—you can paddle your own canoe from now on?"

Do you believe that the infinite Power of the Spirit of Life, for that is what that Power is, left you at birth never
to return again, or does that infinite intelligence still live in you, continuing its amazing creative work? If it does not—if it took its leave when you were born, then what power is it which is giving you life, and intelligence, with all the finer instincts which live in you?"

No other Power came into your life after you were born did it? Then it must be a fact that the same invisible Spirit which took those two little bugs and made you out of them, still lives in you with all its power, and still is available to you any time you care to call upon it. We are getting close to the answer to our problem now. This is a very different picture from that given us by orthodox religions, but it does bring God, the Spirit of Infinite Life, very close to you. It gives you just a faint glimpse of something of the intelligence and Power that is God. More than that it brings God back out of the heavens and puts him right in the midst of the human family where he has ever been, and from whence he never should have been taken away by any religious organization. It was not the "unsaved" which removed God from His creation—it was the church—and its up to the church to bring God back again. If it does not do this, then, as Dr. Milner states—"The Spirit of God will not leave the earth, but that Spirit will operate through institutions other than our own."

What would this world be like if God were known as this Great Spirit exists? It would be a far different world from what it is today. For peace—eternal peace, love, joy, happiness, and eternal life would be known to all here on the earth. There could be no wars—no unemployment—no strikes—no national deficit of billions of dollars—no police—no jails—no whiskey—no prostitutes—nothing but eternal peace, eternal love—and God living with man forever and ever.

But you may say—"that cannot happen on this earth, can it?", to which I reply it would have happened a long time ago if the religions of the world had known anything about God. Why cannot it happen here and now? What is there to prevent if from happening? Is there any Power superior
to the Power of the Spirit of God? Cannot the God who made us take care of us? Cannot the infinite wisdom, intelligence, and Power which is God bring such a state into existence here and now? God can—and God will—and God will do just that in the moment the human race is told who and what God is, and for what purpose God Almighty lives. This information, no church has ever yet given to man. And the reason that information has not been given to man is because the churches of all religions have not had that information to give.

Every time someone wanted to start a new system of religion, he would copy from what some older system of religion taught. And as a result of this copying or stealing, this world has had to date more than thirty “crucified gods” whether real or mythical, and they are just about as impotent to bring a knowledge of the True Spirit of God to the earth as they might be expected to. I am sorry my good Christian, Hindoo, Chinese, Japanese, Jewish friend—but I shall have to include your “crucified god,” if you have one, in the middle of these God-myths—for that is all they are.

To say that God Almighty lives “in heaven” and to say that no one can find God unless he subscribes to the doctrines of some church or other, is to blaspheme and dishonor God. To state to anyone that God Almighty, or anyone else, ever founded a church, is to tell those good trusting souls something which is not true. It never can be true. And just so long as such false theories of God are taught, this world will never know the True Peace of God among men, unless God manifests His presence and Power through some organization entirely outside of any church. That is exactly what Almighty God is doing today.

If the Spirit of God had ever been taught or known on this earth, it would be a paradise right now. But, I repeat, nothing any church can offer to the world can bring in any such paradise. For no “god” can rise higher than his own teachings. And the conceptions of all of these “crucified gods” are very low. Think of it—God making man in the
year 4004 B. C. out of the dust of the earth, and then taking a rib from the man and making a woman. Why not the woman from dust also. Then, God finds he has made a mistake when he puts Adam and Eve, the first two, in the garden. It should not have taken much wisdom to know what a naked man and a naked woman would do when they got together all alone in a garden. That would be natural—that would be only complying with the Law which is God. But "god" did not see it that way. So he made a wholesale drowning. Killed them all like rats in a trap. Brutally and ruthlessly murdered the whole human race he had created, just because he made a mistake and created a bad man instead of a good man. Now, 6000 years later, one church we have quoted says the woman was not to blame—just the man. Then, later on, seeing the terrible condition of the man he had created, God so ordained things that to save man from "purgatory" or "hell-fire," he came down to earth in the form of a man. However, that did not work, for the man he had created killed the god who created him. They killed him on a cross. Men and women of the United States—for God's sake, and for the sake of a dying civilization, please use your God-given reason and once and for all throw away such pagan characterization and caricatures of Almighty God. For something so much better can be yours here now.

What reason is there that this whole race cannot live together in perfect peace, with each other, both individually and nationally? There is only one reason, and that is because the true existence of God has not yet been brought to the earth by anyone or by any organization. But the time is here when the new conception of God will be grasped by all. And then, when that day fully dawns, there cannot be wars, there cannot be anything outside of the complete happiness of the whole human race. And that can be possible, and will be possible in this present era.

Think of it—no sickness—NO DEATH—no poverty—no fear—no worry—no sorrows—no despair—no more submarines with their damnable instruments of death. No more Hitlers. No more Stalins. No more Mussolinis. Nothing but eternal peace, eternal life—right here on this earth—now.
Chapter Six
DECLARING GOD

WHAT then is God? What is this Power which can, even at this late date, bring everlasting life and eternal peace, joy and happiness to every living creature? What is this Power which is demonstrating its Presence in so wonderful a manner through the Movement which started in this little city of Moscow, Idaho? For there can be no question but what the new conception of God is manifesting its Power literally in human lives, as no God-power was ever manifested on this earth before. Nor is there any question but what this Power, which is God, is doing things which have not been witnessed on this earth to date through any religious organization.

Seemingly incurable diseases have disappeared before the Power of the Spirit of God. Death has been thwarted many times by that same Spirit. Poverty is being replaced by material abundance, and sorrows are being changed into inexplicable joy. Illnesses of long years standing disappear, and hope and love and peace is being manifested on the earth, all over the earth, through the Spirit of God. I think at this point in this book, I shall give you just a few of the 150,000 cases which have voluntarily reported to us. We cannot keep them any more—we do not have room for them. Yet this has been going on for eleven years, only in ever-increasing numbers. This, I think you will admit, is incontrovertible evidence that a new conception of God is being brought to this earth, and the Power, the Spirit which is God, entirely outside of any system of orthodox religion, and without believing in one single thing any church teaches, is manifesting on the earth. It cannot be long now until all men and women learn of the Power of the Spirit of God. We are very anxious that this day come to pass speedily, for when it does, this earth will be a paradise, for God—the Spirit of the Infinite God—will live and manifest among

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men, where it ever has been, and where it ever will be. What a pity that while churches and religious organizations have been looking "beyond the sky" for God, he actually was right here on the earth, in the midst of them, but they could not know it because of the man-made theologies of differing religious systems.

In reading the few examples of what the Spirit of God is doing on this earth, may I admonish you not to attribute these happenings to any individual. True, this Teaching does disclose God to whoever seeks God, but the work is not ours—nor is the Power which is operating ours. It is the actual Spirit of God which is manifesting on the earth in so remarkable a manner. We have been taught by the various religious organizations that God Almighty can do nothing for us here. What we make must be divided up with "the church." It has been considered a "sin" to try to be happy on earth, or to try to accumulate anything here on earth. We have been told that "God will be angry with us" if we do this.

There is only one way man can be happy on this earth, and that is to know just who he is, and just what the relationship is which exists between man and God. No man can be happy if death enters the picture. One cannot be happy and be unemployed, or on strike. Man cannot be completely happy and at peace, without the Power of the Spirit of God in him. So, as you read these few examples of what the Spirit of God is actually doing for the human race, just forget the word "Psychiana" wherever you see it, and remember that it is the Spirit of God, working through us, which brings bountiful results, to all.

When you have read them I will show you who and what God is, and how you too may come into the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God, with all the marvels that experience brings with it. If there is one single desire of any human heart which has not been fulfilled by the Spirit which is God—I do not know what that desire is.
ALICE R. BIRD, Spokane, Washington:  
My deepest gratitude expressed to you for your profound loyalty to humanity. You have given to us a new love, a new life, and a new world. Oh! That all the world could know what I, just one obscure person, have already learned and accomplished through your Teaching, this conception of great Truth. There could be no more suffering or sorrow. There could be no more wars.

MRS. L. C. DOTY, Commerce, Iowa:  
Thanks so much for your kind help. I know your and my prayers were answered. Just a few months ago I was not well—had a growth under my arm. I went back to the hospital this last Thursday and the doctors could not find a thing. They took an X-Ray picture, too, and you can imagine how happy I am. I shall walk in the right pathway from now on, and believe in that great Power of our Living God. Thank you again and again for your Teachings and good help.

MR. WALTER VAUGHN, Louisville, Ohio:  
I had two strokes of paralysis, and was in pretty bad condition. One of your Students told me I would get well and said I should write to Doctor Robinson. I did this, telling you of my misfortune and sickness. Today I am feeling fine. On Saturday, July 22, I had my doctor examine me for blood pressure. He tested my heart and could find nothing wrong. Then he used the X-Ray and found my heart in fine condition. I thank you, Doctor Robinson, and “PSYCHIANA” for my speedy recovery.

ESTELLA M. ERTEL, Akron, Ohio:  
First I want to say “PSYCHIANA” is beautiful. Each day I love “PSYCHIANA” more and more. Almost an invalid, my health is beginning to improve; but best of all, Doctor Robinson, I am able to help others regain their health. Just yesterday a lady came to me suffering with a very painful growth on her breast. I used “PSYCHIANA’S” Teaching — God’s healing Power — and this morning she called me to say that when she went to show it to her neighbor this morning, to her great surprise it was gone. Not even a scar there. Now she is persuaded she wants to study “PSYCHIANA.” I talk “PSYCHIANA” at every opportunity. I’m beginning now to experience a new something I cannot describe. Things are coming a bit better financially, too. Many, many thanks.
MR. WALTER STICKLEY, Hurstville, N. S., Australia:

Without a doubt, "PSYCHIANA" Lessons are wonderful. When I received the first Lesson of the first series, I was a very sick and despondent man. It was wonderful the uplift and peace of mind it brought to me, and this has remained with me. My financial position has very much improved, and I am just reaching out and building a home which has been my greatest desire. It is astounding how everything has been made so easy in connection with the loan of money for the erection of the building. I sincerely thank you for your teaching of the wonderful Power of the God-Law, and wish you every success in your wonderful great work.

MRS. EVELYN HAMMOND, Hudson, Colorado:

I must write to tell you of my joy and gratitude at having my little son, Richard, home again and well after six months in Children's Hospital in Denver. The nurses and doctors speak of his healing in such terms as "a modern miracle," "who's your guardian angel, Dick?" etc., and I shall never cease thanking God, after seeing the Power of the Living God defeat the "last enemy" for Richard.

LILLIAN SCHEER, Detroit, Michigan:

Oh, Doctor Robinson, you are a wonderful man, and this wonderful Truth you are teaching is worth a million dollars to anyone who will believe it and try it. I could not go on without it now.

MRS. ROBERT ANNALA, Longview, Washington:

When I began studying with you, I was not only the saddest woman in the world, but a bitter one as well. Illness, financial worries, and misery dogged my footsteps. Now I have a new lease on life—no, a new life, and things are rapidly taking form for a better, richer life still. I would like to continue my studies with you and help to place this Teaching in the hands of everyone I contact. I want others to find peace and health in the Power as I have, and believe it the best way to show my gratitude.

JOEL H. C. BAHL, San Nicolas, Aruba, N. W. I.:

Allow me to thank you ever so much for the very many experiences I have had since I have started my studies with you. My whole life has changed; I have become more self-confident, I now know who and what God is, where God is, and now I can say that I do enjoy my happy moments spent with God.
NEVA HANNA, Berberon, Ohio:
I am happy to tell you I have found, through "PSYCHIANA," the peace which passeth all understanding. I look for my Lessons as letters from a dear friend, study them quietly each day as you suggested, and get a new thrill each time.

MR. HENRY ORME, Cheadle, Cheshire, England:
Your Lessons are really wonderful. There's no doubt about it they are God-inspired. Every Lesson is a gem, so beautifully worded and so full of Power that one feels kind of mentally recharged after reading them. Thanks a million for introducing me to the God-Power. I've always believed in God, but it took you to put me in real touch with him. God bless you.

MRS. BERT R. WATKINS, Austin, Minnesota:
I am glad to say that I am almost completely recovered from a serious heart ailment and much credit goes to Doctor Robinson for the understanding I have of the God-Law and how to use it. We are very sure of financial success as we have a wonderful start along those lines.

MARY LEE GOODWIN, Water Valley, Mississippi:
I am so happy I can hardly write. One of our state Senators whose name I sent in has just called to see me and thank me for sending in his name. He said it was the most wonderful thing he had ever conceived or heard of. My father has had an illness the doctor said was asthma of the heart. He is now able to lie down and sleep normally, and is apparently well. We are so happy over his rapid recovery. Thanks for the Power that works so effectively.

MRS. ANNE PINTER, Sault Ste Marie, Mich.:
First I want to thank you millions of times over and over again for your great kindness and good deed. My daughter of four years of age was so seriously ill with complications of a ruptured appendix that the rumors were that she didn't even have a chance. But I knew different. I just didn't believe in death with the presence of the great Life-Spirit and its Powers. After three weeks of that most horrible illness I wired you and got an immediate reply which I am so very proud of. Now my daughter is all through draining and is playing around with the other youngsters. Now I will close with my husband's and my heartiest thanks to you for my daughter has got to be strong and healthy. Thank you so very much again and again.

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Mr. Lloyd W. Carter, Fairport, Iowa:

As I stated in my last letter, we have bought a little home, thanks to the great God-Law. A few months ago I was working on W. P. A., and my wife and I were asking God for a private job and a little home of our own so we could get away from paying rent. Two months ago I got a private job, and now we have a little home of our own. I certainly know that the great God-Power will do wonderful things for you if you will only express your desires and expect them to be answered. Thank the great God and you for these wonderful Lessons.

Lola Barth, Canton, Ohio:

I wish to send you this letter of thanks for the marvelous results in healing for us through the Power of the living God. We sent you a telegraph last Wednesday morning concerning my nephew, three years old. He was crying with pains in his abdomen and was a very sick child to all appearances, but soon after we sent you word the child fell asleep and got better and kept improving rapidly, and now is perfectly whole and well. We cannot thank you enough for throwing the Power of God into play for this child of ours. We will never forget this service, and hope to help "Psychiana" Movement along as much as possible financially and spiritually and all ways. Thanking you again, we are grateful and will close knowing we are all one in the Spirit of God and God's works.

Hilda Armstrong, Camp Hill, Alabama:

Thanks many times for your wonderful help. I was very ill when I first wrote you for help. The doctors had about given me up. After you sent me the Lessons Numbers One, Two, and Three, I made a big change. My doctor is amazed.

I shall shortly reveal to you who God is. For we want you to know the fullness of the Power of the Great Spirit, from this moment on. No attempt at literary skill has been made. I could have couched the book in more academic terms I suppose—I could have written more scholarly. But it has been demonstrated during the past eleven years, that when I write simply, straight from the heart, millions read what I write, and that is what I want now. So I shall bring to you, as simply as God will let me, the plain, simple, though staggering truths of God, as those truths have come to us,
and as we are giving them to the world. May the infinite Spirit God cause you to see them instantly.

Back of this wondrous creation there lies an intelligence. Let us call that intelligence God if you wish—the name makes no difference. This intelligence manifests first of all, as the Spirit of Life. It is invisible, it is changeless, it is deathless. Many other attributes are involved in this thing we call "life" but the first thought you should understand here is that Great Primary Cause of this whole created scheme of things, especially so far as you are concerned, is THE SPIRIT OF INVISIBLE LIFE. That Spirit is also the Spirit of Invisible Peace, Invisible Love, Infinite Wisdom, Infinite Power, Infinite Joy—in fact, the invisible Spirit which created man, and the rest of the visible creation, is the embodiment of everything which really is anything in this universe.

I have a definition of God which I use frequently—GOD IS LIFE CAPABLE OF EXISTENCE WITHOUT PHYSICAL FORM. In other words, God is not "A" spirit, but is "THE SPIRIT" which is responsible for us all being here alive today. The infinite of life, the scheme of wisdom, the ultimate in Power—yet invisible—this is God as you can understand God. I have here before me, two barrels. In one is soil, and in the other is sawdust. I bury a few grains of wheat in the soil, and a few grains in the sawdust, and I wait to see what happens. Soon, in the barrel containing the soil, little shoots will be seen pushing their green arms up into the atmosphere. But I shall have to wait a long time until I see any shoots in the barrel containing the wheat and the sawdust.

Now let me ask you—which is it that has the intelligence in that growth? Is it the soil, the sawdust, or the wheat? Neither one, for neither have innate intelligence. Yet, in the barrel containing the soil, the wheat will grow. It will not grow in the sawdust-barrel. Yet it grows, and neither wheat, soil, nor sawdust have any intelligence in themselves. But something causes life to come into those seeds. Something causes that wheat to grow—and no scientist and no
religionist to date can tell us what “that something” is. Let me suggest to you that the Spirit which is God is the cause of all life, then it must be the Spirit of God manifesting in the growth of the wheat, only according to the “wheat” phase of life and not the “human” phase. Someone will ask why then, does the wheat now grow in the sawdust barrel? The answer is that if wheat would grow in sawdust it would grow in the tree from when the sawdust came, and with wheat growing in trees, or in sawdust, the comfort of man would be greatly disturbed. For this Spirit of God we are studying, operates as a Law. A SPIRITUAL INVISIBLE LAW WHICH IS GOD. Again I repeat—it is changeless, it is time less, it is invisible and it is deathless. But invisibility does not rub that Life- Principle of its Power to cause and sustain life. It would not cause or sustain life—OUTSIDE OF THE LAW WHICH IS GOD.

In my back yard some few years ago, my little Alfred (he’s seventeen now) came running into the house so excited I thought his little face would burst. Two robins were tugging at a piece of string trying to break it or something. It was nesting time, and these two beautiful creatures were building a nest in an apple tree. In due time, the robins mated, and the tiny little blue eggs came. Then, the tiny little robins. I wonder what those two parent robins would have thought if, instead of their babies being robins, they hatched out a pair of scorpions?

“But that is foolish” you say. Why is it foolish? Had there not been the intelligence of the Life-Spirit which is God guiding the growth of those eggs, scorpions might just have easily appeared. But they did not. The wheat did not grow in the sawdust. The robins did not raise scorpions. The overruling intelligence which is God prevented that. I might ask here what part of the egg it was which gave birth to the tiny baby robins. Was it the shell. No—for that is comprised of calcium salts mostly. Was it the albumin in the egg? Hardly. Then what was it? Life came from somewhere did it not? Let us go back to the two little bugs which
turned into you. We saw the Life-Principle change, without parental aid, those two tiny bugs into—YOU. And the same infinite intelligence guarded that growth, so in no way, when a human child was expected, could there be born—a cat or a dog. Had not the infinite Spirit of God been there, that might have happened. But with the Spirit of God there, it could not, and did not happen.

We saw that the Life-Spirit, which we shall call God, did not turn you over to your parents and take its departure when you were born. It stayed right there, and continued to manifest in you AS LIFE, until this day. And just as long as you live, there IN YOU, IS TO BE FOUND THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND ALL THAT GREAT SPIRIT IMPLIES. More than that, THIS GREAT SPIRIT WHICH THE LIFE OF YOU; WHICH IS INVISIBLE; WHICH IS ALL-POWERFUL; WHICH IS THE INFINITE IN EVERYTHING YOU NEED, CAN BE CALLED INTO PLAY BY YOU ANY TIME YOU CHOOSE TO DO THIS. The Power of the Spirit of God, and you know how powerful that Life-Spirit is—LIVES IN YOU AND GIVES YOU LIFE EVERY MOMENT, AND, STAGGERING THOUGH IT MAY SEEM, GOD EXISTS IN YOU AS A GREAT SLEEPING GIANT, MORE THAN READY TO SPRING INTO ACTION WITH ALL THE POWER OF GOD, AND MAKE POSSIBLE FOR YOU THE MEANS OF BRINGING INTO EXISTENCE WHATEVER IT MAY BE YOU NEED THROUGH YOUR NATURAL LIFE HERE ON THE EARTH.

This completely upsets the conception of God brought to the earth by systems of religion. They have their god in the sky. You must believe that their god was "crucified" for the sins of the world. You must believe that YOU, the greatest product of God Almighty, were "born in sin, shapen in iniquity, and doomed to hell" unless you comply with the requirements of some church organization or other. But now, God, we find, exists in you, as the invisible source of all power, all wisdom, and all intelligence. With such a
stream of surging Power at your disposal, in what way can you fail in life?

It will be necessary for you to discard, absolutely and completely, everything you have been told about God by any religious organization of any kind, if that organization has a "virgin-born crucified god" in its teachings. For, with all due respect to those systems of religion, the Christian religion included, I must remind them that no evidence has ever existed that the story of any of these "crucified gods" is historically true. And the religion which calls itself Christian, is no exception. And, remarkable though it may seem, the one organization in this world which is the farthest away from God, is the church. I am speaking now of churches of all denominations which have a "crucified god" in their rituals. You cannot find the Power of the Spirit of God through such teachings.

For two different "gods" are involved. In the True God, who gave us life, we live and we move and have our being. That Spirit of Life is the REAL INVISIBLE LIFE IN US. The body means nothing at all. It is only the physical vehicle through which the Spirit of God manifests all of its power. Yet we may know the fullness of the Power of God, and we must know it, through this physical body. The other "god"—the one who died on a cross—is a pigment of the imaginations and the inventions and the borrowings of one system of religion from another one. That god, no one ever has seen. Nor will anyone ever see him. And as far as being of any help to this world today, well—that is an utter impossibility, for such a conception of any deity is not the true conception. It is quite evident that after 2000 years of Christianity, the world is no better off than it would have been without it. The same thing applies to every other system of religion which has God removed from the greatest creation God ever made, and has him "seated on a throne in heaven".

That, my friend, is paganism, pure and simple. That philosophy of God it is which leaves this world in the condition in which we find it, after 2000 years of it in the
Christian system, and 4000 of it in the system of India and the rest of the nations having a similar story. These “gods,” with their “talking snakes” and their “virgin births” and their “crucifixions,” etc., never did exist. The Spirit of Life—the Great Creative Spirit which is the True God—exists in every one of us, with all Its Power, here and now. And here and now, this Living Spirit which daily occupies our physical body, can bring into existence, and very easily, too, whatever things are needed for our complete liberation and happiness, and it makes no difference whether those things be material or spiritual. Fact is, you cannot satisfy many without material blessings, just as long as man is manifesting as a material body. Therefore, there is nothing material the churches have ever been able to attribute to their god.

Instead of telling the world that the Great Spirit of God which made them can still sustain and keep them, they have come to us with a cross in one hand, a Bible in the other hand, and have told us that unless we believe “this” or “that” we shall never be able to know God. We have had to go to its priests and its preachers and “seek forgiveness” and some of them have had the unmitigated gall to tell us that, since they alone were “authorized to act and teach for God,” they would “intercede” with God in our behalf, in order that our eternal souls may finally, some day, in heaven, perhaps, be “saved.” To me—and with due respect to every organization teaching such monstrous theories of Almighty God—such preachments as this are pagan superstition and nothing more. When the American people as a whole get away from that sort of thing, and find and use the Power of the True God—the Spirit of Life in Them—then, and not until then, will there be any life in anything religious in this fair land.

If I know that all the wisdom, all the intelligence and all the Power of the Spirit of God lives in me, then I know that I have all of that Power at my disposal. And if I know that this Power is here in me, awaiting my call, most certainly I shall use that God-Power.

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There are just two places the Spirit of God can manifest in anyone. First—right here on this earth, and, second—IN THAT MAN OR WOMAN. If you do not come to know the actual abiding Power of this Great Life-Spirit here on the earth, you will never have another opportunity to know that Power. For you will only manifest once as a man or a woman. The Life-Spirit, which is God, which built this body of yours from two tiny little bugs, STILL LIVES IN YOU, AND THROUGH THAT KNOWLEDGE, YOU CAN, HERE AND NOW, OVERCOME EVERY UNDESIRABLE CONDITION OF LIFE, AND BRING TO YOU WHATEVER THINGS ARE NEEDED FOR YOUR COMPLETE HAPPINESS. Do you believe that? If you do, you are beginning to believe in the invisible Spirit of God.

Now, just what does this mean? Taken literally, and that’s the only way truths of God can be taken, it means that from this day on, if there is illness, poverty, distress, sorrow, unrest in your life, such things as these can all be driven out, through the Power of the everlasting, invisible, all-powerful Spirit of God—IN YOU. For the only place in your life where the Spirit of God has an opportunity to manifest, is in you. And that Spirit, once you recognize its presence, can actually and literally bring to you, what it is bringing into hundreds of thousands the wide world over—an abundance of everything.

Do you think there would be any wars today if the Presence of the Spirit of God were known in the world? Certainly not. For in addition to being the Spirit of Infinite Life and Power, God is also the Spirit of Infinite Peace. And the Spirit of Infinite Love. Where God is recognized in the life, there cannot be even one thought of war. The trouble with this world is that the true conception of God has never yet been brought to it. These dictators all say they believe in God. Even Stalin has said that. But what they do not believe in is the God of the various churches.

That is not to be wondered at. For is there anything the present religious organizations have ever done to bring the knowledge of God to the human race? All any of them have
done is try to win converts to their own systems of religion. But those systems know nothing about the God who lives, with all His Power—RIGHT IN YOU. They have never called the attention of the race to the present existence of the Spirit of God—they have never known of such an existence. Their god is worshipped through the “Lord’s Supper,” the “Mass,” the “Prayer-meeting,” and the rest of that. You see—their God is somewhere else. He does not live here on earth with his creation. He cursed that creation a long time ago. Then he went away, and for over 2000 years no Christian has ever seen hide nor hair of his “deity.” And in the meantime, in spite of all the gods of all the systems of religion, this world is lower down the scale today than it has ever been. Civilization may perish.

Yet—and I’m hoping it will happen soon—one simple recognition of the Power of the Spirit of God IN THE HUMAN LIFE, would do more to eliminate wars, and crimes, and all the rest of the things which are driving the nations to distraction, than could all the “crucified gods” the world has ever heard of. They can do nothing—they never have done anything to reveal God to man here and now, and it is here and now that man needs God. If the Life-Spirit is in us as our very life—if it is actually and literally the Great Spirit which is God, then no man need worry about his “soul’s salvation,” for God is abundantly able to take care of himself.

My friend—your whole future happiness or despair, success or failure, material abundance or poverty depend upon what I am saying to you now. If you can, and if you will, recognize that there is, in you, all the Power of the Spirit of God which gave you life in the first place, and if you will but use that Power, then the world can be yours and most of the things in it.

God in heaven is one thing; God in the human life is another thing. The truth of the theory of God is just this—God exists in you as the Spirit of Infinite Life. The God-Law, I call it. It is not a personal “god,” but you, as you recognize the staggering import of God IN YOU, become
possessed of a Power this world to date has known nothing about. It has never heard of this Power. All it has ever been taught by "religions" is that some day, if they are good, and if their names are "written in a book in the sky," well, then, they MAY know God.

But there are a few of us left who have an absolute knowledge that the Spirit of the infinite God exists here and now. What few know, is that this Power, strong enough to overcome even death—is available to all, here and now. You will not come into the fullness of this recognition overnight. For you have been steeped in "orthodoxy" for ages. Heredity has left its mark on you. But the chances are you are one of those real Americans who wants to know the truth about God. You are not interested in "heaven." You want to know something of the Power of the Spirit of God here and now. You don't want to fail. You don't want to be sick all the time. You don't want to be broke all the time. YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT DYNAMIC POWER WHICH IS GOD.

All right—that Power which is God LIVES IN YOU, AND CAN BE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED AND USED BY YOU. First, think this thing out. Put as far away from you as you can, any thoughts about the Great Creator of this Universe ever being crucified on a cross or born of a virgin. Just forget that sort of teaching, and manifest your God-given American reason by giving the Life-Spirit which made you a chance to manifest its Power through you. And you will find that this Power is more abundantly able to do this than you are to have it do this. But the Great American Renaissance is here. The Spirit of God is speaking on the earth. It is revealing Itself with all Its power to every man and woman who is interested enough to rise to the top. Of course, if you are so soaked in religious superstition and in churchism that you are absolutely convinced that you cannot know the fullness of the Power of God here and now—if you are the type which believes that some church or other holds your spiritual destiny in its hand—then I have no message for you. Just
plod along, and one of these days, if you don't die in the meantime, you will discover your mistake.

But it would be a pity if you—yes, I mean YOU—were to go through the remainder of your life without God, when all the fullness and all the Power of the Spirit of God is here awaiting you. For to know the Spirit of God means to overcome. It means to be abundantly successful. It means peace. It means love. It means happiness. And this world needs happiness.

Here is about what will happen on this earth soon. I make no attempt at prophecy. But I do predict this—unless the churches of the world—and I mean no particular one here—throw away their pagan idols and find and use the Power of the Spirit of God, every single religious organization now in existence will die, and in its place will rise a movement which has the Power and ability to bring to mankind, the fact that God was not crucified on a cross, but God lives here and now, with all His power, only waiting for men and women to put that Power of the Spirit of God to work. And that Power can do anything.

Now, how can you do this? Let me give you just a brief outline of the means of finding the Power of the Spirit of God in you. I really have told you already. RECOGNIZE IT. If someone gives me $1000, I know that I have it. I recognize that fact. And I go and spend it. Then you, too, by this time, must KNOW BY YOUR OWN REASON, THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD WHICH MADE YOU, STILL LIVES IN YOU. How could you live if God had taken His departure? What Power is it which keeps you going? How can you walk across the room? Your body, without God or Life, would fall flat to the floor this very moment, and the undertaker would come along and bury it. But WITH GOD IN THE LIFE, is there anything you cannot do? Let me put it another way—is there anything God cannot do? And the beauty of that is that when God is manifesting FOR YOU, he is also manifesting IN YOU.

In other words—you have in you, every living moment, all the Power of the invisible Spirit of God which made this
universe, you included. You can, by recognizing that God-Power, draw upon it in any emergency, for everything you need. You can draw upon it to restore at once the physically ill. You can draw upon it to fill your bank account. You can draw upon it to bring you infinite peace. You can draw upon it to evade death, if you want to; and, by the way, this world will not wind up by Jesus Christ or any other "crucified god" coming back to earth to set up his throne in Jerusalem. That is the one city where they do not recognize Jesus Christ. The Jews never have recognized him.

This world will finally wind up (to use a colloquialism) by the whole human race finding the existence, in them, of the Power of the Spirit of God. That Power can destroy death, and can destroy it now. That Power, can destroy evil, and can destroy it now. That Power, can bring to this earth a reign of peace, and of eternal life, and can do it now. For when the human race recognizes the fact that ALL of GOD lives on the earth with ALL of MAN, death can be no more.

We are living in a period of time which will witness some very remarkable demonstrations. These demonstrations will be of the Power of the Invisible Spirit—God. That Spirit which, even though you do not know it, actually lives in you. And the final outcome of these troubled conditions will be "The Day of the Lord," to steal something from the Christian Bible.

It will truly be "the day of God." There will, however, be no "crucified god" in the picture. For, in that day, the church as well as the world will know that they have been under strong delusions. They have believed to be true what is not true. They, too, shall know the Power of the Spirit of God—free to all—open to all—and they, too, shall know that wherever there is a human being, there, too, is God in that human being.

Now, in closing, let me give you just a few simple things. You will see, I am sure, that the secret of knowing God is just simply the recognition of the fact that instead of God being killed on a cross some few thousands years ago, ALL
OF GOD STILL LIVES. NO PART OF GOD WAS EVER KILLED BY ANYONE. THEREFORE, THAT BEING A FACT, AND ALL OF GOD BEING AT YOUR DISPOSAL, THE WHOLE THING LIES IN YOUR ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE THAT EXISTENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN YOU.

Let me suggest, as a little mechanical aid, on the start, that you do this. Let there be no suggestion of churchism about it. You are a human being—you are the greatest and highest creation God ever made; so stop thinking that you are a "lost soul". Forget those theories, and, recognize the fact that the Great Intelligence and Power which made you STILL LIVES IN YOU. Then, every morning, eyes wide open, be still, and with full recognition of what you are doing and saying—repeat this little sentence a few times: "I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD IN ME". At noon, or whenever or wherever you have an opportunity, repeat this little sentence. I know it is mechanical. But it will awaken in you that SLEEPING GIANT OF SPIRITUAL POWER WHICH IS GOD.

If you are out of work, and you go looking for work, before you go, and on your way, keep still and repeat that statement. As you say it, recognize the truth of what you are saying, and, knowing that the God in you is the all-powerful Maker of both you and the universe, KNOW THAT YOU WILL HAVE A JOB BEFORE YOU GO HOME. For you will. That's the way God operates. And this can be done in any other problem which needs more wisdom and intelligence than you have. This simple little statement, carried out thoughtfully, intelligently, and reasonably, with full recognition of the nearness of the Spirit of God, IS SUFFICIENT TO BRING TO YOU WHATSOEVER IT IS YOU NEED, AND, MORE THAN THAT, IT WILL REVEAL GOD TO YOU. ONCE YOU KNOW GOD—THAT IS THE LIFE EVERLASTING. THAT IS THE FULLNESS OF PEACE. THAT IS WHAT THIS WORLD IS SEEKING.
Nearly eleven years have passed since I advanced this simple philosophy of the existence of the Spirit of God in human lives. Many things have happened since that day. Much water has gone over the dam. I have seen, in that time, more manifestations of the Spirit of God on the earth in human lives than all the church organizations in the United States can show through their entire history. That is a big statement. I make it carefully and thoughtfully. This whole "PSYCHIANA" Movement knows that what I have written to you here is true. We know, and we know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the Spirit of God is speaking this New Power into all lives who will have it. Let none think that he or she can attempt to find God and fail. For this invisible Spirit is the most real thing which will ever come into your life. There is nothing you cannot do when you realize that God—the Great Spirit God—is in you, with all His Power, and can throw that Power into play—for YOU. The god of the "religions" is not the God of "PSYCHIANA". These religions (God bless them) do not know what, where, nor why their God is. They have been taught a system of theology which has little truth in it. Yet they say they believe it. Really they don’t; what they believe in is the system which teaches what they have been taught. Do not confound the Power of the Spirit of God with such philosophies. This Power is real. It actually exists. You may have, free of cost, in the moment you recognize its existence, here and now, IN YOU, THE FULLNESS OF THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CREATOR OF YOU. Think it through.

For the Spirit of God will be revealed to you by THINKING IT THROUGH. Not by "sorrow for sin" or by "conversion", but by THINKING IT THROUGH. For you will think it through if you ever find God, and it would be a pity if this remarkable revelation of the Power of God did not come to you.

You know, your common sense tells you, that the Great Spirit which created this universe, and you, STILL LIVES.

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It still LIVES in spite of the attempts of the religions of the world to kill God. . . . God still lives. And there is only one place where God can live, and be of any use to you—that place is IN YOU. And it so happens that there, IN YOU, is the only place where you will be able to find God. Do not confound the word “God” with any preconceived religious notions of God you may have.

When I say “GOD,” I mean the infinite Spirit which created everything that was created, and which gave life to you—and to me. Such a Power as that certainly is big enough to bring to you here and now, the few things you may need to make your life abundantly happy and successful. And you may actually and literally know that Power, and the fullness of that Power, while on this earth. And, knowing the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God which is in you, you can do what you will—and you will never fail.

I wish I had vocabulary enough to drive home to you the fact that I am talking about a Power so dynamic that all other powers and forces fade into insignificance beside it. I wish I had words enough at my command to instill into your very soul, the absolute knowledge that this staggering Power, which is God, is instantly available to you, day or night. In the absence of my being able to tell you as fully as I would like to, the Spirit of the Living God itself will fill the lack, and you will know, from this moment on, that you do possess the greatest Power this world has ever known. And you can use that Power—for it is God. It lives in you. True, you never have used it. But you will from this moment on. You would be foolish not to. For you have ambitions. You want peace; you want happiness; you want perfect health; you want joy; you want an abundance of the very best things life has for you. Then all these things can come to you; they can all be brought to you; or, rather, you can bring them all to you, BY USING THE UNSEEN THOUGH DYNAMIC POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, WHICH SPIRIT NOT ONLY LIVES IN YOU—BUT IS THE REAL YOU.

Try throwing that Spirit into action tomorrow. Try it tonight. Try it, by realizing Its presence. If you, in a busi-
ness deal, recognize the abundant Power of God, actually operating and manifesting, invisibly, through you, believe me, no power can withstand against that type of man. And, after all, God only exists in you for one specific purpose—that is—to prove to you that you have at your disposal, always—all the Powers of the invisible, dynamic Spirit of God. This Spirit, I repeat, can drive out illness. It can destroy death. It can make you an overcoming victor in life. If you want wealth, the Spirit of the Living God-Law can bring you wealth. No matter what you want, GOD IN YOU can give you Power enough to go out and get what you want.

The thing we most need is more knowledge of the Power of God itself. As you begin to put the Power of the Spirit of God to the test, the more will you be convinced of its existence. Then, there will probably come to you a quietness. For Power, and the consciousness of Power, always makes one quiet. We know, through the indwelling Spirit of God, that we can do whatever is necessary for us to do. We know we can have anything we need. We know we have within us a Great Power—and that makes us very quiet. There comes, too, with knowledge of the Spirit which is God in us, a great love for others. We want them too to know the presence of the Spirit of God in them. Fortunately, a discovery of as great a magnitude as this discovery is, doesn’t take long to spread. One tells another, and the first thing you know, knowledge of the Power of God is going round the earth. That alone accounts for the phenomenal growth of this Movement.

When you recognize the Power of the Life-Spirit in you, you will be kind. You will be a literal dynamo of spiritual Power, but you will be kind. In fact, what you will do is to take on the likeness of God, and when you remember that God is the Creative Spirit of all Life, you, too, will become a creator.

When this knowledge of the Power which is God becomes universal, as it must, and when, as a result of this dynamic conception of God and his Power, the whole world is living at peace with itself and God, then will begin the true
growth, and then will be made plain the true object of life. That object cannot be known now. It cannot be made known until the True God has become known. False ideas of God must vanish. For God cannot exist where false impressions of God are.

The reason every system of religion in the world is dying is because the first faint gleams of the Power of the True God are shining over the horizon. As these gleams intensify, and as these false theories of God make their exit, then will be known on this earth, something of the meaning of creation. Man will change from the physical to the spiritual. In other words, as man lives with God, they both will become so like each other that the ills and the woes and the sorrows to which the physical flesh has fallen heir, will all pass away.

If I were you, when you have demonstrated the present existence of this dynamic Power of God in you, I should work as hard as possible to help spread this Movement. It is going very rapidly now, but not quite fast enough to suit me. For I want to see this knowledge of the True God brought to the world, replacing these false theories of "crucified gods," before too long: I have now, hundreds of thousands of Students who are joining together in spiritual exercises. These all help this Great Spiritual Awakening. So if you feel led to do so, after you have found the fullness of the Spirit of God in you, you may write to me, for we shall be happy to hear from all who find God through this book. When the manifestations of the Power first come to you, keep quiet. Do not get too exuberant. But do everything in your power to understand the workings of this Power to Its very full. It will surprise you what It will do for you.

There are many other things I could say to you, but time and space forbid. I must bring the book to a close. But let me leave with you one last thought, and that is, never try to use the Power of the Spirit of God for evil. You can take advantage of the man who does not know this Great Power of God; but if you ever do, it will turn on you and you will be sorry you ever used this Power against anyone. The
great danger lies in becoming over enthusiastic as the first recognition of the Power of God comes to you. Don’t do that. Keep quiet. Let the indwelling Spirit of God lead you, and take the Power you have discovered as being perfectly natural and matter-of-fact.

It really is not a natural Power, it is the supernatural Power of God. But cherish this great Power as you do your life, for while you have it with you, it will lead you into paths of peace, health, and power. It will lead you to first tell others, and then do for them whatever you can to bring them into the same wonderful knowledge which has come to you. Do not argue with religious people. Simply tell them of the Power of the Spirit of God in you, and let them see by the way you “go places” that you actually know the Power of the Spirit of God in your life.

Use this Power in your business. Use it in the manifestation of everyday life and affairs. That is what the Spirit of God exists for. Your use. So then go, with this newly found Power, and do what you can to tell others the “secret of the ages,” that secret being—THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN EVERYONE, AND AVAILABLE TO THEM ALWAYS, AND IN ANY EMERGENCY.

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The “Psychiana” Movement welcomes inquiries from priests, ministers, and other religious leaders regarding our work. We shall be glad to confer with you and to meet with you in an effort to bring the truths of the Spirit of God to the church. Nothing would suit us better than to see the church save itself. It is almost too late. But there still is hope. The Power of the True God is here, the question is—WILL YOU ACCEPT IT. That is for you to decide.

Let nothing I have said in this book or in any of the rest of my writings grieve you. If what I have written hurts,
remember that my only object is to make God real to the world. It is never to wound others. Where pagan superstition is masquerading as being of God, I must expose it. But I love all—even they who are under the spell of pseudo-gods, and ancient myths and superstitions. May the Spirit of God reveal the priceless truth of God to you all.

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