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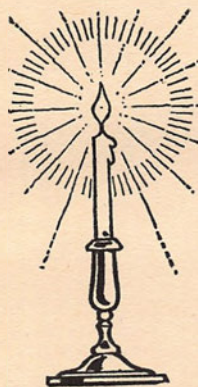




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Book I

CHAPTER 1

THE irony of this war lies in the fact that it is absolutely unnecessary. Unnecessary, and useless. For it will settle nothing. Like the last war, and wars of the past, Utopia will not be brought to mankind through this, or any other war. Permanent peace, freedom from want, fear, distress, cannot be brought to this earth through the sword, regardless of who wields the sword.

In war, there is usually the aggressor and the victim. The aggressor gathers together the greatest aggregation of instruments of death possible, and the victim does likewise. Attacker and attacked wrestle against each other until one or the other, or both, are completely exhausted. Or, one side gives in, bowing before the superior physical might of the other.

But it is all so unnecessary.

If it were possible for perfect peace, plenty, joy, happiness, freedom from want, fear, poverty, etc., to be permanently brought to a war-weary earth, there might be some justification for one great, big, world-war in which militaristic powers might be brought down to permanent impotency.

But that has never been done. War has never brought the ideals of man any closer. There is no reason to believe it will do that now. To the contrary, there is every reason to believe that when the Axis is completely eliminated, if that happens, the human race will embark upon another era of one political intrigue after another.

Jealousy, selfishness, fear—these and many other frailties of men and nations will inevitably lead to either a renewal of the conflict, or another conflict. The axiom, "They who take the sword shall perish by the sword," does not guarantee that when they have perished the remaining nations will live together in peace and harmony.

They never have. There is little reason to believe they will after this world catastrophe. The instincts in man will be the same after this war as they were after the last world war. Nothing has yet happened to change human nature. Until something does happen to bring about a change, wars will continue.

Wars are hatched out in the minds of a very few individuals. The masses, in arms, follow. But it is usually just a handful of men, leaders of their respective nations, who make and order wars. This has been so as far back as we have history. It is true today. It will be true tomorrow, unless some revolutionary change is brought to pass in man. His aims, his ambitions, his natural impulses will have to be elevated to a much higher plane than the one on which they now exist.

To attempt to legislate human actions—to attempt to make a selfish man, or nation, good, clean, pure, unselfish, moral, by legislation or agreement is to attempt the impossible. The change will come from within if it comes at all. It cannot be forced in from without.

The Vice-President of the United States realized this when he made a recent utterance that unless the nations followed a certain path, they were sowing the seeds of another world war, even before this one is won. That man is very far-sighted. He is entitled to the admiration of every thinker.

Not long ago Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons that he was not Prime Minister of Great Britain to preside at the dismemberment of the British Empire. Later, he made a similar statement that the British Empire and

its colonies would have to remain intact after the war.

These statements may be harmless enough in themselves, but they show the way the wind is blowing.

The United States is seeking an agreement with Great Britain even now regarding the distribution of American air bases after the war. Russia says that if Great Britain and America want to sit round the peace table which will divide up Germany, they had better get to Berlin before she does. She has publicly announced her intentions to take over Poland.

So we can see how the wind blows. We should not forget however that the war is not yet won. The Japs are still in the Aleutians. Billy Mitchell, the martyr, who was later exonerated and decorated, made the statement that whichever nation occupied Alaska and the Aleutians would control the destiny of the world.

The Japs are still in the Aleutians. Perhaps it would be better to concentrate on the winning of the war than to plan how the spoils are to be divided. The old Scotch poet said, truthfully, "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee."

What the Vice-President meant was that as long as the seeds of distrust of each other, and perhaps fear of each other exist even among the Allies, the seeds of another war already exist. Secretary Knox recently said that the United States intends to build *and keep* a navy big enough to *control* all the seas. Will Great Britain stand for that?

These war-seeds cannot be eliminated by choice, legislation, agreement, or parley. They can only be eliminated when human nature undergoes a drastic and radical change of complexion. This change of complexion can only come when something higher than wars, and rumors of wars, enters into the mind of man. Perhaps some would prefer to have me say the "soul" or the "conscience" of man. Very well—you name it.

If there does not come to the human race an objective

much higher than the objective of personal power and aggrandisement, war will continue. There will be nothing to take its place. One nation will reach the zenith of its power and another nation, or nations, will come along and dispute for that power. As long as there is inequality of men and nations, wars will continue to come.

As long as the ideals of man are concerned only with man as he exists now, the horizon for the "four freedoms" is dark. War, I repeat, even successful war, if such a thing can be, never can bring freedom of any sort. It only brings sorrows, heartaches, tears in its wake. It can never be right. It can never be successful. It can never liberate the human race from its lack of knowledge of how wars really can be controlled.

That way is not by fighting them, but by eliminating the cause of them. The cause of war, as Vice-President Wallace so truly said, still exists in the Allied nations. Yet these are the nations which are fighting to bring peace, joy, happiness and the "four freedoms" to humanity. If and when the Allied Nations eliminate the war-seeds, there might be hope of Utopia coming to this earth. But war-seeds can only be eliminated in the hearts and minds of men. No national leader can do that.

It must be a process of enlightenment which, as it comes, will show mankind the utter folly of attempting to bring peace to earth by the war method. Theologians tell us man fell as a result of war-seeds in heaven among the angels. Even there, in that supine abode of supposedly eternal bliss, one of the angels disputed with God and tried to dethrone Him from off His dazzling pedestal. Then, we are told, there was war in heaven. That started hell a-popping.

If there was war in heaven among God and the angels and the Devil, darn his hide, we may have to require a higher concept of spiritual and moral values up there as well as down here. If the seeds of war were planted in

heaven, among God and the angels, there can be little wonder that they exist on the earth.

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What war brings in its wake is too high a price to pay for what material possessions nations may secure. National leaders may plunge their nations into war, but national leaders cannot eliminate the sufferings which war brings in its wake. They cannot bind the wounds nor can they heal the broken hearts and bodies of those who, while not having a word to say about war, patriotically gave their young lives in order that *their* way of life might be made secure.

No civilization which can justify even the slaying of one young life has yet been brought to this earth even though human history to date is a cruel record of one bloody strife after another. Writ in our country's reddest blood are the cruel records of the struggles and sufferings of patriotism while striving to give birth to a new nation. Hallowed by age and sacred memories are the nightmare tales of Valley Forge, when despair in vain sat brooding o'er the smoldering fires of hope, and the long dark night of disappointment settled like a pall o'er the sons of liberty.

When the long, dark night was over and the morn of liberty's day began to break, Tom Paine, an infidel, brought hope and cheer in his book, "*The Crisis*," whose opening words, "These are the times that try men's souls," are known to every school boy. When the gleams of peace struggled over the dark horizon, our forefathers gathered together to formulate a plan of government. They gave us, after nights of tireless effort, our far-famed Constitution as it came from the hand of Gouvernor Morris.

From this sacred document they omitted all reference to a God. This was their greatest mistake. Their intent was good, for by leaving reference to a God out of our famed Constitution, they decreed that religion and State should be forever separate, each being given the right to worship God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience.

'Twas a noble deed. 'Twas a far-sighted act. For little was known of God then. Less is known now. One hundred and fifty years later we see this beloved land of ours resting in the lap of the gods. Once more we are fighting to preserve the independence which we won at so great a cost from a nation which is now one of our Allies.

Valley Forge was the result of the greedy, grabbing English, yet out of it came our Constitution. Out of the present war may come something far greater than our Constitution, great as this God-inspired document is. It is not at all unlikely that as a result of the inhumanity of the present ghastly spectacle with all its misery, horror, death, and suffering, there may come the greatest spiritual discovery of all—how the seeds of war may be completely eliminated from the thoughts of men and women, and nations.

If that should be, gruesome as the price we are paying, the end will justify the means. But that day cannot come by argument, agreement, leagues of nations, or political expediencies. It cannot come until some new light comes to man. Man will not originate that light. Some man, however, will call the attention of the entire world to the Light which can completely eradicate the war-seeds from the human race. That Light is already shining. But man cannot see It.

The reason man cannot see It is because he is wrapped up and completely covered by a mantle of materialism which completely blacks out the Light which, could man but see it, can make war so very unnecessary.

War is black. War is hellish, even though it did originate in heaven among the angels. It is the result of a mental darkness which is greater throughout the world today than ever before. Humanity's night is black, indeed. The immediate future is blacker. And regardless of which side wins in this brutal, insane conflict this gross mental darkness will continue until some man, inspired by a God-given understanding, penetrates that darkness and allows the Light

which is even now shining, to penetrate into the very heart of that darkness.

For it is Light—Spiritual Light, which can wipe away the crime of war and eliminate the war-seeds. Not conference. Not pow-wow. Not schemes or plans no matter how honest in intent they may be. For as long as these seeds of war exist in human lives—as long as hate, fear, jealousy, exist in men and nations, the war-seeds exist. They are not to be legislated away.

Darkness cannot be shovelled out of a room. You turn on the light and the darkness disappears. So it must be in the mental and spiritual darkness that is so thick that no nation can see its way out. It is true that the United States will be the land which will bring knowledge of Light which shines to all humanity, but not in the way our leaders plan.

Darkness is darkness and light is light. The weapons of darkness cannot bring in the Light. Someone will throw the switch and the Light will automatically dispel the darkness, not because of human plan, *but because it is Light.*

Darkness cannot exist with light. Nor can light exist with darkness. Either of the two must go. They cannot exist together. No one in his right mind would say that we here in America possess the Light which can dispel the darkness of the world. Had we possessed such a Light we should not now be in the deepest mental and spiritual darkness we have ever been in.

Had we possessed the Light which can eliminate the war-seeds, we should have used that Light here at home. We should have brought peace, plenty, freedom from fear, freedom from want and a good many other freedoms to our own beloved land first. Then war would not have been necessary. Others, seeing the Light we possessed, would gladly have followed that Light, and we should have been glad to have them.

They could have learned the source of the many freedoms which we possess here and used that same source to bring

to their respective lands, the complete freedom we enjoyed here—did we but enjoy it.

Had we discovered the Light which is shining, we should have known how to eliminate world mauraunders like Hitler, Tojo, and the Italian dictator, and we should not have been compelled to lower ourselves to descend to using the same instruments of death and destruction which they are using. We should not have been compelled to use the weapons of darkness to eliminate that darkness.

You cannot make light from two darknesses. It is hopelessly impossible, therefore, to expect the True Light to shine on this earth as a result of a struggle between two forces, both of which are using the same instruments of darkness to secure their respective freedoms. The instruments of death which both sides are using are implements of destruction. They are implements of darkness. They can produce no light.

Regardless of the aims and ambitions of the Allied Nations, and we all wholeheartedly agree those aims are of the very highest and most benevolent type, the method by which they are attempting to bring freedom to the human race is the method adopted by the opposite forces of evil and destruction.

We use tanks, submarines, bombs, flame-throwers, etc., and Hitler uses the same instruments of destruction. Japan, too. In fact, we supplied her with a great deal of the implements of war which are, at this moment, snuffing out the lives of tens of thousands of our beloved sons in the hell-holes of Bataan and Guadalcanal.

Rather an inconsistent and ludicrous picture certainly. We are going to bring freedom, with great mental and spiritual uplift to the world. Yet we are attempting to do that with weapons of destruction. That cannot be.

Mental progress, spiritual progress, the four freedoms, just cannot be brought to humanity with the instruments of destruction which we are now using. When the Light

dawns, there will be no compromise with darkness. It will spring into being under its own might. It will eliminate the darkness because It is Light. But we do not possess that Light, nor do we know anything about it. If we did, should we be using the very weapons darkness uses to bring Light? That would be like trying to neutralize an acid by pouring more acid on it, instead of using an alkali.

Our American way of life is the grandest and finest in the world. Our freedom is greater than that enjoyed by other nations. Yet, one would not say that here in America we had attained a perfect state of life by any manner of means. Things were so ruffled here before war broke out that I have heard many say that a revolution was in the making.

But at that, we do enjoy the greatest amount of freedom known to the human race. And yet, when mad-men attempt to wrestle that freedom from us, we know of no method with which to oppose them except the very same methods these aggressors are using.

In other words, with our wonderful freedoms, we have not yet learned how the inferior forces of darkness can be eliminated by allowing the beams of Light to shine upon them. While fighting to free humanity from the heel of the oppressor, we know of no better method to do this than to use the death-dealing instruments of destruction he uses. The dictator nations are attempting to subdue the world by brute force. We, who love freedom, and are attempting to bring freedom to those under the heel of the oppressor, know of no better way to liberate those nations and protect ourselves. So we use the same methods they use. We copy, and use, the methods of darkness to bring Light. It cannot work.

CHAPTER 2

IT BECOMES evident, then, that there is something lacking in our philosophy and ideas of world-peace and security. The picture we hold is not well rounded out. We have missed the Light. It goes without saying that any civilization any nation can produce can attain no greater heights than the level of spiritual and mental consciousness held by the common people of that nation. For a nation is only a lot of individuals living together in the same land.

That nation really is every one of those individuals. We must, therefore, when evaluating any nation, do so on the ground of the mental and spiritual achievements of that people. What they say may be one thing but what they are can be something else.

Granting that there is no higher type of civilization than our American civilization, the fact still remains that there is something missing from the picture. We are not complete in our happy way of life. There is no sense of permanent security, nor is there an absence of things which most assuredly are fundamentally wrong. These things, which could not exist in any nation which had seen the Light, will, if allowed to exist unmolested, destroy even the finest civilization. Yet all these things do exist right here in our land of the free and the home of the brave.

There is the crime of our land. There is the saloon, which, in spite of all arguments for and against, sells a poison to American people. There is the problem of strikes, absenteeism, poverty, immorality, and there's a lot of that

in our fair land. Our prisons are full, and so are our insane asylums. Our poor-houses are filled to overflowing. Venereal disease never was as prevalent as it is now, and our morality was never lower.

We have been somewhat inflated during the past few years by promises of Utopia, etc. But these promises have failed to materialize. We have been asked to tread new paths, and we have trodden them. But we have found those paths not quite as safe as the more simple paths which our forefathers planned for us in the "horse-and-buggy" days of the founding of our Constitution.

We find ourselves nationally head over heels in debt and getting farther into debt with each passing hour. What, at first glance, appeared to be good economic advances have now turned into swords placed against the throat of free Americanism. Labor groups, led by irresponsible leaders, even at this writing, think so little of our struggle for existence that they do not hesitate to shut down a war factory.

Business enterprises are forced to deal with labor groups, even though such dealing saps the very life out of our Constitution, and relegates it to the past. Political wrongdoing and patronage is at an all-time high, and what will be the end of it all no one knows. I have heard it said that the only safeguard against a full dictatorship is the present Congress of the United States. I trust it is.

Without going into detail, we'll admit, I believe, that while we are fighting to protect our land and those we love, we still are a long way from perfection. There still remains a gap to be filled. We may have seen a small part of the Light, but not enough to enable us to straighten out our own muddled tangles, or to establish complete happiness, joy, peace in our land. It still is a long way from what we would have it be.

Like our enemies, we, too, believe that the power of the sword is mightier than any other known power. So we

strive to out-produce our enemies in the manufacture of the instruments of destruction, believing that if we do that, we are their masters. We can subdue them and wipe them from the face of the earth.

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If, then, we believe the power of brute force is the greatest power known to man, our mental and spiritual picture must needs be incomplete. There must be another Power, and a higher Power, somewhere. If there is not, and the whole scheme of civilization is haphazard, then by all means let us go right ahead and slaughter our enemies by the most brutal methods we can conceive.

Let us torture them, let us poison them, let us butcher them with an even more fanatical zeal than they do these things to their enemies. Let us go on, unrestrained, and shed their human blood so rapidly and effectively that every stream, every river, every street in their lands is running to overflowing with human blood. Let us meet their methods, those methods of darkness, by similar methods. What's the difference? There is no higher Power we have decided, so let's get this job of terrible human slaughter over as quickly as we can, and as effectively as possible.

Why not? There can be no civilization higher than ours, can there? We are the greatest nation on the face of the earth. We are the people who are going to bring complete peace, abundance, and all else good to the entire world. So why not do that as quickly and as horribly as we can?

This is a little far-fetched of course, and none of us advocate any more brutality and horror than is necessary. It so happens, however, that none of this bloodshed is necessary. Hitler, Tojo, and the Italian dictator can be eliminated without recourse to any implement of war whatsoever. This, because the Axis is operating as a power of darkness. A negative inferior power regardless of how much material of war it has available.

The principle and the force behind any nation which

makes war on another nation, is a negative principle. It is a force of darkness. The way to eliminate darkness is to throw the Light where the darkness is. Then, this done, whether the darkness be spiritual or material or both, it must disappear when the true Light is thrown upon it. True Light eliminates all forms of darkness, whether spiritual or material.

As a democracy, we should know all about whatever mental or spiritual Power exists. Aggressor nations are never interested in spiritual or mental power. The dictator wants to have all the brains. He wants to do the thinking for the entire nation. Usually he considers himself a sort of "super-man," gifted by the gods with intelligence and intuition far surpassing that of the rest of his nation, who, if given credit for being able to think independently, should be restrained from such thinking.

So, then, if there should exist a spiritual Power which, because it is spiritual in essence can completely eliminate the powers of darkness which are seeking to destroy all independent thought and action, it is logical to believe that such a Power, such a Light, shall break to humanity through a democracy, not through a dictatorship.

If, then, there does exist a principle of Light, a principle of right which is so powerful that because of what it is it can eliminate the powers of darkness, then the discovery of such a principle would certainly constitute the most amazing discovery ever made by man. It would mean that all illness, all fear, all poverty, all crime, all unrest, and, more than these, the "*seeds of war*," could, once and for all be completely eliminated from the minds and actions of the human race.

The chaotic conditions which exist on the earth today; the sufferings, the unrest, the illnesses, the misery, the selfishness exist because of the incompleteness of the mental and spiritual state of man. They cannot come from the

Light which, because it is Light, must be, and is, perfection of everything good.

Had man developed his mental and spiritual faculties to such a degree than he comprehended the Light which is shining, this earth would have been revolutionized in short order. There may be many reasons why no such Power or Light has been presented to men yet. Perhaps if they had been discovered and presented 50 or 100 years ago, man would not have been mentally or spiritually capable of conceiving them.

It is not so very long since they were cutting off heads on Boston Commons for denying that the Christian Bible was the "Word of God—inspired from cover to cover." It is not so very long since John Calvin, founder of what is now Presbyterianism, ordered the cruel death of Dr. Michael Servetus for denying that Almighty God could be a "trinity."

The author has seen the instruments of torture which Christians used not too many hundreds of years ago, to make "Christians" of those who, had they been allowed to follow the dictates of their minds, would have had nothing to do with Christianity. The rack, the thumb-screw, the Iron Maiden, a devilish contraption the size of a man. It has eight iron spikes six inches long on its inside. Hinged, it opens like a door. Where the ears should be, two ghastly funnels are placed.

The "unbeliever" was placed in the open Maiden, and the door was closed. The spikes, on the inside and back of the hell-begotten contraption, pierced the eyes, mouth and abdomen of the "unbeliever." Then, molten lead was poured into the two funnels, as if the agony was not complete without that.

Then there was a bathtub made of wood. About every three inches, all over the inside of the bathtub, were sharp iron spikes. The "unbeliever" was placed naked in this instrument of the devil, and rocked back and forth until he

accepted the Christian religion. These instruments may be seen on exhibition in New York City to this day.

It is then quite conceivable that the human mentality, even though religious, which was capable of such brutality, never could have conceived a spiritual Power of such magnitude that It can, because of what it is, banish completely and forever all want, suffering, disease, crime, and the "war-seeds" from the face of the earth. Yet all this may be possible. We may just be entering a new era in our mental and spiritual life.

When Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, was alive, he was asked along what lines he thought the greatest discovery of the future would be made. Without a moment's hesitation he replied, "Along spiritual lines." Perhaps he knew.

Certainly it would be wrong to attempt to limit the spiritual or mental growth of thinking human beings. It would be equally wrong to say that we have reached the peak of spiritual knowledge. That is the trouble with most of our systems of religion. They are content to stand fast on what was believed 2000 or 10,000 or 100,000 years ago.

But to do that is to stagnate. And to stagnate is to die. Religion must keep pace with changing times. It will cease to be religion and become pagan myth if it does not. Inversely to the remoteness of time has been man's ascent toward the temple of spiritual knowledge. Truth has made its ingress into the human mind in the ratio by which man has attained the capacity to receive 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. To attempt, therefore, to solve the problem of the ultimate perfection of man by reading or studying what was presumed to be spiritual truth ages ago is to mire ones self down. The liberating truths of God cannot be found in anything religions of the past taught.

The full truths of God are not known yet by anyone. But they are becoming known. As the human race progresses, it will inevitably see the Great Light which your author will present to you. If that Light be the true Light, it will lighten the world, and the "war-seeds" together with all mental and spiritual darkness will disappear as the mists do out here in Idaho when the sun rises from its well-earned sleep.

Your author is not an imaginary. He is not a religious fanatic. Nor can he be swayed by the "blessing" or "curses" of those who, though self-appointed "agents of God," turn to the traditions of the past for the truths of God. He is not a religious "super-man." Quite the contrary, he is a cold-blooded, hard-headed, successful business man who keeps both feet solidly on the ground. He listens to the theology of all and accepts none unless the theology be accompanied by proof of its ability to remove the mental and darkness which has covered the earth like a pall.

He has been placed in many different categories. One large religious journal alluded to him as "the greatest spiritual genius of the twentieth century," while another said, "This man is the devil in human form." Neither is correct. He is neither genius nor devil.

Nevertheless, such outstanding periodicals as Collier's Weekly, Time, Newsweek, Pic, Magazine Digest, The American Mercury, The Sunday School Times, The Presbyterian Banner, The Lutheran Companion, The Gospel Advocate and hundreds of other periodicals have seen fit to feature him in their columns. This, however, does not make him either "genius" or "devil."

If you knew the author personally you would find him to be, perhaps, one of most common-place individuals. Millions of others like him pass unnoticed in the gay throng of Americans. Collier's Weekly, kindly or otherwise, alluded to him as "having the appearance of a tired matinee idol." However, writers differ. I may look tired, but the "matinee idol" part, I believe, can be dispensed with.

The author knows that there is something in the mental or spiritual realm which man has not yet discovered. He knows that the full consciousness of what man would be, did he but know himself in his true perspective with the Creator, would be a very much more potent power than he is today.

Being a deep student of religion, he knows that what we know as religion cannot answer the problems of life. He knows that instead of man being in tune with the Infinite, he is far from the Infinite and getting farther away every day. You see, he does believe in a Creator. Not, perhaps, the Creator of theology. For the author has been gifted with average intelligence; he believes, and this intelligence reveals to him that there must be undiscovered heights to which man can rise, not after he is dead, but while he is alive.

What happens after death is unknown. None has ever returned to tell us. We may safely, therefore, confine our endeavors to trying to discover whether or not there are vistas of spiritual Power and Light which are possible here, but which have never been attained.

When one introduces the Creator into a conversation, or writes about It in a book, there is a great tendency on the part of the reader to lay the book aside; perhaps with the remark, "Oh, I'm not interested in religion." Don't do that with this book. The author is not interested in what calls itself religion today. He is, however, very vitally interested in discovering if God (if you choose to use that word) cannot actually be discovered by every normal human being. That is something which interests him very much.

For there must be some mis-alignment between the Creative Intelligence which created the earth, placing man upon it, and man himself. The darkness, the wholesale bloody murder, the ruthless shedding of human blood, tell better than the author can, that most certainly man is hopelessly lost in a maze of untrue theology—in spite of which he still

knows nothing about the Creator or whatever Power the Creator may have.

This "blind-spot" in our spiritual nature should be filled. The Light exists certainly. An Intelligent Power, the author of all creation, certainly exists somewhere. The "blind-spot" is ours then, then God's.

To say that the Creator of the universe set this celestial sphere in motion billions of years ago, leaving it to its fate, is eluding the question. It took a super-Intelligence to make man and the universe, and the creation was not haphazard. The fact must be, then, that there are certain faculties man has which, when discovered and fully developed, must result in the discovery of the Creator, not "in heaven," for no one knows where heaven is—but right here on the earth.

It would be equally foolish and unscientific to say, as some religions do, that 2000 years ago the Creator trod the earth, but man killed the Creator. At any rate, the Creator disappeared and none has seen hide nor hair of him since.

(From this point on, this book will hurt the feelings of about 15,000,000 good church attenders. It will tread on their toes. But there are about 120,000,000 of good, honest, intelligent Americans who do not ever see the inside of a church. Nor do they accept the church theory of God. The feelings of this 15,000,000 church-goers must be hurt, then, if, in bringing the True Light to the other vastly greater number of Americans, that becomes necessary. I do not apologize. It was inevitable that some man somewhere in this great democracy should step outside of the church sheep-fold and search for God alone. Your author was "heretic" enough to do this, and in this book he is submitting to his readers what he discovered. They may take it or leave it. It is honestly and, I hope, intelligently submitted.)

To write or talk about the Creator (God, if you will), is to at once link the name of God with our churches. This is because the church is the only organization on earth which has been bold enough to tell us that Almighty God ordained

that it should be the agent through which the truths of God should be disseminated to humanity.

But in view of the facts of the brutal conditions on the earth today, that seems hardly likely. The Roman Catholic church, the foster-parent of Christianity, tells us, completely without proof, that Jesus (God) gave to this Italian church the keys to the Kingdom of God, and told it not to let anyone in or out unless it chose to do so.

Well, this does not appeal to the intelligence of the average American. When one analyses what the churches have, we discover that while they tell us they are the representatives of God on the earth, all of the activities of God, according to their theologies, are to take place beyond the tomb—in heaven or hell. And, they tell us, unless we believe what they teach we never shall see heaven.

No proof whatsoever is offered. We are told we must "believe." How many "believe" is plainly shown by latest releases on church attendance of the major religions in the United States. While they claim some 55,000,000, a check reveals that less than 15,000,000 attend these churches. So the vast majority of Americans do not choose to "believe."

The author is not interested in "heaven." He thinks anything connected with that far-away place is incapable of proof. In any event, he is more interested in discovering whether or not the Power which must be God cannot be manifested here on earth. He cannot understand a God whose Power cannot be discovered and used now, right here on the earth, when civilization is dying for one faint ray of the actual Power of God. Your author knows that a Power great enough to set the celestial sphere in motion and keep it in motion, is great enough to do what man and his religions cannot do—*stop this awful shedding of human blood and remove the seeds of war.*

The author believes that it is scientifically possible to discover the limitless Power there must be in the realm of God. He believes that when this Power is discovered, and

you'll agree, that certainly it can be thrown against the Axis, bringing its speedy defeat, and thus saving the lives of millions of our precious sons, my own included.

If this is not possible, either there is no God or we know nothing about the approach to God. Everything religion has taught us about God can be at once and completely discarded. Millions of our sons will give their sacred lives on the bloody battlefields of the world. Hundreds of thousands of American homes have already been desolated. Gold stars are appearing. And all the while our churches stand idly by, telling us that if we believe their preachments and theory of God, we can't stop this war but we can "save our soul" after we die.

I should be perfectly willing to give my soul and the whole future "in heaven" if, by so doing, I could stop this ghastly human carnage. A religion which seeks only to save the souls of its followers is not worth the name. God made a material world. It's now we need the Power of God to straighten it out. We can't, and our churches can't. Perhaps we may discover that God can, if we ever get at the truth about the existence of God.

The answer to the God proposition, however, must be absolutely scientific. The element of "faith," while handy to religions whose sole aim is to save souls for future life, can have no place in any concept of God which fills the needs of the entire human race. We have been "faithed" to death. Now we want actual, demonstrable Power, coming direct from the Creator to the created.

All present-day systems of religion are but "faiths." Just so long as they are but "faiths," there is no assurance that they will ever be other than that. Webster defines "faith" as a "system of religious beliefs." A belief may be true or false. In religion, which offers no proof, there is just as much chance of its preachments being false as there is of them being true. In "faith," one does not know. With

the actual Power of God—one does know. That is the difference.

If "faith in God" could bring a response from God, and if the Power of God could be demonstrated by the stopping of this brutal war and the elimination of the Axis, that would change "faith" into Power. It would prove the "faith" a true "faith." But when no religion—nor all religions combined can manifest the Power of God on the earth in this, its darkest hour, we feel justified in questioning them all.

This can be very easily offset by our churches. All they have to do is to manifest the actual Power of God to us. We'll believe anything they ask us to then.

The author believes it is a mockery of God to profess to know God, and at the same time stand impotently by while three mad-men rape the earth and baptize it with the blood of our innocent boys. Of course, there is always the probability that the "god" of our religious bodies is far removed from the God which, in a thoroughly scientific manner involving millions of ages, created the earth and man. He believes that humanity will find God when present theories of God held and taught by our churches are completely discarded.

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No one should make the statement your author made in the preceding paragraph unless he is prepared to prove, beyond all refutation, that the entire story of God as the churches give it to us, it not true. In order that our readers may know what the facts are, and in order that they may have complete knowledge of what Christianity really is, we shall prove that instead of Christianity being a direct revelation from God, it is nothing more than an old dark-age system of theology, told once more.

If the revelation of the scientific Power of God is to be brought to earth, that revelation cannot come without completely upsetting and exposing systems of religion which cannot bring to earth the actual Power of God. If scien-

tific, and they must be, the truths of God will be susceptible of proof by anyone. More than that, if the author has made a spiritual discovery of revolutionary moment, that discovery, and the Power of God which follows it, must be the most staggering discovery of the ages.

Every Sunday morning over C.B.S. one may listen to the beautiful strains of pipe-organ music from the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. If we trace this Mormon religion to its source, we find that about 125 years ago an angel did come down from heaven to earth. It sat upon the back porch of a little house on Palmyra Hill in New York State.

This angel told Joseph Smith and his friend, Oliver Cowdrey, to go and dig under a tree. They did—and they brought back books with leaves of solid gold. On these pages were strange hieroglyphics which neither Smith nor Cowdrey could decipher. However, the angel was prepared for their illiteracy.

He produced a strange pair of spectacles which were known as Urim and Thummim, telling Smith and his partner that if they would use those miraculous specs they would be able to read the “divine” message which Almighty God had inscribed upon the books with the golden pages, and hidden under the ground on Palmyra Hill, N. Y.

These specs were really good ones, for, we are told by the Mormon Church, Smith and Cowdrey translated the remarkable hieroglyphics with the more remarkable spectacles, and lo and behold!—they produced the Book of Mormon upon which the celebrated Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 600,000 strong, is founded. Whereupon the angel took both the books and the specs and made his way back to heaven where, we presume, he still is.

But so far, all the Mormon Church has done is to bring another system of religion into existence. It has not been able to reveal the Power of God to the world. So even if

another angel were to come down, we may look for little hope there.

Humanity cannot stumble blindly along for ever. The chances of an angel bringing the truths of God to earth are very slim. The chances of these truths coming through any of our church systems are equally slim. So we shall have to look elsewhere.

Let us briefly see what the concept of God is, as brought to us by Christianity. We take Christianity because it is presumed to be the "national" religion of America. We have seen, however, that less than 15,000,000 out of 135,000,000 people ever attend their churches. The author feels that when the other 120,000,000 know what the religion of our churches really is, a great hope will be kindled in their breasts. For all of us instinctively know that somewhere there *must* exist the creative Power of the Creator. We long for that knowledge to be turned into an actual demonstration.

Had the churches never taught the theory of God they now teach, it is my opinion that this world would have discovered the actual truths of God long, long ago. What a pity—the very agency which claims to be bringing knowledge of God to humanity is the very agency which has created a "blind spot" in our spiritual vision.

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The author is in a position to know from 15 years actual experience in dealing with the newly-discovered Power of God that this Power exists. During the past 15 years religious history has been made. Some 300,000 people, and twice as many more, perhaps, have written personal letters attesting the fact that entirely aside from orthodox theology, they have found the Power of God.

As a result of their finding the Power of God, stories too amazing to reproduce her, and too copious, have flooded the author's office. As might be expected, these experiences stagger human reason. That is because the Power of God

is in actual operation. Of course these experiences stagger human belief. Many an article has been written by religious and other critical publications stating that what has happened never could have happened. The human mind cannot conceive of how the Power of God, operating here on the earth, can do the seemingly impossible.

Yet this is exactly what has been happening over a period of fifteen years. Consequently, your author considers himself fully qualified to make these achievements through the Power of God public.

CHAPTER 3

I MIGHT hesitate to write this chapter were it not for the fact that millions of our boys are overseas, facing the murderous fire of fanatical fiends who, if they could, would not only destroy civilization, but would prevent independent religious thinking; the type of thinking which has been able to pierce the veil of religious superstition and present to humanity a scientific knowledge of the Power of God which, recognized and used, can bring Axis vultures to their knees far quicker, and at so much less cost than they can be brought down without the Power of God.

But there they lie—out yonder. Some of them screaming in the horrible agonies of a premature death. Others, wading through the muck, the stink, the filth of Guadalcanal with its tropical sun beating mercilessly down upon their young heads, while the bombs and bullets fly all around them.

Over 100,000 American boys have been lost or taken prisoners already. Millions more of them will go. Perhaps the inhuman fiends of Japs will tie their live bodies to stakes and use them for bayonet practice as they do on the helpless, innocent Chinese.

You know those boys. You know the type I mean. High school boys. They used to play on the home football squad. Many a time you've gone down to the ball grounds to see them meet and defeat another high school team. Then, after the victory, you could see them gathered round the corner drug store drinking cokes. Some of them took part

in their annual high school plays. Good boys—the finest class of manhood this world ever knew.

Yet their bones will lie bleaching under a tropical sun. Many of them will return, blasted in hope and in body. Crying to God many of them for release from the cruel fates which have taken them out of loving homes and thrust them into the very jaws of death and hell at a premature age. God have mercy on the men responsible for this cruel horror which is devastating the earth. Yes, and God have mercy, too, on those who, with a Bible in one hand and a prayer-book in the other, have told those young boys that it is the will of God that they go through such agonies.

God have mercy on those who have taken upon themselves the name of God, yet have remained utterly impotent to do one thing towards bringing the Power of God to humanity. Bibles and prayer-books when the Power of God actually exists and can be used to dethrone the Axis?

Yes—I'll write this chapter regardless of the consternation it causes. Truth often hurts, but it only hurts those who are in opposition to it. The truth will reveal God to humanity though. And when that Truth is known—when that Light is allowed to shine, all the Bibles and prayer-books of all religions can be thrown into the furnace. They could have been a long time ago for all the good they have done.

'Tis a pity that it took a gruesome war to bring to humanity the truths of God and the Power of God which can, and will, once and for all, cleanse this world from wrongdoing and make it blossom as the rose because of the Presence of God on the earth, even though that Power and Presence is almost unknown, and even though it is opposed by the churches, the very organizations which are supposed to bring the Power of God to humanity.

It is not to the church members I write, but it is to an America which is awakening from its slumber of religious hypnosis, and, at last, is showing signs of willingness to

give the Creator of this universe credit for being able to manifest His Power now—not exclusively after we die.

Whenever and wherever the Power of God is manifested on the earth, you will recognize it. It will always be followed by men and women praising God that they have, at last, found the Power of the Great Spirit here on the earth. Saving the soul is good, I suppose. But to save our young sons from the cruel murder machines of the Axis is better.

Let us see what the basis of the Christian concept of God is then. The story in a nutshell is this—2000 years ago, Almighty God, seeing the lost hopeless condition of the human race, sent His son to earth to save it from “sin,” the very “sin” which, we are told, man was born in.

This son of God was born in the womb of a married woman who, we are asked to believe, was a virgin. She later had several other sons, but this one, the first born, was conceived by a mythical being called the “holy ghost.” In Greece, so many unmarried women claimed the “holy ghost” to be the father of their children born out of wedlock that a law was passed condemning to death any unmarried woman who claimed the “holy ghost” got her into trouble.

Then we are asked to believe that a handful of Roman soldiers killed Almighty God on a cross, after He had been betrayed by one of his followers. But, this fantastic story proceeds, after three days this son of Almighty God, the Creative Intelligence that never had physical form, rose from the dead and even now, as I write this, is sitting up in the skies in a place called heaven, totally oblivious to the misery and the bloody death here below.

Now that, in essence, is the story of God as brought to humanity by the Christian churches. No wonder this earth is bathed in blood. No wonder the Power of God is an absolutely unknown factor on the earth today.

But I have good news for you. Exceedingly good news. This entire story can be thrown into the discard. *It is not true.* It came, in its entirety, from an old pagan myth which

was subscribed to in India, almost 1500 years before Christianity was ever heard of. The first step in the discovery of God is the complete and total discarding of everything Christianity has ever taught about God.

We see then the heart-rending spectacle of a world which is crucifying itself on the bloody battlefields of the earth, and a church which, instead of bringing knowledge of the Power of God to humanity, is teaching an old pagan myth which was hoary with age long before Christianity was ever heard from.

If I can prove my statements, the greatest theological hoax ever perpetrated on humanity is the hoax of Christianity. If I cannot prove it, I should most certainly not write about the subject at all. Fortunately I can prove it. Prove it before any court of law in the United States. The author would welcome the opportunity to do just that. It is time, high time, that we Americans knew the truth about God, and the churches. You will learn the truth in this book.

Fifteen hundred years before Christianity was ever heard of they had a myth which goes something like this: The first man and woman on the earth were Adimo and Heva. We have Adam and Eve, a direct copying of these other two old Indians who out dated Adam and Eve some 1500 years. Then there came a flood, and the only man saved was called Noe. We have a flood, too, and the only man saved was Noah.

Christianity tells us that Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. But the Bible of India tells us that 1500 years before, Noe, their "righteous one," also has three sons whose names were Sherma, Hama, and Jiapheta. Almost an exact duplication of names. If not copied from the religion of the Hindoo, where did they come from?

The virgin mother of God, according to the religion of India, was Maia, which means Mary. She had a son. This son was not the natural normal result of intercourse with her husband. Not that, for we are told, and asked to believe

that a "holy ghost" was the father of this son, who was to be Almighty God in person, and who was to save the whole world from sin.

The name of this virgin-born son, born, like Christ, on December 25th, was Jeseus Chrishna. Note the similarity to Jesus Christ. Note the same birthplace and date. This god Chrishna was later crucified on a cross at the age of 33, and three days later he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where he now sits. Every one of these happenings occurred 1500 years before Christianity was born.

The following brief analysis form will show the absolute duplication of stories of these two gods. Let it be remembered that millions upon millions of human beings in India today worship Chrishna as God just as we in the United States worship Christ as God. Yet the two stories are identical. The Hindoo has prior claim to the story. If the story of Jesus Christ is true, so is the story of Jeseus Chrishna, for it contains every fundamental of the Jesus story and has the added proof of being known to its followers 1500 years before.

CHRISHNA

A Virgin Mother—Chrishna was born of a virgin who was selected as the mother of the heavenly child on account of her purity—his father was God.

Born in a Cave—Chrishna was born in most humble surroundings, in a cave.

CHRIST

A Virgin Mother—Christ was born of a virgin who was of immaculate purity—his father was God.

Born in a Cave—Christ was born in a cave!—the grotto with the Manger is exhibited today in the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, exhibited as Christ's birthplace.

Cave Illuminated—At the time of Chrishna's birth, the cave was illuminated by a miraculous light.

Away Paying Taxes—Nanda, the foster father of Chrishna, was away paying taxes when he was born.

Cowherds' Adoration—The child Chrishna was recognized and adored by cowherds who bowed down before him.

Slaughter of Innocents—The tyrant King Cansa ordered the massacre of all male children born during the night of Chrishna's birth.

Heavenly Warning—Chrishna's foster-father was warned by a heavenly voice to take the child to Gakul to escape from the King.

The Child Chrishna Performs Miracles—In the city of Matra, Chrishna performed many mir-

Cave Illuminated — At Christ's birth "There was a great light in the cave, so that the eyes of the midwife could not bear it."

Away Paying Taxes — The birth of Jesus took place while his foster-father Joseph was in the city, to pay his tax to the Governor.

Shepherds' Adoration—The infant Christ was recognized and adored by shepherds who prostrated themselves before him.

Slaughter of Innocents—King Herod ordered the slaughter of innocents, hoping to bring death to the Christ child.

Joseph Warned — Joseph was warned by a heavenly voice to "take the young child and mother and flee to Egypt to escape Herod's wrath."

The Child Christ Performs Miracles — While in Egypt Jesus lived at Matarea and there per-

acles in his childhood.
(Notice the similarity of
the name Matta and Ma-
tarea.)

*Chrishna the Second Person
in a Trinity of Divinities*
—Chrishna was God in
human form, being the
second person in a holy
trinity.

Chrishna was Crucified—
Chrishna was crucified
on a cross with arms ex-
tended, between two
malefactors. Whilst on
the cross, Chrishna was
pierced by an arrow;
Chrishna said to the man
who shot him, "Through
my favour, go to Heaven,
the abode of the Gods."

*The Sun Darkened—*When
Chrishna died the sun
was blotted out at noon-
day.

Descended Into Hell—
Chrishna descended into
Hell for the purpose of
raising dead, before re-
turning to Heaven.

formed many miracles.
(See the Apocrypha.)

The Christian Trinity—
Christ was the son of
God in a Holy Trinity of
Father, Son and Holy
Ghost — Christ was the
Son in human form.

*Christ was Crucified—*Be-
tween two thieves, Christ
was crucified on a cross
with arms extended.
Christ was pierced with
a spear. He said to one
of the thieves, "Verily I
say unto thee this day
shalt thou be with me in
Paradise."

*The Sun Darkened—*On the
day of Christ's death,
the sun was darkened
from the sixth to the
ninth hour.

Descended into Hell—
Christ descended into
Hell, to save the Souls of
the Saints imprisoned
there. Christ broke the
fetters of the Saints and
led them to Paradise.

Resurrection of Chrishna—

Chrishna, after his death and burial, came back to life, he arose from the grave, and ascended to Heaven "in the presence of many."

Resurrection of Christ—

Christ after his death and burial, came back to life, arising from the tomb in the flesh, and ascended to Heaven, in the presence of many.

Here you have the true origin of Christianity. It is all there in every detail. In other words, the author has gone into considerable detail so there can remain no doubt but what the entire Christian religion is an absolute copy of a religion which the Christian calls "pagan," and which was known to millions 1500 years before Christ was ever heard of.

This, dear reader, is what has been handed to us Americans as the "holy inspired word of God." That is all we have had a chance to know about God. That is all the Christian religion can tell us about God. That is the reason we know absolutely nothing about the existence of God. No man in his right mind can attribute such pagan myths as being of God. The Power of God cannot operate on earth through such stories.

This palpable religious fraud was perpetrated on the human race by an Italian system of religion known as The Roman Catholic Church. It is interesting to note that on the eve of the nefarious back-stabbing of France by Italy in the present war, priests of this same Roman Catholic Church went among the Italian soldiers "blessing" them, whatever that may mean, and, to quote, "Praying for your speedy and complete victory in order that the flag of the House of Savoy (Italy) may wave forever over the holy sepulchre in Rome."

We are at war with Italy. It is an Axis power, and the Roman Catholic Church is an Axis system of religion. It

never was anything else. Yet here we see the sorry spectacle of this Axis religion praying that the Italian army might be successful in its fight against the Allies. If you or I made such a statement we should be arrested for sedition. Yet we give this Axis system of religion recognition by sending a representative from Washington to the Italian headquarters of this religion in Rome, Italy.

We recognize it as a true system of religion. We give it tax-free privileges. Yet had it not been for the false concept of God brought to humanity by this very organization, this world today would know the truth of the present existence of the Power of God, and this brutal war could not possibly have happened. The organization, however, has a certain political power which it should not have in the United States. It has many votes.

Your author holds no brief for or against this Italian system of religion. He does not say it is not honest in its activities. He merely is giving you facts which very few writers would dare to give you. If the facts concerning God and religion may be known—if the truth is known—it will not take humanity very long to discover what those truths are. If organized systems of religion do not have the truths of God, let them go. Let them be exposed. For God will always be found in what is true. God can never be found in falsity. There is no religion higher than truth, nor can there be.

Truth ever must remain supreme in the Realm of God, no matter where or what that Realm may be. Certainly no religion has as yet brought to humanity any God-truths which can eliminate the bloody human slaughter of our beloved sons. They cannot do that. They can burn incense before altars, they can chant masses, they can sell tickets out of purgatory. They can do anything and everything to advance their own pagan philosophy. The only thing they are supposed to do they cannot do; that is to reveal God to the

world. The man who can do that will write his name in letters of gold across history's scroll.

Quite often some prominent divine argues with me that the story of Chrishna (sometimes spelt Crishna) is merely coincidence. They say that Chrishna was but an "ante-type" of Christ. But it occurs to me that that is stretching the imagination. You could not expect an "ante-type" to appear on the scene 1500 years ahead of the "type." Most of the clerics with whom I have discussed this point, however, lightly brush it off with the word "coincidence." So, in order to make it absolutely clear that it is not coincidence, the author deems it wise to give several pages to a brief recital of 15 other "crucified gods," all of which are supposed to have appeared long before the "god" the Roman Catholic Church advocated, which "god" it unquestionably discovered in the religion of India.

The author does not claim that these gods were real personages any more than he claims that the "crucified god" of Christianity was a real personage. That is beside the point. The fact that a score of religions prior to Christianity had a "god," who was born of a virgin, killed on a cross, etc., is sufficient to prove that religions of the past, which Christianity calls "pagan," or "heathen," had the identical doctrines which the Christian Church has now, and had them many years before. This places Christianity in exactly the same category. If these old systems of religion and their "gods" are but pagan religious myth, it must follow that Christianity is just one more in the long parade of religions which have utterly failed to reveal God to humanity. It, too, must be myth.

You may depend upon it, when the truths of God become known to Americans, those truths will be accompanied by the Power of God. And when the Power of God is known to us Americans, it will not take us long to throw that Power against the Axis and bring it to a complete and speedy defeat. In giving you these facts, I fully realize that we are

in a theological rut. We have given the Italian Catholic Church credit for bringing to us all there is to know about God. We pamper and pander to all Christian churches, while we lose sight of the fact that the trouble with this world is that, in spite of all these good churches, the world does not know the Power of God. If these churches have not the truths of God we cannot know God through what they advocate.

It is a wonderful thing to have the assurance that you may have a nice home in heaven among the angels, singing songs and playing harps of gold and all that. But it would be a far more wonderful thing if some man could discover the actual existence of the Great Spirit, which is God, right here on the earth.

I am willing to gladly sacrifice eternal life in heaven and die a natural death here, thus entering into eternal oblivion, if by so doing I can bring the liberating truths of God to humanity. So would you. So would any true American. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. And God here is worth a million "gods" in heaven.

Christianity's specialty is the absence of God here and now, plus the hope only of eternal life above the skies. But I think we shall discover that if we can find the fullness of the Power of God here on the earth, the problems of life both here and in the hereafter will be fully solved.

To claim that God can do so many beautiful things in heaven, at the same time remaining either uninterested or impotent to do anything for humanity here and now, is limiting God. Such a concept of God cannot be true. It is lopsided. It is not logical. Therefore, it is not true.

The revelation of God which this earth is shortly to witness will stagger it. Yet it is all so beautifully reasonable and normal. Why someone did not see it years ago I am at a loss to understand.

Your author has no more ability than anyone else. Yet these truths of God—these revolutionary, saving, amazing

truths of God have always been evident to anyone who cares to discard pagan superstition masquerading as being of God, and just understanding what one sees. There is no mystery about the existence of the Spirit of God. In expecting mysticism and in looking for it, we created a blind spot in our spiritual vision. Because of that blind spot we have been unable to see God. The author will endeavor to remove the blind spot.

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Now to get back to a record of 15 other "crucified world-saviors." Chrishna was the first. I shall give a few pages to Sakya on account of the large number of followers this religion now has. The rest we shall deal with very briefly. I do not like to clutter up the pages of this book by wasting much time on "crucified gods" of the past. You will find few writers, however, who will give you these records, although they are known to every theologian worthy of the name. For some reason or other they are suppressed. Truth cannot be found in that manner.

What should be done is to take all these "gods" by the back of the neck and bring them out into the light where we can publicly examine them and see what they really are. If this were done with the "crucified god" of Christianity, there would be no Christianity. For proof of the existence of Jesus Christ, as Almighty God, is completely and entirely lacking. We must believe the word of an Italian system of theology.

The fact that no history, sacred or profane—that not one of the 300 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 a 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 event 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. 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 he 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," (says Lardner, for the nine reasons which he assigns), "to be forever discarded from any place among the evidences 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 190 years after the birth of Christ. And then the notice was by a Christian writer (Ireneus).

"We look in vain," says a writer, "for any contemporary notice of the Gospels, or Christ the subject of the Gospels, outside of the New Testament. So little was this 'king of the Jews' known, that the Romans were compelled to pay one of his apostles to turn traitor and act as guide before they could find him. It is impossible to observe this negative testimony of all history against Christ and his miracles, and not be struck with amazement, and seized with the conviction that he was not a God, and not a very extraordinary man." Who can believe that a God, from off the throne of heaven, could make his appearance on earth, and while performing the most astounding miracles ever recorded in any history, or that ever excited the credulity of any people, and

be finally publicly crucified in the vicinity of a great city, and yet all the histories written in those times, both sacred and profane, pass over with entire silence the slightest notice of any of these extraordinary events. Impossible—*most self-evidently* impossible! And when we find that this omission was so absolute that no record was made of the day or year of his birth by any person in the era in which he lived, and that they were finally forgotten, and hence that there are, as a writer informs us, no less than 133 different opinions about the matter, the question assumes a still more serious aspect. From the logical potency of these facts we are driven to the conclusion that Christ received but little attention outside of the circle of his own credulous and interested followers, and consequently stands on a level with Chrishna of India, Mithra of Persia, Osiris of Egypt, and other demigods of antiquity, all whose miraculous legends were ingrafted in their histories long after their death.

The author has wandered a bit. We shall, however, come back to the 15 crucified gods now. The reader will, perhaps, recognize the magnitude of the writer's task and the uncomfortable situation in which he finds himself. One would imagine that churches of all denominations would shout for joy when they discovered that the Power of God can be manifested on the earth, but that it is not so.

Instead, the organizations which are fighting the coming of God to the earth are the very organizations which make their living by teaching religion. But times are changing. We are living in a fantastic era. Realities, and realities only, count today. We are fighting for our national life. The pity of it all lies in the fact that no system of religion, not even the pagan Italian system known as The Roman Catholic Church, can reveal to humanity the Power of God, here and now.

Naturally, they oppose anyone who brings the truths of God to humanity, if those truths violently oppose the theology these institutions teach. They are all honest—just as hon-

est as your author is. Your author, however, has for 15 years been teaching not a theory of God, but he has been demonstrating the actual Power of the Spirit of God in hundreds of thousands of lives. The results stagger the imagination.

II.—CRUCIFIXION OF THE HINDOO SAKYA, 600 B. C.

How many Gods who figured in Hindoo history suffered death upon the cross as atoning offerings for the sins of mankind is a point not clearly established by their sacred books. But the death of the God above named, known as Sakya, Buddha Sakya, or Sakya Muni, is distinctly referred to by several writers, both oriental and Christian, though there appears to be in Buddhist countries different accounts of the death of the famous and extensively worshipped sin-atoning Saviors.

In some countries, the story runs, a God was crucified by an arrow being driven through his body, which fastened him to a tree; the tree, with the arrow thus projecting at right angles, formed the cross, emblematical of the atoning sacrifice.

Sakya, an account states, was crucified by his enemies for the humble act of plucking a flower in a garden—doubtless seized on as a mere pretext, rather than as being considered a crime.

One of the accusations brought against Christ, it will be remembered, was that of plucking the ripened ears of corn on the Sabbath. And it is a remarkable circumstance, that in the pictures of Christian countries representing the virgin Mary with the infant Jesus in her arms, either the child or the mother is frequently represented with a bunch of flowers in the hand.

Here, let it be noted, the association of flowers with divinely born Saviors, in India, is indicated in the religious books of that country to have originated from the concep-

tion of the virgin parting with the flowers of her virginity by giving birth to a divine child, whereby she lost the immortality of her physical nature, it being transferred by that act to her Diety-begotten son. And from this circumstance, Sakya is represented as having been crucified for abstracting a flower from a garden. That his crucifixion was designed as a sin-atoning offering, is evident from the following declaration found in his sacred biography, viz.: "He in mercy left Paradise, and came down to earth because he was filled with compassion for the sins and miseries of mankind. He sought to lead them into better paths, and took their sufferings upon himself that he might expiate their crimes and mitigate the punishment they must otherwise inevitably undergo." (Prog. Rel. Ideas, vol. 1, p. 86.)

He believed and taught his followers that all sin is inevitably punished, either in this or the future life; and so great were his sympathy and tenderness that he condescended to suffer that punishment himself, by an ignominious death upon the cross, after which he descended into Hades (Hell), to suffer for a time (three days) for the inmates of that dreadful and horrible prison, that he might show he sympathized with them. After his resurrection, and before his ascension to heaven, as well as during his earthly sojourn, he imparted to the world some beautiful, lofty, and soul-elevating precepts.

"The object of his mission," says a writer, "was to instruct those who were straying from the right path, and expiate the sins of mortals by his own suffering, and procure for them a happy entrance into Paradise by obedience to his precepts and prayers to his name." (Ibid.) "His followers always speak of him as one with God from all eternity." (Ibid.) His most common title was "the Savior of the World." He was also called "the Benevolent One," "the Dispenser of Grace," "the Source of Life," "the Light of the World," "the True Light," etc.

His mother was a very pure, refined, pious and devout

woman; never indulged in any impure thoughts, words or actions. She was so much esteemed for her virtues and for being the mother of a God, that an escort of ladies attended her wherever she went. The trees bowed before her as she passed through the forest, and flowers sprang up wherever her foot pressed the ground. She was saluted as "the Holy Virgin, Queen of Heaven."

It is said that when her divine child was born he stood upright and proclaimed, "I will put an end to the sufferings and sorrows of the world." And immediately a light shone around about the young Messiah. He spent much time in retirement, and like Christ in another respect, was once tempted by a demon who offered him all the honors and wealth of the world. But he rebuked the devil, saying, "Be gone; hinder me not."

He began, like Christ, to preach his gospel and heal the sick when about 28 years of age. And it is declared, "the blind saw, the deaf heard, the dumb spoke, the lame danced and the crooked became straight." Hence, the people declared, "He is no mortal child, but an incarnation of the Deity." His religion was of a very superior character. He proclaimed, "My law is a law of grace for all." His religion knew no race, no sex, no caste, and no aristocratic priesthood.

"It taught," says Max Muller, "the equality of all men, and the brotherhood of the human race." "All men, without regard to rank, birth or nation," says Duncker, "form, according to Buddha's view, one great suffering association in this earthly vale of tears; therefore, the commandments of love, forbearance, patience, compassion, pity, brotherliness of all men." Klaproth (a German professor of oriental languages) says this religion is calculated to ennoble the human race. "It is difficult to comprehend," says a French writer (M. Leboulay), "how men, not assisted by revelation, could have soared so high, and approached so near the truth."

Dunckar says this oriental God "taught self-denial, chastity, temperance, the control of the passions, to bear injustice from others, to suffer death quietly, and without hate of your persecutor, to grieve not for one's own misfortunes, but for those of others." An investigation of their history will show that they lived up to these moral injunctions. "Besides the five great commandments," says a Wesleyan missionary (Spence Hardy) in his *Dahmma Padam*, "every shade of vice, hypocrisy, anger, pride, suspicion, greediness, gossiping, and cruelty to animals is guarded against by special precepts. Among the virtues recommended we find not only reverence for parents, care for children, submission to authority, gratitude, moderation in all things, submission in time of trial, equanimity at all times, but virtues, unknown in some systems of morality, such as the duty of forgiving injuries, and not rewarding evil for evil." And we will add, both charity and love are specially recommended.

We have it also upon the authority of Dunckar that "Buddha proclaimed that salvation and redemption have come for all, even the lowest and most abject classes." For he broke down the iron caste of the Brahminical code which had so long ruled India, and aimed to place all mankind upon a level. His followers have been stigmatized by Christian professors as "idolaters." But Sir John Bowring, in his *"Kingdom and People of Siam,"* denies that they are idolaters—"because," says he, "no Buddhist believes his image to be God, or anything more than an outward representation of Deity." The deific images are looked upon with the same views and feelings as a Christian venerates the photograph of his deceased friend. Hence, if one is an idolater, the other is also. With respect to the charge of polytheism, Missionary Huc says, "that although their religion embraces many inferior deities, who fill the same offices that angels do under the Christian system, yet,"—adds Mr. Huc—"monotheism is the real character of

Buddhism"; and confirms the statement by the testimony of a Thibetan.

It should be noted here that although Buddhism succeeded in converting about 300,000,000, or one-third of the inhabitants of the globe, it was never propagated by the sword, and never persecuted the disciples of other religions. Its conquests were made by a rational appeal to the human mind. Mr. Hodgson says, "It recognizes the infinite capacity of the human intellect." And St. Hilaire declares, "Love for all beings is its nucleus; and to love our enemies, and not prosecute, are the virtues of this people." Max Muller says, "Its moral code, taken by itself, is one of the most perfect the world has ever known."

Its five commandments are:

1. Thou shalt not kill.
2. Thou shalt not steal.
3. Thou shalt not commit adultery or any impurity.
4. Thou shalt not lie.
5. Thou shalt not intoxicate thyself.

To establish the above cited doctrines and precepts, Buddha sent forth his disciples into the world to preach his gospel to every creature. And if any convert had committed a sin in word, thought or deed, he was to confess and repent. One of the tracts which they distributed declares, "There is undoubtedly a life after this, in which the virtuous may expect the reward of their good deeds. . . . Judgment takes place immediately after death."

Buddha and his followers set an example to the world of enduring opposition and persecution with great patience and non-resistance. And some of them suffered martyrdom rather than abandon their principles, and gloried in thus sealing their doctrines with their lives.

A story is told of a rich merchant by the name of Purna, forsaking all to follow his lord and master; and also of his encountering and talking with a woman of low caste at a well,

which reminds us of similar incidents in the history of Christ. But his enemies, becoming jealous and fearful of his growing power, finally crucified him near the foot of the Nepal mountains, about 600 B. C. But after his death, burial and resurrection, we are told he ascended back to heaven, where millions of his followers believed he had existed with Brahma from all eternity.

[NOTE.—In the cases of crucifixion which follow, nothing like accuracy can be expected with respect to the dates of their occurrence, as all history covering the period beyond the modern era, or prior to the time of Alexander the Great (330 B. C.) is involved in a labyrinth of uncertainty with respect to dates. Hence, Bible chronologists differ to the extent of 3000 years with respect to the time of every event recorded in the Old Testament. Compare the Hebrew and Septuagint versions of the Bible: The former makes the world 3944, and the latter 5270 years old at the birth of Christ—a difference of 1326 years. And other translations differ still more widely. All the cases of crucifixion which follow occurred before the time of Christ, but the exact time of many of them cannot be fixed with certainty.]

III.—THAMMUZ OF SYRIA CRUCIFIED, 1160 B. C.

The history of this God is furnished us in fragments by several writers, portions of which will be found in other chapters of this work. The fullest history extant of this God-Savior is probably that of Ctesias (400 B. C.), author of "Persika." The poet has perpetuated his memory in rhyme.

"Trust, ye saints, your Lord restored,
Trust ye in your risen Lord;
For the pains which Thammuz endured
Our salvation have procured."

Mr. Higgins informs us (Anac. vol. 1, p. 246) that this God was crucified at the period above named, as a sin-aton-ing offering. The stanza just quoted is predicated upon the following Greek text, translated by Godwin: "Trust ye in God, for out of his loins salvation has come unto us." Julius Firmicus speaks of this God "rising from the dead for the salvation of the world." The Christian writer Parkhurst alludes to this Savior as preceding the advent of Christ, and as filling to some extent the same chapter in sacred history.

IV.—CRUCIFIXION OF WITTOBA OF THE TELINGONESE, 552 B. C.

We have a very conclusive historical proof of the crucifixion of this heathen God. Mr. Higgins tells us, "He is represented in his history with nail-holes in his hands and the soles of his feet." Nails, hammers and pincers are constantly seen represented on his crucifixes, and are objects of adoration among his followers. And the iron crown of Lombardy has within it a nail of what is claimed as his true original cross, and is much admired and venerated on that account. The worship of this crucified God, according to our author, prevails chiefly in the Travancore and other southern countries in the region of Madura.

V.—IAO OF NEPAL CRUCIFIED, 622 B. C.

With respect to the crucifixion of this ancient Savior, we have this very definite and specific testimony that "he was crucified on a tree in Nepal." (See Georgius, p. 202.) The name of this incarnate God and oriental Savior occurs frequently in the Holy Bibles and sacred books of other countries. Some suppose that Iao (often spelt Jao) is at the root of the name of the Jewish God Jehovah.

VI.—HESUS OF THE CELTIC DRUIDS CRUCIFIED,
834 B. C.

Mr. Higgins informs us that the Celtic Druids represent their God Hesus as having been crucified with a lamb on one side and an elephant on the other, and that this occurred long before the Christian era. Also that a representation of it may now be seen upon "the fire-tower of Brechin."

In this symbolical representation of the crucifixion, the elephant, being the largest animal known, was chosen to represent the magnitude of the sins of the world, while the lamb, from its proverbial innocent nature, was chosen to represent the innocency of the victim (the God offered as a propitiatory sacrifice.) And thus we have "the Lamb of God taking away the sins of the world"—symbolical language used with respect to the offering of Jesus Christ. And here is indicated very clearly the origin of the figure. It is evidently borrowed from the Druids. We have the statement of the above writer that this legend was found amongst the Canutes of Gaul long before Jesus Christ was known to history. (See *Anac.* vol. ii, p. 130.)

VII.—QUETZALCOATL OF MEXICO CRUCIFIED,
587 B. C.

Historical authority, relative to the crucifixion of this Mexican God, and to his execution upon the cross as a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of mankind, is explicit, unequivocal and ineffaceable. The evidence is tangible, and indelibly engraven upon steel and metal plates. One of these plates represents him as having been crucified on a mountain; another represents him as having been crucified in the heavens, as St. Justin tells us Christ was. According to another writer, he is sometimes represented as having been nailed to a cross, and by other accounts as hanging with a cross in his hand. The "*Mexican Antiquities*" (vol. vi, p. 166) says, "Quetzalcoatl is represented in the paintings of

'Codex Borgianus' as nailed to the cross." Sometimes two thieves are represented as having been crucified with him.

That the advent of this crucified Savior and Mexican God was long anterior to the era of Christ, is admitted by Christian writers, as we have shown elsewhere. In the work above named, "Codex Borgianus," may be found the account, not only of his crucifixion, but of his death, burial, descent into hell, and resurrection on the third day. And another work, entitled "Codex Vaticanus," contains the story of his immaculate birth by a virgin mother by the name of Chimalman.

Many other incidents are found related of him in his sacred biography, in which we find the most striking counterparts to the more modern gospel story of Jesus Christ, such as his 40 days' temptation and fasting, his riding on an ass, his purification in the temple, his baptism and regeneration by water, his forgiving of sins, being anointed with oil, etc. "All these things, and many more, found related of this Mexican God in their sacred books," says Lord Kingsborough (a Christian writer), "are curious and mysterious." (See the books above cited.)

VIII.—QUIRINUS OF ROME CRUCIFIED, 506 B. C.

The crucifixion of this Roman Savior is briefly noticed by Mr. Higgins, and is remarkable for presenting (like other crucified Gods) several parallel features to that of the Judean Savior, not only in the circumstances related as attending his crucifixion, but also in a considerable portion of his antecedent life.

He is represented, like Christ:

1. As having been conceived and brought forth by a virgin.
2. His life was sought by the reigning king (Amulius).

3. He was of royal blood, his mother being of kingly descent.
4. He was "put to death by wicked hands"—i. e., crucified.
5. At his mortal exit the whole earth is said to have been enveloped in darkness, as in the case of Christ, Chrishna, and Prometheus.
6. And finally he is resurrected, and ascends back to heaven.

IX.—(AESCHYLUS) PROMETHEUS CRUCIFIED,
547 B. C.

In the account of the crucifixion of Prometheus of Caucasus, as furnished by Seneca, Hesiod, and other writers, it is stated that he was nailed to an upright beam of timber, to which were affixed extended arms of wood, and that this cross was situated near the Caspian Straits. The modern story of this crucified God, which represents him as having been bound to a rock for 30 years, while vultures preyed upon his vitals, Mr. Higgins pronounces as an impious Christian fraud. "For," says this learned historical writer, "I have seen the account which declares he was nailed to a cross with hammer and nails." (Anac. vol. i, 327.) Confirmatory of this statement is the declaration of Mr. Southwell, that "he exposed himself to the wrath of God in his zeal to save mankind."

The poet, in portraying his propitiatory offering, says:

"Lo! streaming from the fatal tree
His all atoning blood,
Is this the Infinite?—Yes, 'tis he,
Prometheus, and a God!

"Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And veil his glories in,

When God, the great Prometheus, died
For man the creature's sin."

The "New American Cyclopaedia" (vol. i, p. 157) contains the following significant declaration relative to this sin-atoning oriental Savior: "It is doubtful whether there is to be found in the whole range of Greek letters deeper pathos than that of the divine woe of the beneficent demi-god Prometheus, crucified on his Scythian crags for his love to mortals." Here we have first-class authority for the crucifixion of this oriental God.

In Lempriere's "Classical Dictionary," Higgins' "Anacalypsis," and other works, may be found the following particulars relative to the final exit of the God above named, viz.:

1. That the whole frame of nature became convulsed.

2. That the earth shook, the rocks were rent, the graves were opened, and in a storm, which seemed to threaten the dissolution of the universe, the solemn scene forever closed, and "Our Lord and Savior" Prometheus gave up the ghost.

"The cause for which he suffered," says Mr. Southwell, "was his love for the human race." Mr. Taylor makes the statement in his *Syntagma* (p. 95), that the whole story of Prometheus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection was acted in pantomime in Athens 500 years before Christ, which proves its great antiquity. Minutius Felix, one of the most popular Christian writers of the second century (in his "Octavius," sect. 29), thus addresses the people of Rome: "Your victorious trophies not only represent a simple cross, but a cross with a man on it," and this *man* St. Jerome calls a God.

These coincidences furnish still further proof that the tradition of the crucifixion of Gods has been very long prevalent among the heathen.

X.—CRUCIFIXION OF THULIS OF EGYPT, 1700 B. C.

Thulis of Egypt, whence comes "Ultima Thule," died the death of the cross about 3500 years ago.

Ultima Thule was the island which marked the ultimate bounds of the extensive empire of this legitimate descendant of the Gods.

This Egyptian Savior appears also to have been known as Zulis, and with this name—Mr. Wilkison tells us—"his history is curiously illustrated in the sculptures, made 1700 years B. C., of a small, retired chamber lying nearly over the western adytum of the temple." We are told 28 lotus plants near his grave indicate the number of years he lived on the earth. After suffering a violent death, he was buried, but rose again, ascended into heaven, and there became "the judge of the dead," or of souls in a future state. Wilkison says he came down from heaven to benefit mankind, and that he was said to be "full of grace and truth."

XI.—CRUCIFIXION OF INDRA OF THIBET, 725 B. C.

The account of the crucifixion of the God and Savior Indra may be found in Georgius, Thibetinum Alphabetum, p. 230. A brief notice of the case is all we have space for here. In the work just referred to may be found plates representing this Thibetan Savior as having been nailed to the cross. There are five wounds, representing the nail-holes and the piercing of the side. The antiquity of the story is beyond dispute.

Marvelous stories are told of the birth of the Divine Redeemer. His mother was a virgin of black complexion, and hence his complexion was of the ebony hue, as in the case of Christ and some other sin-atoners. He descended from heaven on a mission of benevolence, and ascended back to the heavenly mansion after his crucifixion. He led a life of strict celibacy, which, he taught, was essential to true

holiness. He inculcated great tenderness toward all living beings. He could walk upon the water or upon the air; he could foretell future events with great accuracy. He practiced the most devout contemplation, severe discipline of the body and mind, and acquired the most complete subjection of his passions. He was worshiped as a God who had existed as a spirit from all eternity, and his followers were called "Heavenly Teachers."

XII.—ALCESTIS OF EURIPIDES CRUCIFIED, 600 B. C.

The "English Classical Journal" (vol. xxxvii), furnishes us with the story of another crucified God, known as Alcestis—a female God or Goddess; and in this respect, it is a novelty in sacred history, being the first, if not the only example of a feminine God atoning for the sins of the world upon the cross. The doctrine of the trinity and atoning offering for sin was inculcated as a part of her religion.

XIII.—ATYS OF PHRYGIA CRUCIFIED, 1170 B. C.

Speaking of this crucified Messiah, the Anacalypsis informs us that several histories are given of him, but all concur in representing him as having been an atoning offering for sin. And the Latin phrase, "suspensus lingo," found in his history, indicates the manner of his death. He was suspended on a tree, crucified, buried and rose again.

XIV.—CRITE OF CHALDEA CRUCIFIED, 1200 B. C.

The Chaldeans, as Mr. Higgins informs us, have noted in their sacred books the account of the crucifixion of a God with the above name. He was also known as "the Redeemer," and was styled "the Ever Blessed Son of God," "the Savior of the Race," "the Atoning Offering for an Angry

God." And when he was offered up, both heaven and earth were shaken to their foundations.

XV.—BALI OF ORISSA CRUCIFIED, 725 B. C.

We learn by the oriental books, that in the district of country known as Orissa, in Asia, they have the story of a crucified God, known by several names, including the above, all of which, we are told, signify "Lord Second," having reference to him as the second person or second member of the trinity, as most of the crucified Gods occupied that position in the trial of deities constituting the trinity, as indicated by the language "Father, *Son*, and Holy Ghost," the Son, in all cases, being the atoning offering, "the crucified Redeemer," and the second person of the trinity. This God Bali was also called Baliu, and sometimes Bel. The Anacalypsis informs us (vol. i, 257) that monuments of this crucified God, bearing great age, may be found amid the ruins of the magnificent city of Mahabalipore, partially buried amongst the figures of the temple.

XVI.—MITHRA OF PERSIA CRUCIFIED, 600 B. C.

This Persian God, according to Mr. Higgins, was "slain upon the cross to make atonement for mankind, and to take away the sins of the world." He was reputedly born on the 25th day of December, and crucified on a tree. It is a remarkable circumstance that two Christian writers (Mr. Faber and Mr. Bryant) both speak of his "being slain," and yet both omit to speak of the manner in which he was put to death. And the same policy has been pursued with respect to other crucified Gods of the pagans, as we have shown elsewhere.

Our list is full, or we might note other cases of crucifixion. Devatat of Siam, Ixion of Rome, Apollonius of Tyana in Cappadocia, are all reported in history as having "died the death of the cross."

CHAPTER 4

THERE are those who, because our churches have failed to disclose God to the world, have adopted the attitude that there is no God. At least they admit there is no evidence of a God whose Power may be known here on the earth, unless one subscribe to a certain religious philosophy. This is a sensible conclusion. For theories, without evidence, still remain theories. Very unsafe to build upon them. One grain of known scientific truth is worth, in any realm, many times its bulk in theory. Truth, in whatever realm it may be discovered, is scientific. And all science is truth.

So these good folks who, through experience with theology, deny that there is a God who can eliminate warfare and its subsequent horrors, are looking to some material source for release and surcease from inner fears. They, and there are millions of them, believe that perfection of government and social security must be attained through human channels. That is true. There will never be a supernatural manifestation from God on this earth. There never was—there never will be. For God makes the natural out of what present theories of religion have presumed to be the supernatural.

There is nothing supernatural in the Realm of the Great Spirit—God. What we do not understand is only un-understandable because we know not the correct relationship which exists between man and God. Naturally, never having been told, we cannot know of this relationship. So we get drunk. We strike. We eat, drink, and be merry, believing that

through some human "fairy godfather," all will be well. "Give us all the money we want, give us all the liquor we want, give us all we want to eat—and what more can we ask?" said a labor leader to me recently.

So, eliminating God completely as an active factor in this world's affairs, we look elsewhere for the complete and total abolition of wars, hunger, fear, and everything the human race would like to get along without.

Nations will follow any leader who promises complete freedom, ease, a good time—even if God is left completely out of the picture. Hitler, insane maniac, endeavored to eliminate God by eliminating the churches. Had he been smart enough to know that the churches are not God, and perhaps know little about God, he would have wasted no time on them. As far as the future of mankind goes, it makes little difference whether there are churches or not, if those churches cannot reveal the actual Power of God to humanity.

If these churches exist, but cannot disclose God to the world, they are spiritually useless. Their own theories of God the world is not interested in and every one of them hungering for the Power of God. Men and women will be interested in churches only when they can disclose the literal Power of God to humanity. That Power—and that Power alone, can bring to us all, the freedoms we are expecting, and would so dearly love to have.

When man discovers the Power of God—when man discovers that all the invisible Power of Almighty God is at his disposal, then these freedoms will appear automatically. When man knows God, man is, through that knowledge, able to use the Power that is God, and with that Power he can bring to himself whatever good thing God has. So, then, in the final analysis, peace, plenty, joy, happiness, freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech will be brought to earth not by a human plan, but by man's discovering the eternal truth that

these things automatically appear and manifest, the moment man discovers the truth of the existence of the Spirit of God—not in heaven, but right here on the earth among men, where It rightfully belongs, and where It has always been.

Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt met on a boat in the Atlantic. There they drew up a plan, or at least talked about a plan, which is aimed to bring four freedoms to the whole human race. That's the most laudable undertaking I have ever heard of. I take off my hat to both of these gentlemen for taking such an interest in world affairs as to even make the desire for these freedoms known. They have my profound respect.

Whether these four freedoms can be made real is something else. Until this war is won, those four freedoms mean little. Even after the war, these gentlemen have set themselves a somewhat stupendous undertaking. Whenever two men attempt to settle the political intrigues of a Europe that was battling and intriguing long before America was discovered, they have set themselves some job. Nevertheless, if they think they can do it I should be the last one to criticize them. (They will fail because they made no allowance for the Power of the Spirit of God.)

But it seems to me that any international undertaking of that magnitude should first be tried here at home, or in England. Then, if it is successful, it can, of course, be offered to the rest of the world. Whether the rest of the world wants our philosophies is something else again.

I know of many freedoms which we would like to see here before we offer them to the rest of the world. The American people would like to see freedom from strikes. They would like to see freedom for Americans who do not want to join a labor union, to secure employment on government work without having to join a labor union. That cannot be done today. The recent McNutt suggestion simply means that our citizenry either get out in the first-line trenches or join a labor union. That is not freedom.

Then, again, the American people would like to have freedom from bureaucratic regimentation. They would like to have freedom of our courts. They do not like "court-packing" experiments. They would like to see freedom from political intrigue right here at home. They would like to see freedom from bureaucratic questionnaires. In fact, there are so many freedoms we should like to see here at home before we try to sell the "four freedom" idea to the rest of the world that we submit this should be done. (The simple way, of course, would be to learn of the present existence of the Power of God. There is full freedom in that Power.)

Even if it were possible to bring to pass such a happy world, it would not last. It could not last, for the Power of God would be left entirely out of the picture. You would have freedom of religion, but no God. Man would be living his life in complete ignorance of the greatest invisible Power the world will ever know, just as he is living it now. It is completely useless for any man or any combination of men to bring permanent peace to this earth, with freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech, unless that man, or that combination of men *do it by and through the Power of the existing God.*

There is no other way it can be done. Why look for another way? It will never be found. Since history was, this world, every so often has plunged itself in war. Until it finds God it always will. And every scheme, every plan of *man* to bring universal peace and Utopia to earth, is doomed to failure. It is doomed to failure because it is founded on sand. It is attempting to usurp the functions of Almighty God. It is a case of imperfect man trying to create a perfect world. An utter impossibility.

When, however, man discovers the unseen powers which he has at his disposal through the present existence of God, that's something else again. The only thing which stands between man and an abundance of everything good, is a

complete lack of knowledge of the Power of the Spirit of God. Until someone brings true knowledge of that Power to humanity, it will flounder round in a quagmire of its own making, and the more it flounders the deeper into the mire it will go.

Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt are big men, who are honestly trying to do big things. But neither of them is quite big enough to usurp the Power of the Spirit of God, and it is God's duty to bring peace, joy, harmony, and eternal life to us humans—not Mr. Roosevelt's or Mr. Churchill's. It will take all the Power Almighty God has to straighten out this degenerated world. That Power is available now. It always has been available. Had our religions taught the Power of God—existing now, instead of the foolish theories they have advanced, there would be no global war now. Until knowledge of this God-Power comes to mankind, it is utterly useless for anyone to attempt to straighten this old mad world out. Only a complete union of man with God can do that.

Man did not make this world. He did ruin it. And it will be only when the actual truths of God are brought to humanity that the world will be as perfect as God can make it. That will be perfect enough.

I understand that there are two diametrically opposed philosophies on this earth. The Axis has one, we have the other. I understand, also, how knowledge of God being completely unknown, such great men as Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill should at least try to dethrone the fantastic philosophy of Hitler, Hirohito, and Mussolini. It is right that they should. The trouble about eliminating these Axis philosophies lies in the fact that after we have eliminated them, the only thing we have left upon which to build a new and perfect world is human planning. That is not enough. It leaves God completely out of the picture. Perfection on earth comes only through man consciously knowing what the invisible Power of God can do.

It is not sufficient to add "freedom of religion" to the platform. Who cares about freedom of religion if religion cannot disclose God to us? The more religions there are, without God, the deeper the maze, and the more sure are we of another global conflict, worse, if possible, than this one.

No—it cannot be done. It will not be done. And the vast majority of Americans know it cannot and will not be done. Old Europe is a masterhand at political intrigue. We found that out after the last world war. We may find it out again after this one. It's quite probable that it might be your Uncle Sammy who, once more, is left holding the sack.

Of what use will the four freedoms be then?

This world is standing on the threshold of the most revolutionary religious discovery of all time. *It is about to discover who and what God is.* It is on the verge of making the most profound, world-rocking spiritual revelation since time began. That has to be. Either this world will discover the Power of God, or it will annihilate itself. It cannot go on as it is now. The four freedoms will not save it for the reason advanced. They eliminate the Power of God. They know nothing about such a Power. And discovery of that Power, and its union with man, is the natural, normal end of man.

When Almighty God made this universe, hundreds of millions of years ago, He knew what would happen. He knew that man would have to grope through the countless ages before it discovered that God can reveal Himself direct to man. God Almighty knew that.

Study geology. Read about the Neanderthal man. Read about the Cro-Magnon man. Devour the story of the Pekin man. Watch, as through the ages, man, ever longing to know God, plodded his weary way towards the stars. Study astronomy. Spend much time on the mountain top or beside the sea. Picture if you can this earth 500,000,000 years ago. Picture it without human life—just animal and vege-

table life. Dwell on the vast periods of time it took to make the coalbeds of Pennsylvania.

Picture in your mind's eye the days when the trilobites were the only living creatures on the earth. Then ask yourself if a Power big enough to bring such a scheme into existence in all its majesty is not also big enough to blot out the Axis powers and their insane leaders. It is blasphemy for any priest or preacher of any religious organization to talk about God, and at the same time deny that God, in this, the greatest of all human crises, has to have the help of man to eradicate three human parasites. The irony of it all is that the Power of God exists here and now, and is only awaiting for the human race to find and use it. That Power can smash the Axis without any human help.

What a pity our religious organizations ever looked to a pagan past for their religion. What a pity they did not, and do not, anticipate the greatness of God. What a shame that they have so little confidence in the Creator of this universe that they stand here—"agents of God"—yet so utterly impotent that not a priest, preacher or rabbi in existence can disclose the Power of Almighty God to this heart-aching world.

CHAPTER 5

LET US take a sane, sensible, American look at God. Let us, for the time being, completely discard what our fathers taught us about God. We can go back to that later if we think we should. Let us also try to eliminate hereditary effects of the religious beliefs of our childhood.

Perhaps most readers of this book will be people who make no profession of religion. There will be many, of course, who do. But in view of the fact that the percentage of church-goers is so small, let us look calmly, quietly, and intelligently at God.

Most of us will admit that as far as tangible evidence of the existence of God goes, the only thing we can know about God is what we see around us. The hills—the wonderful birds—the flowers—the little children—the grown men and women. The tall skyscrapers of New York. The amazingly productive wheat fields of the Palouse Empire where I live.

All these are evidences of God. Not of a dead God but of a Living, Vital, Creative Power, whose chief function is the creation of life in its many forms. Not only the primary creation of Life, but the ability to reproduce and re-create Life—these are evidences of the present existence of God.

There is nothing on this earth which was not originally created by the One Supreme Creator who brought life to the earth in the first place. I don't care when, why, nor how that life first appeared. It makes little difference. The all-important fact is that some time, millions and perhaps billions of years ago, life was manifested on this earth. Evi-

dence seems to point to the fact that life may also exist on other planets, too. But shall we stay on this one for the time being?

Now the fact that so many varied forms of life exist is evidence that somewhere there must exist One Supreme Power which, in the beginning, place that beginning where you may, that One Supreme Creator decided that life was to manifest on the earth. Not only plant life but human life also.

Take the roses which bloom so wonderfully round my home in Moscow, Idaho. Just as long as those roses are blooming—just as long as they are alive, they are manifestations of the Power of the Creator—in action.

The wheat fields which are here in such abundance. Soon the little tiny shoots will appear, then, later, the full ears of ripened grain. The farmer plants the wheat, and leaves it alone. He has complied with the Law of the Creator covering the growth of one wheat grain into hundreds. He never digs it up to see whether it is growing or not. He plants the seed and proceeds to forget it, knowing full well that in the Fall there will be an abundant harvest.

That Idaho farmer is unconsciously manifesting superlative faith in the ability of God the Creator to change, certainly by His own means, those single grains of wheat into whole wheat fields. He never questions the ability of God to do that.

He cannot make the grain grow. There is not a college professor on the staff of the University of Idaho who can duplicate the growth of one grain of wheat into many thousands.

No chemical laboratory can cause this wheat to grow. The farmer knows that if he plants the grain in the Fall there most assuredly will appear, later on, a full and profitable harvest. He never for one instant imagines that the fullness of the Power of Almighty God is in operation right there on his farm. The chances are he never even thinks of God as

being in any way connected with that marvelous transformation. Yet it happens—and he sees it happen.

Every few weeks in the Spring these Idaho farmers take a walk through their seeded fields. They see the growth of the wheat. Yet, to them, it is perfectly natural and normal that this miracle of growth should take place. If they should plant the grain and the harvest not appear, then they would begin to wonder.

I have before me two barrels. One is full of sawdust and the other is full of black, rich soil. Into both barrels I bury a handful of wheat. What happens? Well, in a few months plenty will happen in the barrel containing the wheat and the soil. I shall see the little shoots poking their noses through the soil, and in due time full-grown blades of wheat will most surely appear.

Now what about the other barrel? I could stand and watch that barrel for a long time before I should see wheat growing in it. Well, what's the answer? Neither the wheat, nor the soil, nor the sawdust have thinking ability. They are innate substances, and certainly the soil does not know that wheat is in it, nor does sawdust know that wheat is in it. Nor does the wheat know where it is. It has no intelligence at all.

It does not know that it is supposed to grow in soil and not in sawdust. There is no conscious intelligence in this whole operation. There is, however, something far greater. The Law governing the operation of the Creative Forces of God has been complied with, and the wheat will grow.

In the sawdust barrel the Law of God governing growth was not complied with, so the wheat does not grow.

Now shall we take the birth of a human body? I am 56 years old. Sixty years ago I did not exist. My parents had not met then. But they did meet. They fell in love, and were married according to the laws of the land. After marriage, some one year later, I came along.

Shall we trace the birth of this physical body of mine?

The thought to grasp here is that when my parents were married they complied with the Law of God governing child-birth. They placed themselves in a physical condition which facilitated the male germ, the sperm, uniting with the female ovum. They made a physical union of their bodies which made it possible for two out of millions of little bugs to unite. And they did unite. That—was complying with the Law of God governing child-birth.

After this physical union had been made and the two different cells had joined, my parents had done all they could do. They had complied with the Law of God, and, like our Idaho farmers, they had forgotten the planting of the seed, and turned their thoughts to the expected child which they knew would most assuredly appear, about nine months later.

There was nothing more these parents could do. They had nothing to say about the child which was later born. They could not determine its sex. They did not know whether the birth would be a single, double, or triple birth. They merely complied with the Law of the Creator governing child-birth, and proceeded to leave the actual formation of the child from two little bugs to a Higher Power.

In the translation, or growth, of those two germ-cells into a fully developed baby some nine months later, many things happened. Things which only Almighty God could have accomplished. For, at the precise moment when the physical junction of bodies was made, some other Power came into the picture and took full and complete charge of the building operations from that point on.

Biological problems, chemical problems which no man can duplicate in a biological or chemical laboratory were performed, and they were performed with amazing accuracy. Sugars were changed into starches, and many operations took place, entirely beyond the ability of the parents.

Now this Power which came to earth, or which was on the earth (for these operations happened on the earth in the physical body of that mother) must have been possessed of

amazing ability. Matter of fact, as God is the only Creator of life, what actually happened was a very amazing thing.

The invisible Spirit of God, the same Great God who created this entire scheme of the universe, was actually in my parents' home, in the body of my mother, there working out the most amazing physical operation one can ever know. Nine months later there was born another human soul, and body.

The thing to note here is that the Spirit of God, the Creator of all life, was operating in a little home, in the body of a young mother. That Spirit of Life, or God, actually took charge of those building operations. It actually took two little life-cells and, without human aid, transformed them in nine months into another separate human being. That human being is now writing this to you. Yet 60 years ago he was not here, nor had his parents met.

"Nature"—did I hear you say? That is one name for it. But if it was nature, then consider the infinite intelligence "nature" displayed in making this remarkable change from two little germ-cells to Frank B. Robinson. Can you do that? Think of the God-Power involved in that operation. And it did not take place "in heaven," it took place right here on the earth. It happened exactly where the growth of the grain took place—right here on the earth.

So you see the invisible Spirit of God—the Spirit of infinite Life does exist on the earth. It does manifest here and now.

Our modern systems of religion tell us that man was "born in sin and shapen in iniquity." They tell us that because Adam sinned when he fertilized Eve, we all come under the curse of God, and, they tell us, it took the death of God's son Jesus to wash our sins away. This will only be done, however, "if we believe." The trouble is we don't.

If the entire human race was born in sin and shapen in iniquity, then it was Almighty God who caused the two germs in Mrs. Eve to grow into a child, was it not? And if

that constitutes being "born in sin," requiring the brutal murder of a son of God, who at the same time was the totality of God, then, I repeat, Almighty God was responsible for the sin of man.

The whole theory, though, is so preposterous as to be unworthy of acceptance by any intelligent American. It is too fantastic. It originated in a pagan era, was fostered by pagan priests, and has none of God in the entire theory. Yet this is all Christianity has to offer us. No wonder the Power of the Spirit of God has no chance to show what it can do against Hitler when our churches insist on requiring that you and I believe this foolish "sin" theory, or they will refuse us membership.

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Coming back again to the Power of the Spirit of God which actually performed these building operations in the body of that mother. There came a day when the physician was called. He cut the umbilical cord, binding the child to its mother. Chances are he gave it a slap on the back, and that child, your writer, took its first free breath of air. It became a living soul with the ability to manifest independent life.

Up to that point it had not been able to do that. The Spirit of God, the Author and Creator of all life, had taken full and complete charge, you will remember, of all those intricate building operations.

Now the child is born. It is manifesting independent life. Let me ask you a vital question: *Do you think that the Spirit of God, when it had finished its functions of changing two little life-cells into a human body, bade that body farewell and left for parts unknown? Or does the Spirit of God still reside and continue to operate in that body?*

I certainly had nothing to do with building my body. Even in early childhood someone had to feed me. I surely had nothing to do with changing that baby into a full-grown man. But the same Intelligence which took complete charge

of the building operations, and changed those two little bugs into a human body, certainly has never left me.

The building operations continue to this day. The Spirit of God, that invisible Power which created my life, *still lives in my life. It still exists in my body. It still is the Spirit and Life of Almighty God.*

Just as long, then, as I live, the Spirit of God, with all its Power, all its amazing intelligence, is so close to me that it can never leave me while I live. This is an amazing fact. It means that we have in us, here and now, all the Creative Power there is in the Realm of Almighty God. It means more than that—it means that if the Power, the intelligence which is Almighty God lives in us, is there anything we cannot draw upon that Power for?

The difference between us and the wheat in the barrels lies in the fact that human beings are the only form of God's creation which is capable of grasping the fact of the existence of Creator with all the amazing Power that implies. Man is the only creation having the ability to recognize the Spirit of God in him, and to **DIRECT THAT POWER.**

It is a definitely proven fact that the Spirit of God, living in us, can be directed, and will bring forth abundantly anything we need to complete our happiness, joy, and material and spiritual abundance. There is absolutely nothing good in this life we can need, and not secure, because the Spirit of Almighty God gave us life in the first place, created our physical body in the second place, and lives continually in that body in the third place.

So, then, you who have prayed and have followed some religious philosophy which teaches that you are a guilty hell-deserving sinner—take hope. There has never been a moment in your life when all the Power of the Spirit of God has not been available to you. Why? Because your body is the place where the Spirit of God, with all its re-

markable creating ability, actually lives. It is there. You could not expel It and live for a second.

When the body becomes uninhabitable the Spirit of God leaves. But so long as the Spirit of Almighty God, the Creator of this universe, lives in you, you have in you the greatest Source of supply you can ever know. What God can create, and that's everything, exists for you now, because you have in you all the Power of the Spirit of God. And the important thing here is that **YOU CAN DIRECT THAT SPIRIT. YOU CAN DRAW UPON IT FOR EVERY GOOD THING YOU NEED AND IT WILL NEVER FAIL YOU.**

The only reason God lives in you is to give you life and to bring to you everything which goes with life. To say this is not true is to limit the Power of the Spirit of God. I repeat, it has been abundantly proven by me, over the past 15 years, that the indwelling Spirit of God in every man and woman can bring to that man and woman everything that God is capable of producing.

Go out some clear night. Look up to the stars. Try to imagine the infinite intelligence which could throw such a galaxy from off the ends of His fingers and cause them to revolve in space for billions of years. Then, as you stand there spellbound at the amazing Power of this scene, realize that the very same which created yon stars also created you, and **STILL LIVES IN YOU.** More than that, you have the ability to fully draw upon that Power, and It can never fail to respond. For It is Almighty God the Creator, and God lives in you.

This cannot be argued away. The pity of it all is that our religious organizations have succeeded in telling their followers that it took the death of Almighty God to save their souls. They told them that salvation was only to be found "through the name of Jesus."

What do we need salvation from? Is not the Power of the Spirit of God living in us? Did not the Power of Almighty

God take those two little germs, and build us from them? When did the Power of God ever leave our bodies? What Power is it that keeps the heart beating? What Power that causes the lungs to inhale and exhale when we are asleep? What Power is it which enables us to transmit life, and thereby the Spirit of God? Is all this done "in sin"? Is it all automatic? I think not. Rather do I think and know that in every human soul lives the actual Power of the Spirit of Life—Almighty God. And with God in the life, we need no religious theories to take care of our future.

The God who created life is capable of sustaining it, whether in the body or out of the body. So take ye no heed for the future. You have one task before you now. That task, when completed, can transform your life, making it so powerful and so full of the Spirit of God that you'll bless the day the Spirit of God in you was ever called to your attention.

I suggest that you read this chapter again. It will suddenly dawn upon you. There will come to you the staggering significance of what it really means to have the Power of Almighty God actually living in your body. (This is true religion. It reveals the Power of God to man.)

The author could spend the next five years writing eight hours a day and he could not begin to tell you what it means to you to have there, actually living in you, all the Power of the Spirit of the God who created you.

This Truth of God is so foreign to what you have been taught about God that there will be some effort on your part to eradicate hereditary beliefs, which, in their eagerness to promote their particular "faith," gave you to believe in childhood that God is separated from man.

That is the greatest sin our churches have ever committed. They separated man from God, and then told man that he never could re-discover God or get back to God, unless he "believed" what they taught.

Good earnest church members every month partake of

communion. There they are told they are "eating the flesh and drinking the blood of God, who, 2000 years ago, died on a cross to wash their sins away." That is dogma. That is tradition, and pagan tradition at that. That is an insult to Almighty God. For even at the time these good folks are going through that heathen rite, the Spirit of God which gave them life many years ago—the Spirit of God which moment by moment took of the Great Spirit of Life and imparted It to them, is actually living and operating them. How, then, can they "eat the flesh and drink the blood of Almighty God?"

God never had form. It creates forms, and It lives in those forms. But God will ever be an invisible Spirit, capable of manifesting Life without physical form. There are a million differing forms of life, but human life, the very life of God, in a human body, is the only form of life capable of grasping the existence of God in it. It is the only form of life which has the ability to draw to the full upon the indwelling Power of the Spirit of God, making effective the Power of God in any manner desired.

God lives, then, in you. God has never been separated from you. You have the ability to draw to the full upon the Power of the Spirit of God, and the Intelligence which created the universe will fly into action when you comply with indwelling of the Spirit of God in him.

Do you think such a Power can stop Hitler, Tojo, and the Italian dictator? Incidentally, the head of the Italian church, the Pope, holds his followers because his system of religion has taught them to believe that Almighty God, operating as Jesus, gave him the keys to the "kingdom of heaven," with the right to say who goes in and who stays out. That, my friend, is not of God. It is paganism in its most perfect form. It is an Italian system of religion. There is none of God in it. Protestantism, being a fallen branch of Catholicism, is essentially just as pagan as is Catholicism.

When men and women discover the fact that Almighty God lives in them, available with all Power to them, they waste little time atoning for their "sins." All the "sins" man has ever committed are directly attributable to religious philosophies which have failed to reveal to man the in-dwelling of the Spirit of God in him.

When man knows the fullness of the Spirit of God in him, instantly available with all the Power God has, that man does not "sin." He gives all of his efforts to the Spirit of God within him. He uses the Power of God to make his life what God wants it to be. It is for that purpose God exists. Not to damn him into hell—but to provide all the Power necessary for a life which is full and complete, because that life recognizes the Spirit of God in it.

CHAPTER 6

AS SOON as the American people heard of the discovery of the Power of the Spirit of God in them, they began to learn how to use this dazzling Power. Inside of 30 days from its revelation to the world our offices began to be flooded with letters, each telling of the results which the Power of the indwelling God had brought. These letters came from far and near, and inside of one year's time news of this revolutionary spiritual discovery had spread into 67 countries.

I shall never forget the first letter of that type received by me. It was a lady somewhere in Ohio. She had been bed-ridden with rheumatism for 17 years. Realizing the potent Power of the Spirit of God in her she at once drew upon the Power of that Almighty Spirit, and, of course, her rheumatism immediately disappeared.

Let it be noted that in every one of the hundreds of thousands of lives which have reported to us that the Spirit of God has manifested in a remarkable manner, the connection has invariably been between Almighty God and the person direct. There has been no "intermediary" of any sort. Whether Jesus died on the cross of Calvary to save the world from sin had absolutely no bearing on these amazing demonstrations of the Power of God.

Most of the experiences happened to those who had no church affiliation. Some, however, had. But the point to note is that with no church affiliation or belief, the Spirit of God made direct manifestation in these lives. What the

Christian Bible or any other Bible teaches had positively no bearing whatsoever upon the operations of the Spirit of God in any of these remarkable cases.

This proves one thing definitely. It proves that what you and I "believe" is entirely aside from the activities of the Spirit of God. That Law is permanent. It cannot be altered by anything we may or may not believe. When the conditions governing the Law, which is God, are complied with, the results are sure. A "heathen" can get the same results as a Mohammedan, a Hindoo, a Moslem, a Chinaman, a German, a Jap, or a Christian. The Spirit of God, and the Law by which the Spirit of God moves and operates, embraces them all. Their theological beliefs, rites, creeds or rituals might just as well not exist, so far as the ability and the willingness of the Spirit of God to manifest in their lives is concerned.

God operates as God. He always operates as God. The operations of the Spirit of God are as constant as time and eternity. No human belief can in any way either hinder or accelerate the manifestations of Almighty God. There is nothing God can do for humanity which has not already been done. The existence of the Spirit of God in us all, as our life, is the assurance of the constant Presence of God in our lives.

When that Presence and Power are understood, and used, the very heavens will fall before the Law of God can ever fail. Note further that in not a single instance has one of our correspondents given credit for what has happened to the Apostle Paul, Peter, Jesus, the Virgin Mary, or any other Bible character. They have, without exception, given credit for their remarkable demonstration where credit should go—the God of the universe. That never-failing Spiritual Law of Life which ever lives in us. Not one word about the "blood of Jesus." Not a single word about "heaven" or "hell." Not the faintest whisper about "being

saved," or "confessing their sins." Nothing about repentance or forgiveness of sin.

These happy people received their blessings direct from the Spirit of God. What their past lives had been, what church they attended, what they "believe" about Jesus had positively no bearing in their case. They heard the wonderful words of life which I had humbly been able to bring to them. They believed that God does live in them. They had a problem. They followed our directions for finding and using the Power of the Spirit of God. They succeeded. They proved for themselves that God is the greatest Living Power on earth today. They used the Power of God against their troubles, and, regardless of the nature of those troubles, the Spirit of God caused them to disappear.

Cases of incurable illness, such as cancer, disappeared. Death was frustrated. I have more than one record of life being restored to a man after the attending physician had signed the death certificate. Eventually we shall come to know the fullness of the Power of God in us. When we do, we shall smile at death. It will not either worry or harm us. For the existence of the Spirit of Life in us makes death, physical death, a matter of slight importance. It will eventually make it quite unnecessary.

So, then, whoever you are, you may rest in the complete assurance that the Spirit of God lives in you, and can do for you every needed thing. It can do this by and through the Power of the Might of God. What more can you ask? Why clutter up such a beautiful connection with Almighty God by unprovable church rituals? They don't help—they hinder. They cumber the ground. They hide God.

Let us look at a few of these demonstrations of the Power of the Spirit of God. Please understand that there has been no personal contact between anyone. The Power of God is not dependent upon personalities. It is an ever-existing Law. It is the very essence of God. When God is discov-

ered in the life, and the conditions governing the manifestations of the Power of God are complied with, heaven and earth might pass away—but not the Power of the Spirit of God—not the Law that is God. So, then, you may rest with absolute assurance in the immutability of God, in you, to do *anything* you desire, in order that your life may be drawn closer to the life which is God.

That is the purpose of life. That is why God exists—that man may know, here and now, the fullness and completeness of the Power of the Spirit of God. John 3:16 fades into insignificance in the Light of God, does it not? The very idea of any creation of God perishing is too fantastic to be even entertained. Love is one of the attributes of God, but God has other attributes, too. The main attributes of God is not love—it is LIFE. Never-ending LIFE. A life in which the fullness of the Spirit of God in completely merged with the physical body of man. That is complete life. That is what God intended. God will lead us from that point on when we attain it.

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In the City of Detroit there is a business man who went without his meals once a day in order to secure the Psychi-ana Teaching. He had nothing. He wanted a profitable business, and he knew that the truths of God were being revealed to mankind through our simple teaching. A few weeks ago I visited in that man's home. I went through his factory. He has 57 employees, and is on Easy Street. That is what he wanted. That is what the Power of the Spirit of God brought to him.

In Louisville, Kentucky, there lives a very happy family. They, too, discovered the Power of the Spirit of God in them, and they also discovered how very easy it is for anyone to make the vital contact with that Spirit. Recently this family wrote me, overjoyed at what the Might of God have done for them. I quote in part:

"Me and mine have received wonderful blessings from the God-Law of the universe. We are now free of debt. We do not owe anyone. We have received more than enough money to open up a grocery business and we are doing fine in that business. It is astonishing how easy it is to get the things you need through the Power of God without struggling for them. No one need ever be in need or want when such lives are in tune with the God-Law."

This is only one of millions of people who had not yet learned the priceless secret that the God of this universe is not limited in His ability to help here and now. These good folks discovered the Power of the Spirit of God in them. They used that Power. Now they have everything they need. The God of this universe supplies our every need. This is sure. This is positive, because the God we know in us has exceedingly great riches. Moreover, the Creative ability of God is completely limitless. These good folks are not interested in a "home in heaven." They wanted a good business here. They found the Power of God, and the rest was easy.

In Philadelphia not long ago there laid, at the point of death, a beautiful young son. The attending physicians said, "He might have a chance," but they held out little hope. Many blood transfusions had been given. The appendix was ruptured and general peritonitis had set in. Then, thinking, perhaps, I might be able to help, the parents wired me. I have a letter from them before me as I write this. It says, in part:

"Two days after my wire to you the doctors were able to remove the drainage tubes, and even though further complications had set in, he continued to improve. The Power of God truly is mindful of It's own. Thank you a million."

In another city in Pennsylvania a few weeks ago there happened what the churches would call "a miracle." However, there are no miracles in the Realm of the Spirit of God. Everything, no matter how it may stagger our imagination, is perfectly normal. But let this unmarried lady speak for herself. I have never seen her, and never expect to. She writes:

"I am writing to let you know of the great miracle that occurred in my life on the evening of Tuesday, December 2, 1941. I had my parents at my bedside thinking I was leaving this world. My body had become all numb, but I could still speak and hear. The Living God was speaking to me and telling me that I was being cured of my illness, a disease similar to epilepsy. As soon as I heard that I was sitting up in my bed, telling mother, dad, and my brothers. This condition had been with me for over three years, but now it looks as though I do have the privilege of a new life."

The Power of the Spirit of God, which first breathed its own Breath, or Life, into you when you were born, still lives in you. Surely, the Power that gave life to your body—the Power that actually built it from two little germs, still has the ability and the power to drive disease out—don't you think? Is it any more difficult for Almighty God to drive an incurable disease from the body than to make that body in the first place? Remember this—the Power that created your body and soul still lives in you. That Power is the Spirit of God. If you recognize this amazing Presence, there is nothing God cannot do for you.

You do not have to go near a church to find the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God. As a matter of fact, God is not to be found in anything our churches teach. They teach the doctrines of the Christian religion. These doc-

trines are based on the mythical existence of Jesus, one of a score of traditional "crucified gods" of the dark and pagan past. The Power which healed this young girl is the Power of God—in her. Not the Power of Jesus or any other human being.

From San Diego, Calif., there comes evidence of what the Spirit of God can do in a material way. One of the troubles with present-day religions lies in the fact that they all deal with the operations of God after death. They all concentrate on telling us what God can do for our souls. None of them teach that God Almighty, abiding in us, can do far more for us here and now than He can "above the skies." Therein they fail.

We live in a terribly real realm. The earth is terribly materialistic today. It is slaughtering human beings like rats. So, then, we need a religion which will forget all about what God can do "above the sky." We need a religion which can reveal the Power of the Spirit of God to humanity here and now. It is very significant that the true concept of God, and the only concept which has been able to reveal the actual Power of God, is coming to earth in its most materialistic moment.

Nothing God can do "above the skies" can have any bearing on what God can do here and now, when the earth so badly needs the Power of the Spirit of God. Yet our churches raise their hands in horror if one tells his followers that Almighty God can provide materially as well as spiritually. Yet the cattle on a thousand hills is a material manifestation. Everything else God made is material. So why limit the ability of God to manifest only "above the skies" and "after we die"? Seems to me that's making false systems of religion quite safe. They do not promise results until after death.

You may be sure that the true concept of God will bring material results here and now, when and where we need them. The future of the human race, after bodily death is

something which is in the hands of the Spirit of God. Yet our Christian churches play fast and loose with that subject as though they understood it.

As if in corroboration of that last statement, the next letter I pick up reads as follows:

"I have found the True God at last, both in a material and spiritual way. Dr. Robinson, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for teaching me the way to find the Real and Pure God. (I like that word *pure*.) I am perfectly happy and contented. I feel just like shouting half of the time, and when I am most happy is when the hour comes to spend with my Master in communion with the most wonderful Presence in the universe. Now, here is the material side. One year ago, December 1, 1940, my husband was making a salary of \$200 a month. One year later he is doing exactly the same sort of work at a salary of \$525 a month. Physically, I am in perfect health, etc."

The human life that has fully recognized the overflowing Power of the Spirit of God in it is beautifully rounded out. First, that life has a super-abundance of everything materially good, and, secondly, that life overflows with the Presence of the Spirit of God. Thus, both material and spiritual needs—in fact, *all our needs*, are fully supplied, not because we believe that Jesus died on a cross for our sins 2000 years ago, but *because the Spirit of Almighty God dwells in us—in our bodies*.

This being true, we have at our instant disposal the Powers which are God. These Powers are not, and cannot, be limited. The flowers are material—they are very beautiful. The birds are material—they, too, are very beautiful. In fact, everything you see around you is material, yet all nature came from the Spirit of God. What foolishness,

then, to deny the ability of Almighty God to bring material benefits to us all, here and now? That teaching may be propaganda for these varied systems of religion. If they can keep your eyes off the material—if they can convince you that so long as you live on the earth are a “pilgrim travelling along a thorny road,” then you will, of course, turn to them for succor and spiritual help, which you will not receive until “after you die.”

Here is a letter received from Kentucky on March 10, 1942. It is but one of hundreds of thousands we have received, all bearing mute but incontrovertible evidence that the Spirit of God does exist in us, and can do for us everything we need to make our lives living mirrors of the Power of the Spirit of God. Listen to this heart-throbbing letter. Could human language be plainer?

“I am at last using the Power—and does it work? Listen! It is so powerful I can hardly use it. I am at last getting well. If I could have realized what you really meant to show me I could have been well long ago, but I guess I just wasn’t sure. Listen! Today if anyone should offer me the world with all of its wealth for my freedom and joy, I could only pity them.”

I could write until the Fall of 1983 and still I could not give you in writing all the evidence we have received. Such an outpouring of the Spirit of God has not been witnessed on the earth before. It will not stop until the glory of the Power of the Spirit of God covers the earth as the waters cover the sea. It cannot stop. For this is the revelation of the Power of God which humanity has looked for so long.

Never before was the time ripe. Not until this ghastly global war was the human mind ready to turn from false prophets of God to the true prophets who do not go 2000 years into past history for their God, but who know, and

prove, and teach, the indwelling Power of the Spirit of God in every life—right here and now.

We have been anticipating God for a long time. We have known for many years that in this time of world crisis the true concept of God would be brought to humanity. We knew 50 years ago that we should play a prominent part in this most dazzling of all revelations of the Power of the Spirit of God on the earth. It is the only true revelation of the Power of the Spirit of God ever to come to humanity. And it comes at a time when it will be received.

We have not suffered here in America yet as we shall suffer. We have not known the misery and wholesale bloodshed some of the European countries have known. But we shall know what it means to see the lives of our loved ones snuffed out by the ruthless bombs and poison gas of the enemy. Let none think that the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God will be universally received here in America until we have suffered.

The peril which threatens us is not comprehended yet. It will be. But the main thought of the average American today is more money. Strikes, walkouts, absenteeism in our vital war industries. A ruthless disregard for the spirit of freedom which prompted our forefathers to give us our Constitution. Politics in Washington. The New Deal. The utter disregard with which the taxpayers' money is being frittered away. All these things are but an indication of what will come before America, as a whole, will be ready to accept the fullness of the Spirit of God.

It may be, and probably will be, that the Axis powers will so punish us here that it will look as if there is no hope. I trust that day does not come, for I have a son flying in the navy, and I want that boy to come back to me. But I am afraid such days will come. It may be that Americans will bleed, suffer, and die by the millions. If that day does come, it will then be time for all America to turn to God. This it can do, and will do, not by bowing to the dictates

of an Italian or English or American system of religion. For none of these can disclose the Power of the Spirit of God to anyone.

Book II

CHAPTER I

NOW THAT we have discovered what God is not, we should be in an advantageous position to discover what God is. Obviously, we shall not return to theology, but shall look for God where we know we shall be most apt to find God. And we do not have to look very far away.

As I look out of the front window of my home in Moscow, Idaho, I see a huge pine tree on a neighbor's lawn. It has been growing there for hundreds of years. Once it was a pine-cone. If I look out of my back window I see a beautiful barberry hedge surrounding my home. I planted that hedge some 15 years ago. When I planted it the shoots were less than a foot in length. Now the hedge stands six feet high and I must trim it every year to keep it from growing too high.

Around my walks the crocuses grow. And the bleeding hearts. And a variety of other beautiful flowers so beautiful that the hand of man could never have created them. The hand of man can imitate them wonderfully, but there is one thing man cannot put into them—that is Life. For there is life in those beautiful flowers and plants. They do grow. When the snow falls and covers them with a blanket of white they go to sleep. When Spring comes they awaken. But the hand of man does not awaken them. I do not have to go out and shake these beautiful flowers advising them that Spring is here and it's time to wake up.

Then, if I drive through this magnificent Palouse country the fields at this writing are golden and heavy with grain.

Soon the combines will cut it down. It will be milled, and much of it sent to feed the fighting men of the Allied nations. There is life in the crocus. There is life in the bleeding hearts. There is life in Mr. Collin's pine tree. There is life in my barberry hedge. Not human life, to be sure, but life, nevertheless.

I have travelled over much of the world, yet I have never seen a place where life is not. I have seen some places such as the barren slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, but the country all around literally teems with life. Grape vines, flowers, fruits—these and a thousand other forms of vegetable and plant life all join together to speak in unmistakably plain language the fact that Life exists on the earth.

Where life exists, in whatever form, there, too, exists the Creator of life—God. I do not like to use the word "God" but am hard-pressed for a better word. Personally, had the word "God" never been heard of I am of the opinion that this earth would be a far different place to live in. Of course, if we can discover just what this thing called "God" is, then it makes little difference what It be called.

(When the word "God" is used, however, one's thoughts unconsciously drift to churches and theology. However, I want to get just as far away from those things as possible. So when I use the word "God" I am alluding only to the invisible Spirit of all life which we shall call the Creator, or, preferably, the Spirit of God. When I allude to this Spirit as "He," I do so only for convenience sake, for God, the invisible Spirit behind all creation, has no gender.)

The poet had the proper understanding when he wrote:

"I know not where His islands reach
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care."

Most of "His islands" today are battlefields soaked in hu-

man blood. Let us hope that before we close this book we shall have discovered not only where and what God is, but how to use the Power of God to stop this bloody slaughter of innocent human beings.

My definition of God is this: "*Life, capable of existence without physical form.*" There are, of course, many other attributes which God also is, but these are all subservient to the one great fact that God is life capable of existence without physical form. The Creative Spirit has another faculty—It is able to manifest in a million different forms—yet It still remains primarily *Life—capable of existence without physical form.*

It is safe, then, to state that all known forms of life had a common origin. They are all products of the Creator who, we see, is life first, then many other things, too. Life first—many attributes with that life.

I believe you will readily admit that man is the highest form of all known life. Man is the only form of life which is capable of acknowledging the existence of a Creator. Most certainly man is the only created creature gifted with the ability to express and reflect the mind and the will of the Creator. We have seen why this is. Man is a direct product of the operations of God here on this earth. We can trace his birth from conception to full-grown manhood. It all happened here in our homes, and during the different stages of man's birth, evidences of that birth were plainly visible. X-Ray pictures can be taken of the different stages of the operations of the Spirit of God as It goes about its miraculous task of creating a human being.

Man is something else—he is the only created thing in which the Spirit of the Creator abides from life til death. In every creation there is the life of God, each in a different form and measure. But in man there is no limit to the measure of the Life, or Spirit of God which has been placed in him by virtue of the fact that the Creator still lives in man, and still controls the life of man.

To some extent this is also true of the flowers and the animals. For while God is Life capable of existence without physical form, God has the ability to manifest as life in a million different forms. It is perfectly safe, then, to say that nothing living was ever made without the Life which is God going into that creation. The Life which must be God must also exist in that creation, regardless of what it may be. For just as the human race has the ability to reproduce itself and produce more of its kind, so do the animals, the flowers, the birds and the bees have the same ability to reproduce their kind. So God, in some part, small or large, must live in those creations.

With this very great difference, however, the Spirit of Life, or the Spirit of God, which exists in man, exists without limit. The rest of the creation is limited. It is not endowed ability to recognize the Creator, nor is it endowed with the ability to create anything other than its own kind, and this it does automatically.

A horse, though endowed with Life which must have come from the Creator of all Life, cannot build a house. Man can. He is endowed with creative ability. He can build a Woolworth or an Empire State building if he chooses. The reason is that the horse has the gift of Life given to it in a very limited measure, while man, the greatest of all God's creations, has the Spirit of Life, or God, given to him without measure.

Because of the fullness of the Spirit of God in man, he has, or should have, dominion over every other form of created life. A horse cannot reflect the fullness of the Power of the Creator. A man can. A horse cannot commune with the Creator. A man can. A horse must stay within the confines of its little bit of the Life of the Creator as long as it lives. But man, well, he can improve himself, and he can improve others. The great difference between the human race and the rest of creation lies in the rather staggering fact that man has the ability to recognize the

works and power of the Creator. He has the ability to be closer to the Creator than any other sort of created life.

There is a limit to the functions of flowers. They live and grow to beautify the earth. There is a limit to the functions of the animals—they are all there for one single purpose. But with man? Well, when God placed His own Life and Power in him, He had a very specific reason for doing so. Had life been given to man in a lesser measure, what would man be like today?

Suppose God had created man in his present form and then endowed him with the life of a horse—what would man be like? No, the infinite wisdom and intelligence, which is God the Creator, gave to each created thing just enough of the Spirit of Life to enable it to fulfill its *one* function in life. But in man God placed enough of His own Life, His own creative ability, His own wisdom, His own power, that there are no limitations whatsoever to what man may achieve. This, because *all* of the Life of God was given to man. No part of the Life of God was withheld. No limit was put on the measure of the Spirit of God in man. To say that man is limited is to limit God, for we have seen that the invisible motivating power of man is God.

When man realizes that the Power of God has been given to him, and lives in him without measure, man will awaken to what he really is. Had it not been for the fact that religions have taught the utter depravity of man, there would be no world-war today. So it is this theory of utter depravity which we shall have to get around. Almighty God has not taken up His abode in any creation which is depraved. Nor did God ever make a depraved creation, much less endow that depraved creation with the Spirit of God without measure.

The old hymn says: "Where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile." That, of course, is in keeping with the former theory of God given to the world by religions which

looked to the pagan past for their inspiration instead of looking to the future, and anticipating the greatness of God. Tell the human race that it is removed from God and never can find God this side of the tomb and you have blighted the human race, if it believes you.

But tell the human race that all the Powers God has are available to it here and now and you tell it the truth. Tell humanity that it must contact a rabbi, preacher, or priest before it can know God and you insult God and man, too. But tell humanity that the actual and literal Power of God resides in us all, free as the air we breathe, and you have lifted man far closer to God than he has ever been. It is for this reason that as we progress in our new understanding of God and His relationship to man, we shall let these old pagan myths concerning God die the death they should have died before they were born.

Two concepts of God are offered the American people today. Theology offers one which tells us that before we can know God we must believe that Jesus was God, and do what Jesus tells us to do. (If anyone tries to do what Jesus tells him to do he will land up in a mad-house.) Then there is my concept, which tells Americans everywhere that the Power and the Spirit of God has been given to them without measure. My concept tells them that because of this amazing fact they have no limitations whatsoever, because the God in them certainly is not limited.

I think, perhaps, on account of the large number of Christian people who will read this book it might be interesting to prove the above statement before we continue on our path which will show every American who reads this book what the truths of God, and the actuality of God really are. I have published these before, but it may not be amiss to publish them again here. I want, more than anything else, to be logical in my disclosures of the Powers of God to humanity. If I am logical the American people will

accept what I write. If I am not logical I might as well never write.

America today wants the truths of God. It has given up hope of finding those truths through our churches. Ninety per cent of our people are not interested in churches. They are, however, interested in God. But they will have to have God logically explained to them. They will take nothing "on faith." You'll have to show them just exactly how they can find God, and the pathway to God will have to be a reasonable logical path, every step of which is within the bounds of their reason. The greatest gem in the human mind is the gem of reason. That is what makes a different creation out of man. That gem came from God. Any concept of God, or any statement about God which the reason cannot grasp, is an untrue statement.

The exaltation of men to the character and homage of divine beings has always had the effect to draw a veil over their errors and imperfections, so as to render them imperceptible to those who worship them as Gods. This is true of nearly all the deified men of antiquity, who were adored as incarnate divinities, among which may be included the Christian *man-God* Jesus Christ. The practice of the followers of these Gods has been, when an error was pointed out in their teachings, brought to light by the progress of science and general intelligence, to bestow upon the text some new and unwarranted meaning, entirely incompatible with its literal reading, or else to insist with a godly zeal on the correctness of the sentiment inculcated by the text, and thus essay to make error pass for truth. In this way millions of the disciples of these Gods have been misled and blinded, and made to believe by their religious teachers and their religious education, that everything taught by their assumed-to-be divine exemplars is perfect truth, in perfect harmony with science, sense, and true morals. Indeed, the perversion of the mind and judgment by a religious education has been in many cases carried to

such an extreme as to cause their devout and prejudiced followers either to entirely overlook and ignore their erroneous teachings, or to magnify them into God-given truths, and thus, as before stated, clothe error with the livery of truth. This state of things, it has long been noticed by unprejudiced minds, exists amongst the millions of professed believers in the divinity of Jesus Christ. Hence the errors, both in his moral lessons and his practical life, have passed from age to age unnoticed, because his pious and awe-stricken followers, having been taught that he was a divine teacher, have assumed that his teachings must *all* be true! and hence, too, have instituted no scrutiny to *determine* their truth or falsity. But we will now proceed to show that the progress of science and general intelligence has brought to light many errors, not only in his teachings, but in his practical life also. In enumerating them, we will arrange them under the head

Moral and Religious Errors.

1. The first moral precept in the teachings of Christ, which we will bring to notice, is one of a numerous class, which may very properly be arranged under the head of *Moral Extremism*. We find many of his admonitions of this character. Nearly everything that is said is *oversaid*, carried to extremes—thus constituting an overwrought, extravagant system of morality, impracticable in its requisitions; as, for example, “Take no thought for the morrow.” (Matt. v.) If the spirit of this injunction were carried out in practical life, there would be no grain sown and no seed planted in Spring, no reaping done in harvest and no crop garnered in Autumn; and the result would be universal starvation in less than 12 months. But, fortunately for society, the Christian world has laid this positive injunction upon the table under the rule of “indefinite postponement.”

2. Christ’s assumed-to-be most important requisition is found in the injunction, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,

and his righteousness, and all else shall be added unto you." (Matt. vi. 33.) His early followers understood by this injunction, and doubtless understood it correctly, that they were to spend their lives in religious devotion, and neglect the practical duties of life, leaving "Providence" to take care of their families—a course of life which reduced many of them to the point of starvation.

3. The disciple of Christ is required, "when smitten on one cheek, to turn the other also"; that is, when one cheek is pommeled into a jelly by some vile miscreant or drunken wretch, turn the other, to be smashed up in like manner. This is an extravagant requisition, which none of his *modern* disciples even attempt to observe.

4. "Resist not evil" (Matt. v. 34) breathes forth a kindred spirit. This injunction requires you to stand with your hands in your pockets while being maltreated so cruelly and unmercifully that the forfeiture of your life may be the consequence—at least Christ's early followers so understood it.

5. The disciple of Christ is required, when his cloak is formally wrested from him, to give up his coat also. (See Matt. v.) And to carry out the principle, if the maurauder demands it, he must next give up his boots, then his shirt, and thus strip himself of all his garments, and go naked. This looks like an invitation and bribe to robbery.

6. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth." (Matt. vi. 19.) This is another positive command of Christ, which the modern Christian world, by common consent, has laid on the table under the rule of "indefinite postponement," under the conviction that the wants of their families and the exigencies of sickness and old age cannot be served if they should live up to such an injunction.

7. "Sell all that thou hast, . . . and come and follow me," is another command which bespeaks more piety than wisdom, as all who have attempted to comply with it have reduced their families to beggary and want.

8. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Then he must hate it, as there are but the two principles, and "from hate proceed envy, strife, evil surmising, and persecution." Evidently the remedy in this case for "worldly-mindedness" is worse than the disease.

9. "He that cometh to me, and hateth not father, mother, brother, and sister, etc., cannot be my disciple." (Luke xiv. 26.) This breathes forth the same spirit as the last text quoted above. Many learned expositions have been penned by Christian writers to make it appear that *hate* in this case does not mean *hate*. But certainly it would be a slander upon infinite wisdom to leave it to be inferred that he could not say or "inspire" his disciples to say *exactly* what he meant, and to say it so *plainly* as to leave no *possibility* of being misunderstood, or leave any ground for dispute about the meaning.

10. "Rejoice and be exceeding glad" when persecuted. (Matt. v. 4.) Now, as a state of rejoicing is the highest condition of happiness that can be realized, such advice must naturally prompt the religious zealot to court persecution, in order to obtain complete happiness, and consequently to pursue a dare-devil life to provoke persecution.

11. "Whosoever shall seek to save his life, shall lose it," etc. (Luke xvii. 33) Here is displayed the spirit of martyrdom which has made millions reckless of life, and goaded on the frenzied bigot to seek the fiery fagot and the halter. We regard it as another display of religious fanaticism.

12. "Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." (Matt. x. 12.) How repulsive must have been their doctrines or their conduct! No *sensible* religion could excite the universal hatred of mankind. For it would contain *something* adapted to the moral, religious, or spiritual taste of *some* class or portion of society, and hence make it and its disciples loved instead of hated. And, then, how could they be "hated of all men," when not one man in a thousand

ever heard of them? Here is more of the extravagance of religious enthusiasm.

13. "Shake off the dust of your feet" against those who cannot see the truth or utility of your doctrines. (Matt. x. 14.) Here Christ encourages in his disciples a spirit of contempt for the opinions of others calculated to *make them* "hated." A proper regard for the rules of good-breeding would have forbidden such rudeness toward strangers for a mere honest difference of opinion.

14. "Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor scrip, nor purse" (Mark vi. 8); that is, "sponge on your friends, and force yourself on your enemies," the latter class of which seem to have been much the most numerous. A preacher who should attempt to carry out this advice at the present day would be stopped at the first toll-gate, and compelled to return. Here is more violation of the rules of good-breeding, and the common courtesies of civilized life.

15. "Go and teach all nations," etc. Why issue an injunction that could not possibly be carried out? It never has been, and never will be, executed, for three-fourths of the human race have never yet heard of Christianity. It was not, therefore, a mark of wisdom, or a superior mind, to issue such an injunction.

16. "And he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." What intolerance, bigotry, relentless cruelty, and ignorance of the science of mind are here displayed! No philosopher would give utterance to, or indorse, such a sentiment. It assumes that belief is a creature of the will, and that a man can believe anything he chooses, which is wide of the truth. And the assumption has been followed by persecution, misery, and bloodshed.

17. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matt. xxi. 22.) Here is an entire negation of natural law in the necessity of physical labor as a means to procure the comforts of life. When

anything is wanted in the shape of food or raiment, it is to be obtained, according to this text, by going down on your knees and asking God to bestow it. But no Christian ever realized "*all things whatsoever* asked for in prayer," though "*believing with all his heart*" he should obtain it. The author knows, by his own practical experience, that this declaration is not true. This promise has been falsified thousands of times by thousands of praying Christians.

18. "Be not called rabbi." "Call no man your father." (Matt. xxiii.) The Christian world assumes that much of what Christ taught is mere idle nonsense, or the incoherent utterings of a religious fanatic; for they pay no more practical attention to it than the barking of a dog. And here is one command treated in this manner: "Call no man father." Where is the Christian who refuses to call his earthly sire a father?

19. "Call no man master." (Matt. xxiii.) And yet mister, which is the same thing, is the most common title in Christendom.

20. He who enunciates the two words, "'Thou fool,' shall be in danger of hell fire." (Matt. xxii.) Mercy! Who, then, can be saved? For there is probably not a live Christian in the world who has not called *somebody* a "fool," when he knew him to be such, and could not with truthfulness be called anything else. Here, then, is another command universally ignored and "indefinitely postponed."

21. "Swear not at all, neither by heaven nor earth." (Matt. v.) And yet no Christian refuses to indulge in legal, if not profane, swearing which the text evidently forbids.

22. "Men ought always to pray." (Luke xviii.) No time to be allowed for eating or sleeping. More religious fanaticism.

23. "Whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant" (Matt. xx. 27); that is, no Christian professor shall be a president, governor, major-general, deacon, or priest. Another command laid on the table.

24. "Love your enemies." (Matt. v. 44.) Then what kind of a feeling should we cultivate toward friends? And how much did he love his enemies when he called them "fools," "liars," "hypocrites," "generation of vipers," etc.? And yet he is held up as "our" example in love, meekness, and forbearance. But no man ever did love an enemy. It is a moral impossibility, as much so as to love bitter or nauseating food. The advice of the Roman slave Syrus is indicative of more sense and wisdom—"Treat your enemy kindly, and thus make him a friend."

25. We are required to forgive an enemy 490 times; that is, "70 times 7." (Matt. vii.) Another outburst of religious enthusiasm; another proof of an overheated imagination.

26. "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matt. v. 48.) Here is more of the religious extravagance of a mind uncultured by science. For it is self-evident that human beings can make no approximation to divine perfection. The distance between human imperfection and a perfect God is, and ever must be, infinite.

27. Christ commended those who "became eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake" (Matt. xix. 12)—a custom requiring a murderous, self-butchering process; destructive of the energies of life and the vigor of manhood, and rendering the subject weak, effeminate, and mopish, and unfit for the business of life. It is a low species of piety, and discloses a lamentable lack of a scientific knowledge of the true functions of the sexual organs on the part of Jesus.

28. Christ also encouraged his disciples to "pluck out the eye," and "cut off the hand," as a means of rendering it impossible to perpetrate evil with those members. And we would suggest, if such advice is consistent with sound reasoning, the head also should be cut off, as a means of more effectually carrying out the same principle. Such advice never came from the mouth of a philosopher. It is a part of Christ's extravagant piety.

29. He also taught the senseless, oriental tradition of

"the unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost"—a fabulous being who figured more anciently in the history of various countries. No philosopher or man of science could harbor such childish misconceptions as are embodied in this tradition, which neither describes the being nor explains the nature of the sin.

30. We find many proofs, in Christ's Gospel history, that he believed in the ancient heathen tradition which taught that disease is caused by demons and evil spirits. (See Luke vii. 21, and viii. 2.)

31. Many cases are reported of his relieving the *obsessed* by casting out the diabolical intruders, in imitation of the oriental custom long in vogue in various countries, by which he evinced a profound ignorance of the natural causes of disease.

32. Christ also taught the old pagan superstition that "God is a God of anger," while modern science teaches that it would be as impossible for a God of perfect and infinite attributes to experience the feeling of anger as to commit suicide; and recent discoveries in physiology prove that anger is a species of suicide, and that it is also a species of insanity. Hence an angry God would be an insane God—an omnipotent lunatic, "ruling the kingdom of heaven," which would make heaven a *lunatic asylum*, and rather a dangerous place to live.

33. And Christ's injunction to "fear God" also implies that he is an angry being. (See Luke xxiī. 40.) But past history proves that "the fear of God" has always been the great lever of priestcraft, and the most paltry and pitiful motive that ever moved the human mind. It has paralyzed the noblest intellects, crushed the elasticity of youth, and augmented the hesitating indecision of old age, and finally filled the world with cowardly, trembling slaves. No philosopher will either love or worship a God he fears. "The fear of the Lord" is a very ancient heathen superstition.

34. The inducement Christ holds out for leading a virtu-

ous life by the promise of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," bespeaks a childish ignorance of the nature of the human mind and the true science of life. It ranks with the promise of the nurse of sugar-plums to the boy if he would keep his garments unsoiled.

There are many other errors found in the precepts and practical life of Jesus Christ (which we are compelled to omit an exposition of here), such as his losing his temper, and abusing the money-changers by overthrowing their counting-table, and expelling them from the temple with a whip of cords when engaged in a lawful and laudable business; his getting mad at and cursing the fig tree; his doom-ing Capernaum to hell in a fit of anger; his being deceived by two of his disciples (Peter and Judas), which prompted him to call them devils; his implied approval of David, with his 14 crimes and penitentiary deeds, and also Abraham, with his falsehoods, polygamy, and incest, and his implied sanction of the Old Testament, with all its errors and numerous crimes; his promise to his 12 apostles to "sit upon the 12 thrones of Israel" in heaven, thus evincing a very limited and childish conception of the enjoyments of the future life; his puerile idea of sin, consisting in a personal affront to a personal God; his omission to say anything about human freedom, the inalienable rights of man, etc.

The Scientific Errors of Christ.

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

1. He never made any 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 limitation 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 hap-

piness 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 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 produced 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. xvii. 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 (Matt. xvi. 16), 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"; 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 pommelled 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 490 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 200,000,000 of Christian professors, is bitter irony and supreme solecism. We would go 500 miles, or pay \$500, 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 faculties developed to excess, and unrestrained by scientific or intellectual culture.

It is for this reason only that I write a few pages showing how far from the mark we get when we endeavor to follow either Jesus, or any other "crucified god" of antiquity. If Almighty God was ever killed, there is little hope for this world. I shall try and be as brief as possible for I am as anxious as you are to travel along and disclose to you the staggering Power which will be yours when you learn what the truths of God really are.

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The most staggering fact in the world is the fact that the Spirit of Life, or the Spirit of God came to this earth and

began Its building and creating operations. That fact staggers the imagination. It is replete with the most astounding of possibilities. We have seen, and reason dictates that the Spirit of God, the Creator, even now lives within us. The ability to press these typewriter keys comes direct from God. The ability to collect my thoughts and transmit them to you in the form of a book, is directly attributable to the Power of the Creator in me.

Can you imagine a horse, or a flower, or a sea-gull being able to sit down, collect its thoughts and write a book? Can you imagine my body, 225 pounds of muscle, water, and fat, in itself being able to sit at this machine and write a book? Can you imagine this body being alive for even a fraction of a second without the Life which is God in it? If it could, what would make it? There is only one God, and that one God was always life. No one could kill God—which very effectively relegates the Christian theory of God to where it belongs.

What Power is it which gives you the ability to read this book? Certainly not the power of your eyes, or your brain, or your mind, whatever that may be. None of these organs can give you the ability to do anything, because they, in themselves, have no ability. But introduce the Spirit of God—the very Life of God into this body and we can do these things. Therefore, may I impress upon you once more the fact—the amazing fact—that all the Power God has, of which you are able to absorb and use, even now, as I write this and you read it, actually lives in you. *It is in you.* So far as you are concerned that is enough.

I am not here concerned with the question of when the earth was created, and when the Spirit of God began Its creating processes on this earth. If you look in the Christian Bible you find there that the date was 4004 B.C. But we know that is not true even though it is in the "Holy-Divinely Inspired Word of God." This false statement came from a Roman Catholic "holy man" in the form of Archbishop

Ussher of Armagh in Ireland. He took a paper and a pencil and, under the "inspiration of the holy ghost" as he says, he figured out that at 9 a.m. on a certain Tuesday morning some 6000 years ago, God Almighty created the heavens and the earth. So authentic is this considered to be that you may find this date in the margin of the King James version of the Christian Bible. About everything else the Roman Catholic Church has told us about God is on a par with this statement, so I cannot be interested in it.

The farthest back history and geology can take us places the beginning of this earth at least two billion years ago. No one knows really how old it is, but scientists know that the beginning was at least 2,000,000,000 years ago. Nor do we know just how it came to be. It is not too important that we do know. One thing is certain, the more we discover about the operations of the Spirit of God, the older does the earth become.

One pretty well accepted theory is that it all began with a fire-mist. A spiral nebula perhaps. Whirling balls of gas and rings of smoke, hurled round and round in space finally became detached, finally cooling and forming this earth. And please remember, this is not the only planet in the celestial sphere. There are billions of them.

However that may be, and it is completely beside the point, we know that long before man inhabited the earth, great animals roamed its plains, one preying on the other. Animals with huge armaments—reminding one of the tanks now being used in Europe. What they were placed here for, or how they grew, we do not know. But we do know that they were here. And we know that the same Great Spirit which is directing my actions at this typewriter was the sole originator of them.

When the time came that they served no useful purpose, they exterminated themselves. Then came other animals and reptiles, still millions of years before man. They outlived their usefulness and they too passed into oblivion. The Fly-

ing-drago, the Pterodactyl, Tyrannosaurus and scores of others. They lived. They outlived their usefulness and they passed on.

Then came man. We know of the existence of man on the earth half a million years ago. He was a different creature from man today. But he was a man. He could talk, act, think, reason, and create. How much these ancient men knew of the existence of the Spirit of God in them I do not know. That they had consciousness of a Creator I do know. For it is not possible for any man to exist anywhere, under any conditions, and not know that somewhere, there is a Great Spirit of Creation which is a very definite part of him. That instinct is in every man. It has probably taken 500,000 years of evolution to bring man to the place where he can realize that all the Power of God lives in him while he is on the earth. This generation has not discovered that yet.

How long it will take before the staggering brilliance of this amazing fact dawns fully on the human race, we do not know. It is entirely possible that the present war will not come to its end before man has grasped the scintillating Power of God in him. It may take that Power to stop the Axis. Let us suppose that all our plans for victory in "1943 or 1944 at the latest" are all disrupted. Let us suppose that we are underestimating both German, Italian, and Jap. It could be.

But let us suppose that things do not go the way we think they will go. Suppose some night Jap planes fly down from the Aleutians and blast the Boeing plant in Seattle, and other coastal airplane plants out of existence. That is not beyond the realm of possibility just as long as the Japs are in the Aleutians. And let us suppose further that the combined successes of Jap, German, and Italian are too much for the Allied Nations—what could we do then?

What Power do we know of which, if we should fail, can step into the picture and rescue us from complete disaster?

Do you know of such a Power? Does anyone know of such a Power? Can our churches produce such a Power? Such a Power is unknown. The shame, yes, the blasphemy of this was lies in the fact that while the Axis nations have been able to gather together a greater array of instruments of death than the world has ever seen before, we of the democracies, so-called, know of no spiritual Power which can stop them. We have to meet their attacks with the same sort of weapons they use.

Where is our vaunted spirituality? Where is our wonderful knowledge of God. Where is the "god" of our Christian civilization? Where is it? If this happens, and if someone does not bring to humanity something more than 2000-year-old theories of God, we are very apt to be swept down to complete and utter annihilation. That will not happen, however. For knowledge of the actual existence of God, and all the Power of God has, is finally being brought to the human race. The churches oppose it, naturally. Nevertheless, knowledge of the fullness of the Power of God in human lives here and now is coming to the earth, in spite of anything anyone can do to prevent its coming.

This war is a clash between the powers of material, human darkness, and the Powers of Light. Those who believe in conquest by the sword, have set out to conquer this earth because they have seen no signs of a Higher Power. They know what our religion amounts to, and they know that it contains nothing they are afraid of. They believe that the greatest power on the earth is the power of the tank, the bombing-plane, the submarine, and the other instruments of death and destruction. They have seen no evidence to the contrary. So, in their foolish madness, they have embarked upon a campaign to bring the whole earth under their submission.

They will fail. But they will not fail because religion today knows any Power which can stop them. They will fail because there is a far Greater Power than the power of

material might. They will fail because before this war is ended, that Power will begin to make Itself known in American hearts and lives. That Power is God. The crying shame is in the fact that those organizations which we have supported, and which tell us they represent God, are utterly powerless to reveal to this America of ours, any spiritual Power which can even be faintly suspected of opposing successfully the brute force of the Axis.

The "god" of Hitler, Hirohito, and the Italian dictator is brute force. They know no other force. And we, as a nation, know no other force either. If we did, we should not resort to the same instruments of destruction the Axis uses. The fact that we do is *prima facie* evidence that while we make a lot of talk about God, we do not know the rudiments of the Power of God, nor have we the slightest knowledge of how we can use the Power of God to defeat the Axis.

So we try to beat it with a greater production. I believe we shall. But—if we do not—there is only one place America can turn to. And America does not yet know of that place and the Power that abides therein. This is not a hopeless situation at all. Its a shameful situation. It's a pitiable situation. But it is not hopeless. For the TRUTHS of the Spirit of God are known—and there are a few people who, in an emergency, can call upon the Power of the Spirit of God and throw that Power against the Axis, bringing it's complete and total disintegration, along with all other forces which believe that might makes right.

Yes—man has had to learn the hard way. It has taken man some 500,000 years to progress to the place where he is beginning to be able to recognize in him, the Life and Power of the Creator. Man has looked everywhere else. He has followed this system of religion and that system of religion. He has blindly followed priest and preacher. And he has been disappointed. He still does not know anything about the Power of God. All he knows, and he doesn't really know that, is that if he believes that Almighty God was born of a

virgin and killed on a cross, he may, if the Roman Catholic Church says so, enter into the glories of God after he dies. What a concept of God. What a pity that is the best the Christian religion has to offer.

CHAPTER 3

I SAID that the human race is now facing a clash between two ideologies. The one, after sizing up the world situation, is convinced that no power exists on the earth which is greater than the material power of brute force. I pointed out that we who call ourselves a "Christian" nation have no spiritual Power with which to oppose brute force.

The question therefore is in order—"Can spiritual Power dethrone brute force—is it greater than brute force?"

Let us see. What is the reason that the Axis believes that it can subdue the earth by material weapons of war? Simply because it has seen no evidence of any power which is greater than the power of brute force. Had there been manifestations of any such power, the Axis would have been quick to see them, and never would have embarked upon the insane, murderous campaign we see it now waging.

To be brutally blunt, the Axis knows no power greater than its own material murdering power. We see here then, man's evolution to the place where he believes that he can do anything if only he has enough material power. We see in the Axis, complete evidence of humanity gone as far as it can go without destroying itself. What we see is man without conscious knowledge of God. We see material power attempting to rule the world, safe in the knowledge that there does not exist a spiritual power which can dethrone it. We see a world of human beings living together in complete absence of knowledge of any Power the Creator might possess. This applies to the democracies as well as to the Axis.

If the Allied Nations knew of any such Power they would use it.

All we know about God is what we have been told through our national (?) religion. We know nothing about the Power of the Spirit of God, but we, like other nations, have a system of religion which we, like they, believe to be the only true system of religion on the face of the earth. But there is a blind spot in that religion. It cannot reveal the Power of God to us. Nor can the religions of other nations reveal the Power of God to them either.

We are very apt to overlook this fact when we brag about our religion and our religious affiliations. The fact that we have a system of religion means nothing. The fact that this system of religion happens to be called "Christian" means nothing either. Every large nation has a system of religion and every large nation believes all other systems of religion are "pagan" and "heathen". But we are proud of our system of religion, in spite of the fact that in this, the darkest hour in our history, our religion can do nothing to help us out.

It can do nothing towards revealing to us a spiritual Power which, because it is a spiritual Power, and because all Spiritual Power is of God, can stop three maniacs like Hitler, Tojo, and the Italian dictator. Our religion is all right—we are proud of its traditions. The only thing wrong with it is that it cannot reveal the Power of God to us. If it cannot do that it is valueless. We might just as well admit it and meet and defeat the Axis with the sword, as they are trying to defeat us. As matters stand now, whichever side wins will talk about God being on their side. And the ludicrous part of this conflict, if there is a ludicrous part to it, lies in the fact that every nation engaged in this brutal conflict claims that God is on its side. Even madman Hitler thinks he is an "agent of God."

He may be, but certainly the weapons he is using are material, brutal weapons, and by no stretch of even his per-

verted imagination can God be ascribed to his side. But have we any more right to claim God is on our side? If God were, should we be using material weapons or spiritual weapons?

I am dwelling on this line of thought at some length because I want the reader to get the picture of the complete absence of knowledge of the Power of God on both sides. It would not be true to say that the democracies know anything about the actual and literal Power of God. If they did they would use that Power. They know something about their system of religion but there is no spiritual Power in that.

All this confusion is quite understandable when we realize that the truth about the existence of the Power of God in us is not known to us yet. We are living in total ignorance of a spiritual Power of such dynamic magnitude, than when we finally do realize the staggering fact, the human race will shout for joy under the spell of a rebirth. A rebirth which this time will have the consciousness of God in it.

Our religion teaches us that we must be "born again" but that only means we must accept the theories of that religion. But when the whole world experiences the new-birth which is just ahead, that will be a day of rapture I assure you. To discover that we have available to us, and living in us, all the Power the Creator has, well, that is enough to bring joy to every American heart. Parasites like Hitler, Tojo, and Mussolini, with their pagan ideologies and religions, will very properly be banished from the earth by the brightness of the Power of the Spirit of God.

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We have seen then that for at least 500,000 years, man has been slowly climbing up the ladder of knowledge of himself and his Creator. It has been a long, hard pull. But that pull was necessary. Everything that has happened to the human race has been necessary. Not one step of it could have been avoided. The truths you will absorb as you study

this book could not have been even faintly grasped 100 years ago. The human race was not ready for them. They are almost ready now—not quite.

A few more years of suffering and threatened destruction, and then the American people will really find the Power of God in them, as a nation. Individually, all over this nation, men and women are finding the glorious knowledge of the Power of God as I told you in a previous chapter. But for the entire nation to awaken to the staggering Power of God—that day is not quite here. Not far off—but still, not quite here. Time alone will tell the story of how and when that day dawned. It will be a joyous story.

Shall we look a little closer at the God in us and see if we cannot discover what it means to have, living in us, the Power of the Spirit of God? Let us go back to the beginning of creation, or as close to that beginning as we can get. Scientists tell us that the first form of life manifested as the humble little algae which floated on the surface of the waters. Then came the Amoeba, a single-celled organism. This Amoeba however, had life. The Creative Power of God was manifest even then, in this, the lowest form of all life.

You can place these Amoeba on a microscope slide, put a poison close to them and they will flee from it. You can place on the slide a sweet substance, and they will flock to it. This humble Amoeba has life. It has conscious life. It can distinguish between what is good for it and what is harmful to it. When it wants to ascend from the waters, it has the ability to blow itself up with air, and when it wants to drink, it has the ability to deflate the air and sink. Conscious life and conscious intelligence—even in this first humble creation, which came from the hand of the Supreme Creator. God, if you choose.

From this humble bit of cell-life, scientists tell us we all came. The explanation is scientific, plausible, and therefore true. While this Life-Principle was manifesting in the tiny Amoeba, it was also manifesting in plant life, and

other forms of animal life. All of these different forms of life are but manifestations of the Spirit of God in actual operation. There can be life without the Source of life manifesting in that life. It is impossible to have life without the Creator of life being the source and origin of that life.

During the millions and perhaps billions of years which passed while the earth was being formed, this evidence of the Spirit of God—this Life-Germ, if you will, survived all crises. Nothing could kill it. The idea of killing God is fantastic. So the Life-Germ continued to live through every crisis. It continued to manifest, first in one form and then in another. As my friend Robert Collier said in his amazing set of books, "The Secret of the Ages"—

"Had it been possible to kill this Life-Idea, it would have perished ages ago, when fire and flood, drought and famine followed each other in quick succession. But obstacles, misfortunes, cataclysms, were to it merely new opportunities to assert its power. In fact, it required obstacles to awaken it, to show its energy and resource. The great reptiles, the monster beasts passed on. But the Life-Principle stayed, changing as each age changed, always developing, always improving. Whatever Power it was that brought that 'Life-Idea' to earth, it came endowed with unlimited resource, unlimited energy, unlimited LIFE. No other force can defeat it. No obstacle can hold it back. All through the history of life and mankind you can see its directing intelligence—call it Nature, call it Providence, call it what you will—rising to meet every need."

After millions of years, this life which came direct to earth so many billions of years ago, now manifests in its greatest advancement—MAN. And in this man there lives the Spirit of Life, or the Spirit of God. Life is impossible without it. There can be no such thing as any sort of life

without the existence IN that life of the Creator of life.

Not all of the Creator, but enough of the Life of the Creator to enable whatever form of life it may be to function according to its needs. In man, this Spirit of Life—this Spirit of God—was placed there with no limitations whatsoever upon him. No limitations because the Spirit of Life, or the Spirit of God, was given to man without limit. In other words, the fullness of the Creative Life-Spirit is in man—but man does not yet know it.

Religions, teaching the total depravity of man have placed a screen between man and the God-Life in man. For a couple of thousands of years they have taught that man was "born in sin and shapen in iniquity." And we have believed them. Now, when danger threatens, watch the Life-Principle which is God, awaken in man. Watch and see how the God-Life in man awakens during this world crisis, and, by sheer weight of Its own Power, smashes the entire Axis system of barbarism. It is this spiritual awakening of the Spirit of God in man I am calling your attention to.

If the power of so great destruction is manifesting in the Germans, the Japs, and the Italians, then so must as great a spiritual power manifest in the nations opposed to brute force.

A few weeks ago my friend Robert Collier and I were eating lunch together in the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. Our topic of conversation was the sorrowful condition of human affairs, and we were discussing the possibility of how best a knowledge of the indwelling spiritual Power of God might be brought to the human race. I said to my friend—"Collier—I believe it to be entirely possible for man to awaken to the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God in him, and bring peace to this mad earth instantly."

Mr. Collier was not quite so optimistic, but he did admit that this was the scientific answer to the world problems. "If there is a man alive who can bring this knowledge of the Power of God to this world, you are that man," he re-

plied. I may not be able to swing the whole world to the truths of God which can liberate humanity from the dread blight of wars and sufferings, but I am bringing these truths to so many people that before too long, they will leaven the whole human structure. When that day comes it will be a joyful day for me. If I do not live to see it, I can pass out of this earthly picture knowing that the seeds of the spiritual liberation of the human race were sowed by me to the best of my ability.

It is a very comforting thought to know that there are such men as Robert Collier, Ernest Holmes, and scores of others who realize that there is enough of the Power of the Spirit of Life (God) here on this earth to thrust from the earth and out of human lives, every semblance of evil, pain, war, suffering and even death itself. My part is so very small. But the Life-Principle in the algae was small too. Yet look what it developed into. My only wish is that I shall not fail in my trust. I only hope the vision stays clear within me. I'll follow it to its wonderful end.

It's interesting to ponder over the fact that the very same Life-Principle which first manifested on the earth billions of years ago, is the very same Life-Principle which is manifesting in you every moment of the day and night. Look inwards once in a while. Don't be so occupied with making money. Don't waste too much effort "having a good time." These things bring a certain amount of pleasure for which you usually pay. But start looking inwards. You'll find a lot more true pleasure in communing with the Life-Principle within you.

I don't care what you call it. It makes no difference. A religious person may call it God. Someone else may call it the Inner Self. Whatever you call it, stop once in a while and realize that all the great creative Power of God the Creator actually exists in you, is the real you, and has the same limitless ability it had when it was first manifested on the earth so many billions of years ago.

It has progressed. It has grown. It is, even now, straining at the human bonds and limitations you have placed upon it. It wants to be free. It wants to get loose. It wants to lead you into realms of life and adventure which you have never dreamed existed. It wants to show you how speedily Hitler and the rest of the human parasites can be demolished by this very superior power and the intelligent use thereof. Yes—there are a million paths along which the Spirit of God in you wants to lead you. Try cooperating with the God-Law in you. You will experience many sacred, beautiful moments.

Moments in which God, the Author and Sustainer of all life will talk with you and you with him, as you walk together by the way. Should there arise trouble, remember, through the infinite intelligence which is God, and which exists in you, there also exists, the answer.

This same Spirit of Life which was so resourceful so many billions of years ago, and which was able to sustain its own life against all earthly disasters, is just as resourceful now as it ever was. It will respond to your every desire. Whenever you do not know which way to turn, if you will but realize that you have in you all the wisdom, all the intelligence which is God, the way must open up. For there can be no problem too great for the Spirit of Life to solve. There can be no lack in your life, which the great Over-Life of God cannot supply. All you have to do is to make the problem known. As Robert Collier so aptly said—"YOU SUPPLY THE URGE."

The beauty of the new conception of God which we have been able to bring to humanity lies in the fact that the human race can consciously work with God. Religion has taught that man was alienated from God from the start. That is not true. All God has ever wanted man to do is to recognize the limitless ability of the Spirit of God which lives in him, giving him life.

When that indwelling Power is recognized, then the abil-

ity this Power possesses must also be recognized. Recently I was fishing at Rocky Point on the Upper Klamath Lake. Sitting there in a boat with the motor stilled, I watched an eagle swoop from its heights in the sky, down into that lake. It came up with a fish. Now what Power do you think it is that teaches young eaglets to fly? Does the eagle sit down and figure out the mathematics of aero-dynamics? Or does it just fly? You know the answer. The eagle has wings. Those wings were given to the eagle to fly with. And it flies.

Almighty God has not given you wings. He has given you something infinitely better. He gave you a brain capable of consciously recognizing the amazing Power of God which not only gave you life in the first place, but which moment by moment sustains that life. More than that, through the conscious recognition of the staggering fact that the limitless ocean of spiritual power exists for you and in you, God had a purpose in so constructing you.

Do you know what that purpose is? Well, it certainly is not to drive you to your knees admitting to God that you are a guilty lost sinner, standing in the need of "salvation" whatever that may be. No—a thousand times NO. God gave you your brain so that you might see the staggering fact that God lives in you, and, because of the conscious existence of the Spirit of God in you, you might achieve in your life, here and now, everything that God can achieve for you. For after all, it is the invisible Life-Spirit in you that does the works. All you do is consciously recognize that Supreme Presence and direct It.

If you live your life all unconscious of the beauty and Power of the God-Life within you, you will never achieve anything worth while. But on the other hand, if you *do* consciously recognize in you, the inexhaustible supply of God-Power which came to you at birth, your future lies in your own hands. How could it be otherwise? This then is the secret I wish to unfold to you. I want to say to you with all the earnestness at my command, that there does live in you,

all the Power which brought life to this earth, and that Power is able to do exceedingly more than you can ask or even think.

The fact that humanity is engaged in a brutal ruthless struggle with itself, slaughtering itself at a shocking rate, is a direct challenge to those of us who realize the Power of the Spirit of God in us. It is a crisis in human affairs. An emergency exists. But—with the emergency there also exists the Power to stop this ruthless slaughter of human beings and make the earth blossom like the rose, just because the Spirit of God is on the earth, and in all human lives.

No national leader knows what the answer to this awful crisis is. Unless they are conscious of the Power of the Spirit of God in them they cannot know the answer. For the Spirit of Life, the God-in-you is the only Power that not only has the answer, but knows how to apply its own amazing Intelligence and Power to world problems, thereby straightening out this awful muddle.

National leaders meet for "war conferences." They meet for "peace conferences." They scheme and plan how to defeat the enemy with his own weapons. But do they not know that the Spirit of God in men, that amazing Power which made the butterfly, the bee, the bluebird—that amazing Life-Principle which grows new wings on a spider—do they not know that through that Infinite Power and Intelligence, the answer they are looking for already exists?

No. They do not know that. Some of them assume to ask an unknown crucified God for help in smashing the Axis. But that is vain. The Power of God is a constructive Power. It never destroys. It is the Power which created life. It never blasts human beings into eternity. It builds up—it does not tear down. Praying to some unknown "god" above the sky is just so much wasted effort. It is not scientific nor is it even helpful. Such "prayers" never get any higher than the roof of the building in which they are uttered.

Praying is all so very useless. In this war, each side is praying to some unknown anthropomorphic "god". By this time they all should know that no help is coming through that approach to God. The better way, and the only way help can come is by recognizing the Life-Spirit of God inside. For that Spirit of God possesses amazing ability. It knows, even as I write this, what the answer is. It knows how Hitler and his ilk can be stopped in their mad crucifixion of peace-living nations. And you and I may know that answer too. Some of us do know it. But we are kept so busy fighting off attacks of the churches that we have little time to make the Power of the Spirit of God known to humanity.

I write plainly—of course I do. I cannot write any other way. I cannot submerge my conscience to suit anyone. I cannot "sugar-coat" the truth. If I did, it would still remain truth. Besides, this is an age, sodden with death and human blood. More millions of our beloved boys will be butchered before this gruesome war is over. Knowing the truth, what sort of a man would I be if I "soft-pedalled" that truth just because some organized system of religion does not like that truth?

The actual truths of God may smash to atoms every church in America when they become known. If they do, let those truths come regardless of whom they smash. It will be well worth while. For those truths of God are the only truths there are. Mysticism, theology, pagan myth cannot stop this war. They cannot defeat the Axis. Some of them are members of the Axis. So you may feel quite sure that as long as I have life—as long as I know the indwelling of the Spirit of God-Life in me, knowing what the truths of God are, I shall very fearlessly publish those truths, regardless of whose feelings are hurt.

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God Almighty is begging the human race now, at this very moment to give Him a chance to stop this war. The Life-Spirit in you and in me knows how to do that. It cannot

fail to do that. All it asks is a chance. That chance, YOU must give it. This is a material world. This it a material war. You are a material human being, having the fullness of the Spirit of God living in you. It will be through you—through the entire human race God will demonstrate His Power, if He is given a chance to demonstrate it at all.

You will look in vain for a demonstration from the sky. Two will not be sleeping in one bed, the one taken and the other left. Gabriel *will not* blow a trumpet, nor will Jesus descend with a host of angels on the clouds of heaven. When this world is finally straightened out it will be straightened out by man, fully knowing the scintillating Power he possesses, because the Power of the Author of all Life, the Spirit of God lives—yes actually lives in us all.

With that Life is Power. So much Power that you and I will never be able to even understand it all, let alone use it all. And, at this moment, all this Power is going begging just because men and women know nothing about it. They have not been told about it. They cannot know. They chase hither and thither, here and yon looking for God. They follow a Swami here and another “mystic” somewhere else. And all the time, if they could only know it, the Power of the Spirit of God lives right in them. It motivates them. It gives them life. It gives them all the Power of that Life, which is God. Yet, because they have never been told what, and where God is, they follow false prophets who tell them that if they believe Almighty God was born of a virgin and slaughtered on a cross, when they die they will, perhaps, know God. What a pity such a philosophy ever got away to a good start.

You may depend upon one fact. All the ingenuity that is God, is in you. All the Power that is God, is in you. All the omnipotent wisdom which is God, is in you. It must be. God is your Creator. God gives you life. God makes you a living soul. God lives in you. Then how can you separate God from

(His creation? How can you live and not have the fullness of the Spirit of God in you. You can't.

You may be quite oblivious of this amazing Power, but there is, right in you, just the same. You can go down to your grave having lived your life in complete ignorance of the Power of God if you wish. Millions have, and more millions will. But to know of the existence of the Power of God in you, and not to use it, is criminal.

Common sense demands of an intelligent Creator, an intelligent answer to the problems which are now confronting humanity. With the ruthless blood-letting, the horrible human slaughter, the human misery and suffering which an insane war has brought to us—I say common sense demands that an intelligent Creator provide an intelligent answer to these ghastly problems which quite evidently man does not know how to answer himself. *Well, Almighty God has provided an intelligent answer. Let us see if man has the intelligence to grasp that answer.*

The Creator has provided the answer by placing in us, all the resourcefulness, all the ingenuity, all the power, all the wisdom, and all the limitless ability God himself possesses. It is there—right in you and in me. The Life of God in us provides us with more than the answer to every problem. But blind man, following the blind advice of “teachers of religion” and swallowing the pious pap peddled by prating priests, has fallen a long way from God.

He has followed idols. These idols never can reveal God as your intelligence tells you they can't. How can they. In any event, with the Spirit of Life, or God, actually living in each one of us, and with all the ability, ingenuity, power, and resourcefulness there is in God, what is the object in following any theological system? Can we get closer to God through them? Or are we merely subscribing to their theories without exercising our God-given brains?

When a religious (?) organization tells you that Almighty God, through Peter, gave into its hands the keys of

the Kingdom of God, with authority to let in or keep out, you can just put it down that that organization is pulling your leg. Take the Bible of the organization which tells us that, and there, in plain sight, is this statement—*"The Kingdom of God is within you."* Could anything be plainer than that?


If I were sitting in Rome with a mitre upon my head labelling me as the "vicar of Christ," and if I considered Christ God, I most certainly would strain every effort to tell men and women that the Power of God, living in them as their very life, can manifest in, the darkest hour humanity has ever known. I wouldn't be sending my priests into the front-line trenches "blessing" Italian soldiers and praying for their complete and speedy victory so that the Italian flag might wave forever over the "holy sepulchre" in Rome. My every effort would be directed to the one supreme task of telling my followers that the Power of Life—the Life-Principle—the Power of Almighty God lives in them, with all the amazing beauty such a revelation can bring.

Not long ago, Archbishop Mooney of Detroit convinced Mr. Dykstra's headquarters of the Selective Service system in Washington that Roman Catholic "lay-brothers" though not ordained ministers, are bound by the same obligation as the clergy. So, on Feb. 1st a ruling was announced in Washington that all Roman Catholic "lay-brothers" are to be defined as "ministers of religion" and so are exempt from military training. Just to show you how pagan superstition, masquerading under the cloak of God sears both the minds and the brains of those with whom it comes in contact, read the following partial report from authentic information in my files:

New York	26.73%	total population is Catholic.
	56.46%	prison " " "
Arizona	33.16%	total population is Catholic.
	53.26%	prison " " "

California	16.83%	total population is Catholic.
	43.61%	prison " " "
Wisconsin	23.79%	total population is Catholic.
	43.52%	prison " " "
Wyoming	7.13%	total population is Catholic.
	38.18%	prison " " "

The latest report on the religious affiliation of prisoners in Sing Sing gives the following interesting figures:



Catholics	848
Protestants	301
Hebrews	240
Greek Catholics	14
No religion	12

I introduce these statistics here, not to injure the Roman Catholic Church, but to show that when a religious system blinds the minds and brains of men and women to the existence of the Spirit of God in them, crime and ignorance increases. In Sing Sing there are only 12 prisoners who make no profession of any religion, while Catholics number 848. Had these good Catholics been taught that the Spirit of God, with all the Power that involves, lives and abides in them, they would not be in Sing Sing today. For the Spirit of God does not make men commit crimes—it keeps them as far away from crime as possible.

So then, before this earth can possibly know the beauty and fullness of the Spirit of God, these systems of religion which came from the dark ages will have to be replaced, not by another system of religion, but by the actual Power of God. There can be no need for "houses of God" when God lives within our "earthly house" can there?

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The spiritual revolution which is coming to humanity will bring startling changes. What were once considered the truths of God will be proven to be human ideas of God.

Where we did not look for God (in man) there God will be found. Man now, even as I write this, possesses more than enough of the Life-Spirit of God to dethrone Hitler and his Japanese and Italian fellow cutthroats in 48 hours if only a small part of the American people would unite to throw the Power of the indwelling God against this gang of wholesale murderers and desecrators.

For the Spirit of God has a capacity far beyond anything we can be conscious of. We can, and should, be conscious of the Life of God in us, but even when we are, there are depths of wisdom, power, strength and ingenuity which the human mind cannot conceive of. The human mind can, however, conceive of enough of the Presence of God to enable it to deal with this ghastly world situation. Then, when more and more of the fullness of the Power of God becomes manifest, vista after vista of Power will open up to man, and at last, when the consciousness of the fullness of the Power of God in man is fully known, man will know his true position as the highest product God ever created.

So then, your common sense tells you to consciously ally yourself with the unseen powers of God within you. When you do that you will know that the Power of God in you can perform tasks which you now consider "superhuman." You will perform these tasks every day. The motivating Power will not be you. It will be the Spirit of God within you. The very same Spirit that, billions of years ago came to this earth and which, through countless ages has been building a race of men which will finally comprehend in themselves, the brightness of God and the fullness of the Power of God.

Only those who through the years have cultivated the Power of the God in them can ever faintly imagine the type of man we shall be when God is through building us. Every year, every decade, every generation finds God being a bit more real to man. We find man throwing away more and more of his superstitions, and as these impedimenta go, God is revealed just a little bit more. But man has not yet

conceived of what the final man will be like when God is finished with him.

Those of us who are pioneering the way to God, anticipate God a little bit. And we find that when we anticipate God, and step out with absolute confidence upon the existence of God in us, we are never confounded. We cannot be. For there, as plain as day, we see the actual Presence and Power of God in us. It is not a case of our being unable to find God, it is a case of securing correct knowledge of what God is. When we begin to get the true perspective on God, the whole future opens up like the lilies which are now blooming round my home.

Instead of trying to "gain heaven" and "shun hell," our eyes are fixed upon something far more interesting. For we are beginning to discover where God is and what God is. And just as surely as day follows night, we shall give much time to finding out more and ever more of the Power of the God of all Life, not in the skies but in us. For there is a fascination about God. The Spirit of God draws us closer and ever closer to this fathomless Realm where God is. As we get a bit better acquainted with the Life-Spirit, a vast vista of unheard of potentialities discloses to us. Not because we physically are any different, but because we have, at long last, discovered the Source of all Life—of God—to be in us. That puts a lot of Power in our hands.

As we use this Power, naturally we become more powerful. The more we know of God, the faster we grow and the more like God we become. How could it be otherwise? For God not only is willing to disclose His Power to us, but is able to help us in every human problem. Illness, disease, failure, poverty—how long do you think these can manifest when you and I can consciously use the Power of the ever-present Spirit of God against them?

Your author receives thousands of wires from all over America. Every so often some special wire will interest him more than the others. Often he will make a 2000-mile trip

unannounced where he believes his presence might help. A few years ago one of these wires came in. It was from a colored woman in Chicago and it asked or rather begged for help in the recovery of another old colored woman.

After sending the customary wire giving instructions for the spiritual help of this lady, the author decided to go to Chicago and personally call on that household. Leaving on the Olympian, he arrived in Chicago two days later, and at once made his way to the address where the sick party lived. Twas a tumbledown shack certainly, right in the heart of the colored section of Chicago. There were only two rooms in the shack. Quietly opening the door, the author entered. From out the bedroom came groans from the sick lady, and in addition, the voice of another colored woman saying out loud: "I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD." This is one of my affirmations.

Standing there listening for a few moments, the author suddenly walked into the bedroom. The old colored woman who was on her knees beside the bed, jumped to her feet, and, looking the author in the face said, "Awmighty God—if yere ain't Doctor Robinson hisself—praise de Lawd—praise de Lawd." Turning to the lady on the bed, the author said, "How much do you believe in the Power of the Living God?" "Why, ah shore does bleeve all ah can, but ah guess this pore old nigger woman am about to die."

I then asked her if she believed that the Power of the Spirit of God lived in her and she said she did. "Then get off that bed and be completely whole," I told her. Although the illness was serious, this poor old uneducated colored woman arose, and was instantly completely whole. I tell this story only to bring out the point that when a person really realizes what it means to have the Life-Spirit of God actually living in him or her human body, that fact places at the disposal of him or her, more absolute creative and healing Power than the mind of that person can ever comprehend.

My Movement is not a healing Movement. Yet during the past 15 years we have witnessed enough amazing happenings to stagger the normal imagination. If the trouble is illness, the Spirit of God is pointed out, and the illness disappears. But that is the smallest and least important part of our efforts. By far the most important part is the revealing to men and women the staggering fact that all the Power of God exists in them, because the Life-Spirit—the Creator of this universe, lives in the life he has given us.

This brings with it a supply of abundant life which the human mind can hardly comprehend. It puts at the disposal of everyone who realizes the Power of the Life-God in them, all the Power there is in that Realm. And that's more than enough to carry us on to greater heights of spiritual Power than we have ever dreamed of.

There exists an instant connection between you and the unseen Power of God within. It's a sort of a spiritual telepathy. Something happens. The God-Life in you certainly knows what is happening. It springs to the alert with all the Powers of the universe at Its disposal. And then it hopes against hope that you will have brains enough to use this amazing God-Life in that emergency. If you are wise, and at once recognize the ability and power of the indwelling God-Life, the problem soon ceases to exist. God Almighty, the Creator of the universe, in you, has handled the problem for you.

It makes no difference how baffling your problem may be, there is more than enough ingenuity in God to solve that problem. Surely a Power so dynamic that it could change a couple of little amoeba into this great created scheme of things knows more than enough to solve what few problems you may have.

CHAPTER 3

WHEN MAN fully awakens to the staggering import of the actual presence of the Spirit of God or the Spirit of Life in him, he begins to awaken to a realm of vast possibilities, so staggering in their import that it will take him quite some time before he fully knows the true nature of the priceless treasure he possesses. What man can do, here and now, through this indwelling Power, no one knows. For man has not as yet even begun to awaken to what he can do and what he can be, once he realizes the Spirit of God within him, and uses that all-creative Spirit.

Already man has gone a considerable way, unconsciously using the hidden Power of God in him. But he did not know the source of his power. He thought he was doing all these things just because he was smart. That is not the answer. Whatever man has discovered, whatever man has built or achieved has all been done through the indwelling Power of the Spirit of God, all unknown to man.

Now what do you think you can accomplish when you consciously use the Power of the God-Life in you? Wonderful results may have come to you so far through life. You may have achieved amazing success. But unless you have recognized the Source of that success—unless you have consciously recognized the abiding presence of the Spirit of God in you, well, you haven't begun to know the priceless gifts and achievements God has in store for you.

You have it within your power, through the indwelling presence of the Spirit of God, to make your life such a

potent power for good that you have never dreamed of what the future can be like. Today, our government tells us to save everywhere we can. The government seems to feel that much is being wasted, and it probably is. But the vast majority of men and women are wasting the most precious Power the world can ever know. Either that, or they are allowing this Power to lie idle and unused in them.

Of course, what you want to know now is just how you can make a definite permanent contact between the Power of the Spirit of God in you, and your conscious physical life. If there exist untold treasures for you, and if your life is not filled to overflowing with the Power of God, naturally you want to know just how you may fill your life with spiritual and material abundance, while you live on the earth.

The Power of the infinitely wise Creator has made full provision for this. It would be unthinkable that God should have given to you such an amazing thing as His own Life and Power, and then ordained things so that you cannot either find or use the Power of God while you live. The Creator does not operate in that manner. The fact that He did give you His own Life, with all the Power that carries with it, is absolute proof that with this treasure, God also gave you the means whereby It can be used by you.

As a matter of fact, the Creator is more willing that you should use the fullness of His power than you are to use it. All the misery, all the crime, all the suffering which is plaguing the human race today would never have been, could never have been, had man but known that he had within his possession, the ability to draw freely upon the Realm of God for every good thing which God is capable of giving him.

This war, brutal as it is, and the misery, the heart-aches which must follow it, all could have been avoided had man but known that Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and power, had so constituted man that all the joys, all the

glory, all the power that is in God, may be fully drawn upon by man, his limitations to receive being the only limitations to the good things God is willing to give to man.

For I must say to you that the Power of the Spirit of God transcends reason. There is so much Power in the Realm of the Spirit of God, that even if you drew upon it to the very full, you still would not cause a ripple on the top of the water. Truly God has given to man this pearl of greatest price, not to tease or taunt man, but for man to use here on the earth. Only ignorance of this priceless gift prevents man from using God to the full.

The instrument which God has provided you with, and which you may use to bring to you all the powers there are in the Realm of God, is your will and your intelligence. You have been able to grasp every word I have written to you in this book. I have asked you to "believe" nothing. I have not asked you to "have faith." I have explained to you in such a manner that your reason can grasp it, the existence of the Spirit of Life, or God, within you.

Your intelligence accepts what I have told you. You agree with me. No man can disagree with this unless he be a representative of some religion which believes that the best man God could make was a man "dead in trespasses and sins." You and I don't believe that. We do give God confidence for being perfection. If we have not understood God, that is our fault. If we are so sunken in depravity that we deny the ability of God to manifest in our lives, we might as well forget everything and eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we shall die.

Now the next point is this—*Are you willing that the fullness of the Power of God be made manifest to you?*

To ask that question is to answer it. Of course you are willing. There would be something wrong with you if you were not willing. So then, it will not be a seeking soul who is honest, very long to find the Power of God, especially when God was more willing to give His Spirit to you than

you have been to receive it. Had God not intended you to live in the fullness of the consciousness of the Spirit of Life, or the Spirit of God, he would have taken good care that no man could ever make a personal contact with Him. But that is just what God did not do. That is the very opposite of what God *did* do.

For, away back yonder, millions and millions of ages ago, God placed on this earth His own Life. It began to create. Every form of life came from the hand of God. Each creation served some useful purpose. When that purpose had been attained, the species passed out of existence. Then came man. God's very highest creation. But man is different from the animals. He is different from the flowers which are put here to help man enjoy the earth. But man himself—well, it was God's idea that man should some day live completely and eternally with God. God has never had any other idea about man.

For in the completeness of man lies the completeness of God. God without man is incomplete. This, because God gave His own life to man. When man is born, he is born with the very Life of God in him. The natural end then to man must be complete union with God. This union is attained when man completely recognizes the fullness of the Life of God in him, and takes advantage of that Life to the very full.

As the ages roll by, the completed picture will disclose God and man completely in unison. No more death. No more tears. No more sorrow. No more partings. All will be one beautiful existence with God. The completeness of God and the completeness of man are indelibly tied together. One is incomplete without the other.

We are living in one of those rare periods of time when man is undergoing a complete spiritual re-making. Old concepts of God are passing away. In their place is coming to humanity a consciousness of a God who never was absent, but who was and is ever with us. As we realize this God-

consciousness in us, all the powers of God unfold, and our life becomes more and more like the Life of God, which Life was given to man millions of ages ago.

It has taken man a long time to grow to the place where he knows the presence of God in him. Our churches will be the last ones to admit the presence of God in them. But they will. For when it is manifested to the American people what they can accomplish by virtue of the fact that the Spirit of God has not been given to man by measure, they will rise to the peak of the amazing freedom which the Power of God brings.

How then may we consciously know the Power of God? Why, you know that already. You mentally have understood the staggering fact that the God-Life, or the Spirit of God came to you at birth. That we shall not repeat. You are also willing that all the Power of God manifest in you. So what is the next step?

The next and final step is very simple. It is also very important. If you do not do this last necessary thing, all I have said to you will mean nothing. You will then be in the position of a man who knows where God is, who knows what God can do for him, but who just is not interested in God. To such a man, the pleasures and Powers of God cannot come, because he will not bring them into his life.

I cannot imagine many Americans adopting that attitude though. If I can read the signs of the times aright, this whole nation is patiently awaiting some message from some man or woman who can point the way to the actual existence and Power of Almighty God. When that man or woman appears, the nation will follow him or her. Never was there the hunger for God there is now. And Americans not only *will* spend a little time to get acquainted with God, they are doing that now.

If only our churches would teach the Power of the Spirit of God instead of an impossible theory of God which never can be true, it would not take America long to discover the

Power of God. Your author is only one man. He works against tremendous odds. Yet, in the past fifteen years he has been able to draw round him, exclusively by mail, about 2,000,000 followers. If all our churches did what your author is doing, it would not take sixty days for the fullness of the knowledge of the Spirit of God to sweep this beloved land. I do not expect them to do this, however. They will stay by their unprovable traditions, even though they make the Power of God of none effect to their followers by so doing. What a pity. But there it is. Superstition has a terrible hold on the people—especially religious superstition.

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I said the actual method by which you can obtain from the Realm of the Creator whatsoever things you desire, is very simple. It is. The spoken word accomplishes it. Your spoken word. The Spirit of God in you needs direction. It cannot bring to you the things you need unless you direct it. For you must realize that the Power of God is the most potent power on earth. But, you are the one who directs this great sleeping-giant in the way you would have it go.

Almighty God is ready and willing to bring into your life, a super-abundance of every good thing. You must make known to God what those things are. The church considers this "praying." It is nothing of the sort. Praying is importuning God for something we never expect to get. It is predicated upon the absence of God. But directing God is something entirely different. Let me put it another way. Almighty God, your Creator, placed in you His own Life. That staggering fact means that you have in you, the Power that created the universe.

Now then—God so ordained it that whatsoever things you need, you can get because the Life-Spirit, or the Spirit of God in you is abundantly able to manifest in you, anything It is capable of creating, and that means anything in the world, or in the heavens above the world. All that re-

mains for you to do is to direct the Life-Spirit, or, tell It what you want.

Last Xmas a man handed me a check for \$1000.00. He said to me, "Here's a thousand dollars—you may spend it any way you want to." He didn't care how I spent it. He gave me the money and forgot it. It's like that with the gift of the Spirit of God. God has given you His Spirit absolutely without measure. He doesn't care what good things you use the Spirit of God to produce because He knows that you cannot seek a thing that the Spirit of God is not capable of bringing to you.

The Life of God, or the Spirit of God, has been given to you as a whole. There it is—all the Power there is in the invisible Realm of God. You are to use the Spirit of God as you see fit. You are to use It's remarkable wisdom, it's limitless power, all of It's ingenuity, all of It's creative ability to bring to you every good thing you desire. The choice must be yours.

The direction of the Life of God in you is your responsibility. It will respond no matter how impossible the thing desired seems to be. With God nothing is impossible. And just as long as the Spirit of God lives in you, then you have all the Powers of God also in you. You do the directing. This is much better than wasting your time in "praying." In "prayer" you have no Power to be conscious of. With knowledge of God in your life, you already possess the Power. The only thing left for you to do is to direct the Spirit of God in you.

It will be necessary for you to become acquainted thoroughly with the fact of the existence of God in you. Ponder over it. Almighty God, the Creator of all life, gifted you with reason, the greatest gem in the human mind. Your reason will very clearly show you how the Spirit or Life of God is the motivating Power in you. Your common sense will make you use this Power. Your spoken word will direct

the Spirit of God into whatever channels you desire it to operate in.

I suggest therefore that you wear this book out reading it. When you fully comprehend what the Spirit of God in you means—when you understand that all the Power God has is instantly available to you, then start putting the Power of God to work.

You will find that as you come closer to God, the Power of God will exert a drawing influence upon you. You will be more and more fascinated with this staggering Spiritual Power. It will be necessary then for you to cultivate God. You must spend several minutes alone with God every day. You will make your wishes known to God. The thing you desire more than anything else, you will constantly talk with God about, directing the Spirit of God along that channel, by making a simple affirmation of fact.

Suppose you desire the recovery of the sick. You will direct the Power of God in you, and in the sick, to that recovery. You will actually speak this recovery into existence, for the Spirit of God in you, and everywhere else, always responds to the spoken word. If your problem is financial or material, then use the same methods of directing the Power of God against that material lack. The Power that created this universe can bring whatever material possessions you need, and can bring them very effectively. I know.

A good affirmation is this one—"YOU WILL BRING ME . . ." stating clearly what it is you need. You must consciously and intelligently direct the Power of God, yes, I almost said "*order*" the Spirit of God to bring to you the thing most desired. If you have a perfect understanding of the Power of the Creator in you, it will not take very long for you to be able to manifest "Whatsoever things ye desire." Again I can say "I know."

If you wish to use the Power of God to dethrone the Axis, you may say, loudly and confidently, "YOU WILL BRING THE SPEEDY DOWNFALL OF THE AXIS." Then, you

will keep this up until it is accomplished. Whatever it is good you need God to bring to you, *speaking that thing into existence until it manifests*. God never fails. I suggest that you spend at least half an hour, twice a day, quietly communing with the Spirit of God in you. What will happen will amaze you. You will then know, and know very fully, that Almighty God is the most realistic Power this world can ever know. *You will know that you can direct the Power of the Spirit of God, knowing absolutely that this Great Spirit of Life will respond, just as surely as day follows night.*

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At the very center of your being is God. Yes—the very same God who created and still holds the wealth of this world in His hand. This very same God who, when you were born a physical being, placed His own life in you. Was there ever greater miracle than that? What had you or your parents done to warrant such a gift? For to have the Life of God in you means that you have in you, through that Life and Power of God, free access to every good thing God Almighty can bring into existence. And that's far more than you can ever need.

Our religionists tell us that the physical body is the one thing which prevents us from knowing God while on the earth. No, it is not. The very opposite is the case. Your physical body was given to you in order that you might know the fullness of the Power of God right in this life—right on this earth. God gave you your physical body for a physical medium through which the fullness of the Spirit of God can work. How could you know the amazing Power of God on the earth if you did not have a physical body through which the Spirit of God can work?

Everything else God made is material. You have never seen a thing which is not physical. You have never known a pleasure which you could have known had you not had a physical body with five senses to make you recognize and

enjoy that pleasure. The Christian theory of God is not true. But there is one slant on it which is significant. According to this theory, it became necessary for God to make a *physical* "god" through whom the glories and Power of God might be manifest on the earth. In other words, it is a physically impossible thing for the Spirit of God to manifest in any other way than physically.

The Power is spiritual, to be sure, but the means by which God is to be recognized are always physical. Otherwise God would be useless to us here and now. But God Almighty placed His very own Life, with His very own Power, *right in the center of our being*. It is there now. If you do not know of this Power—if you have never experienced what it can do for you here on the earth, you are of all men and women the most miserable. For you are living a life which has the very fullness of God in it—but you don't know it.

Your Light then, is hidden under a bushel. You have trials and tribulations and you don't know how to handle them. You have illness and you don't know how to handle that. You want God, you always have wanted to actually know the Power of God, and all the while, right in the very center of your being, is all of God that you can ever need.

The reason the entire human race, with the exception of a very few seers and mystics, is living in complete ignorance of the Spirit of God in it, is simple enough. No one has ever told it of this amazing fact. Religions have come along and have told us that because we have a physical body we are damned through all eternity, unless of course we subscribe to what they have chosen to tell us. But the very opposite is the case. *If we had not a physical body, God could not possibly manifest through us, nor could we ever know the beauty and Power the Spirit of God in us can bring.*

It's all right for theology to talk about us being "pilgrims along a thorny path" with God Almighty somewhere "above the sky." But such dogma is a thousand miles from God.

All that sort of stuff does is to blind the eyes of men and women to the actual existence of God in us. So then, from now on, you may depend upon it, you have in you, at the center of your life, your being, your human physical body—GOD.

No one can take God away from you. He will be there until you die. It is quite possible for others to doubt and deny this statement, but there is one who cannot be fooled. **YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS AT THE CENTER OF YOUR BEING.** You may only have subconsciously known it so far, but the very moment someone who knows tells you of this staggering fact, both your common sense and everything within you cries out that my statement is correct. So never again listen to anyone who tells you that you are now, or ever have been separated from God.

To be separated from God is to cease to exist. The fact that life—created by Almighty God, exists in you, is absolute evidence that all the Power God has also exists in you, because your life is God, and God is the Creator of the universe. Now do you see what you really are? Now do you see why I said this war is all so unnecessary? How long do you think it would continue if America knew the staggering truths I am telling you? Why, every nation would throw away its arms and fall on its knees and hang its head in shame when it realized the depths of depravity to which it had fallen, when all the time, in every human being on those battle-fields, lived all the Power of the Spirit of God.

Do you want to stop this war? Do you want to help bring it to a speedy end? Then spend half an hour each day, pondering on the truths you have learned in this book. To ponder over God means to spend a certain amount of time every day, alone with God. If you will do this you need few instructions from me. For when a man sits alone with God with the sole idea of getting acquainted with the Spirit of God within him, that Spirit rushes into action, and the first thing you know, the absolute consciousness of the Spirit of

God, with all It's Powers, begins to be revealed to you. How quickly this will come depends upon how much time you spend alone with God.

X May I repeat this world-shattering statement? At the very center of your physical being—is God. You stay close to God. You spend a certain time every day reasoning with God. You tell the Spirit of God in you that you want It to make Itself known fully to you. And you keep that up until there steals upon you an experience you have never known before. The actual consciousness of God becomes a living reality to you, just as God intended it should. Then, when that happens, by the spoken word you direct the Power of the Spirit of God along whatever line you desire It's manifestations.

Is there anything hard about that? Is there anything unreasonable about that? Either God lives in you, with all His Power, or He does not. I say He does and *you know He does*. You know better than anyone else that God lives in you. If God did not, you could not even live another second. The fact that you are alive is absolute proof of the existence of the Spirit of God in you. All that remains then is to become fully acquainted with your heretofore unknown Guest, and tell that Guest just what it is you need. All the Powers of the universe will be behind you when you do. And the universe would disintegrate before you could ever be disappointed. The secret of the discovery of God in you lies in your willingness to spend a certain amount of time every day getting acquainted with the God-Power in you. For that is the *real* you. That is your *real self*. That is God actually in operation in you, which is exactly what God intended should be when He made you that way.

A PERSONAL WORD TO THE CLERGY OF
PROTESTANT AND ROMAN
CATHOLIC CHURCHES

THIS BOOK speaks very plainly. I cannot speak in any other manner. The condition of this earth today seems to me to be a challenge to every man who has named the name of God. I cannot conceive of the Creator keeping so complete a silence when man, His highest creation, is baptizing the earth in human blood. I believe it is possible for the Spirit of God to be made so real to the human race that this Power can speak—now—in no uncertain terms.

I do not believe your concept of God is true. I believe you are honest—all of you, and I have a feeling of the very deepest love and affection for you all. I know your problems. I know your heartaches. I know your theology. If I differ from you—if I write my innermost convictions as plainly as I have written them in this book, it is only because the Spirit of God has guided me in this endeavor. I would gladly lay down my life if by so doing, I could make the reality of God a bit deeper to the dying, murdering masses of human beings who quite evidently know little of anything about the Presence of the Spirit of God in them.

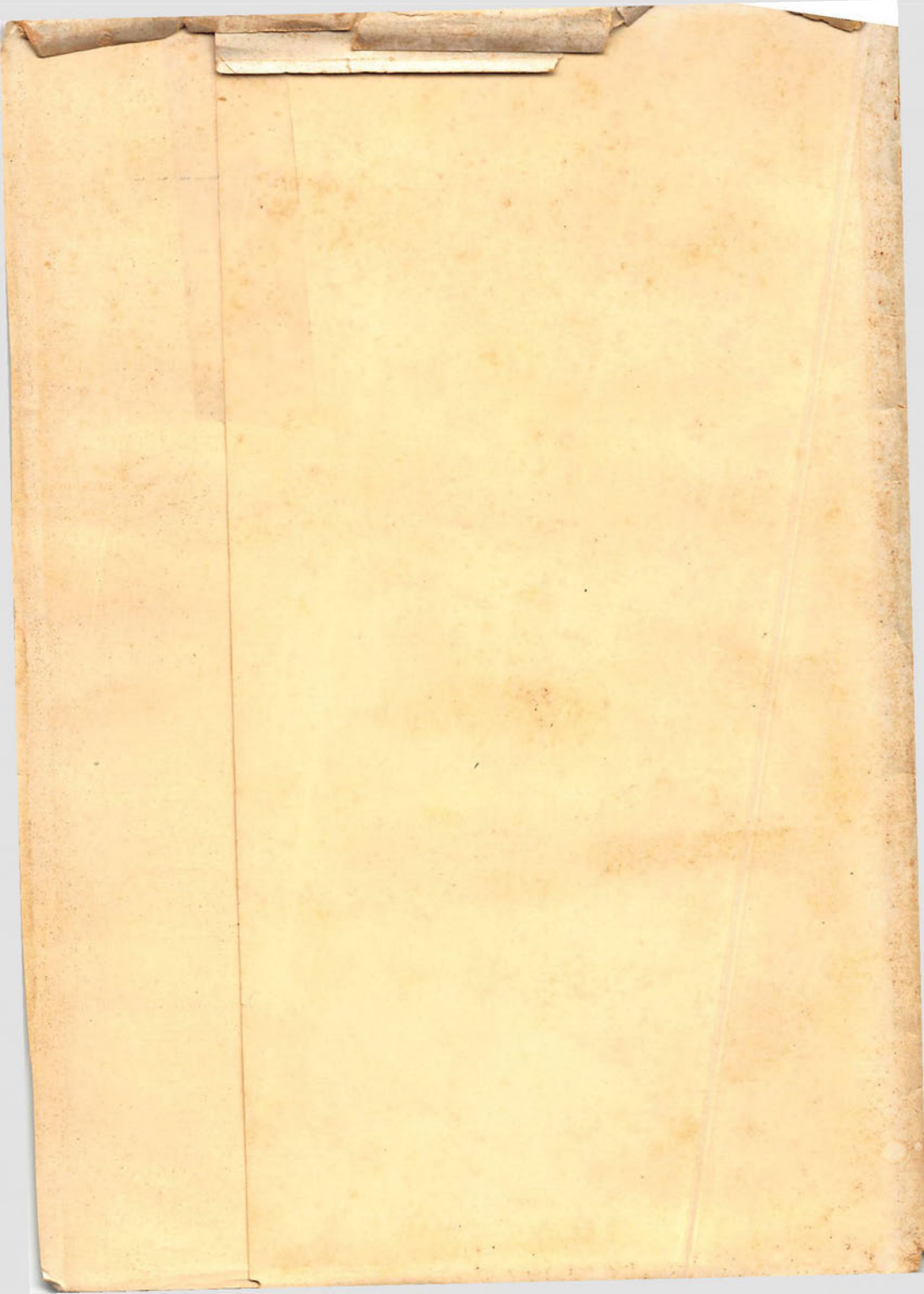
However, I cannot agree that God is powerless to stop this brutal conflict. I am not willing to admit that the brute powers of a Hitler, a Tojo or a Mussolini are superior to the Powers of God. Yet there seems to be nothing you or your theologies can do to manifest the Power of God on the

earth. I believe the concept of God advocated in this book is true. I do not believe your theories of God are true.

So, following the Light as the Light has been revealed to me by the Spirit of God, I have written plainly. I have made statements in this book I did not want to make. Some of those statements reflect upon you and the religion you teach. Time will be the deciding factor. Time will prove whether I am right or wrong. Time always does that.

If I have hurt your feelings, that must be. I am sure you will agree with me that if I can bring the truths of God to humanity, even though these truths be different from yours, you will understand why I have written so plainly. I love every one of you. There is little I would not do for you. If I can be of any assistance to you in the bringing of the true knowledge of God to you and your churches, please command me. If your feelings have been hurt, please forgive me. I may make errors of judgment but never of heart.

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