

OUT OF THIS CHAOS -- WHAT?

"The world is in a turmoil. Out of the chaos must come a new birth--a new civilization wherein the rights of man will be glorified."

This, and kindred thoughts seem to be upper-most in the minds of those gifted with the faculties of deep thinking and a mental sense of perception which enable them to look through and beyond the great destruction of the present day. It would seem, however, that something is radically wrong with the human race. I am talking now about humanity as a whole. Regardless of race, creed, color and degree of education, the human race is one. Its mental functions may vary but the physical functions of all human beings are exactly alike; they operate in the same manner.

Too often we consider ourselves in the lap of the Gods, and while from distant shores perhaps some way a sad ray of hope does come, the picture today is one of despair. Taking a long-range view of the human race and going back as far as history will permit we discover many periods similar to this perhaps more horrifying of all periods.

From the time of Nebuchadnezzar, dictator after dictator have arisen. Ghengis Khan conquered more cities and devastated more human lives probably than Hitler and Hiro Hito has today in this war. Regardless of how long this present conflict may last it will top all conflicts for brutality, ghastliness, and sheer horror. The complete relentlessness of those who would subdue the world by brute force has not heretofore been equaled.

But, inspite of this fact, the hope springs eternal in the human breast that there must come a day of new birth. A day which will usher in a new civilization in which peace, happiness, joy and plenty shall be the main order of the day. We helped win the last World War and the theory on which we based our entry in that war was that we are helping make the world safe for democracy. We know now that we were doing nothing of the sort. What we actually were doing was sowing seeds of this war. We sowed those seeds well. We carefully watered and cultivated them. Now we are reaping the bloody harvest.

Actually this hope of a new civilization is futile-- merely a passing thought in the flight of time. It might have some basis in the fact that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill met on the high seas and shaped the destiny of the United States of America and the British Empire. The object of that conference we are told was a new world order which would lift humanity right straight out of its present chaos. We are given to understand that after the war all nations shall have peace and the slaughter of human beings never happen again.

We recall similar promises after our entry into the last World War and still the hope springs eternal that somehow and in someway there must come out of this past chaos the birth of a new day. I heartily agree with that, but I find myself wondering just what will usher in this new era of peace, joy, happiness, and plenty. However, if the allied nations succeed in completely eliminating Hitler and the Japs, I see no solid foundation, either in this country or in Great Britain, upon which a new era free from chaos could be built.

Surely the social and economic unrest in the United States now cannot hope to have ushered in the long sought millenium. Surely the Labor Unions, with their newly granted power, clasping their hands round the neck of industry--surely no millenium will come with that oportunity.

Of course, in the evolution of the human race it is logical to believe that every step backward may be a step forward. It is not unreasonable to suppose that a serious change could be brought to humanity or instigated by humanity itself--I mean that the nations of the earth could and would have to be in complete harmony. Nothing is ever gained by war. One ideology may triumph over another. The nations having the greatest power will triumph over their weaker opponents--but the methods used to secure that triumph are the same methods used by the nations fighting for survival. It is logical then to suppose that the peace of the future will be based on armed might, as it was after the last war. It is doubtful whether permanent peace may ever come to this earth by those methods.

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The human race has in it all the faculties needed to create a brutal world calamity. It is abundantly demonstrating that now. The psychology of war is fear. If we did not fear Hitler and the Japs we would not fight them. If they did not fear us, they would not fight us. Fear is the natural result of a recognition of our own weakness. As a human race we are afraid. One nation fears what

another may do to it. So we build battleships etc., and we hope and trust that our weakness and fear may be transformed into safety and security by the strength of those weapons of destruction.

As always fear dominates the human race and this will always be so. Humanity has not yet discovered how to live without fear. There has not come into full recognition all its possible capabilities and powers. Our religion has had a great deal to do with this. Go back as far as we care to, inculcating into the human race the theory that in natural habitats and under ordinary circumstances it is completely lost and hopeless. Well-meaning religious orders have constantly advanced the theory that every one of us was "born in sin and shaped in iniquity". Therefore, to us the only escape from that is to believe in the doctrines and beliefs advanced by them. Only by believing in the presence of the Power of the Almighty God can man be liberated. In other words, it will take a great amount of Divine Grace to restore man to the wonderful environments of further union with God. Now further union with God would come pretty close to solving the problems which plague humanity today. The trouble, of course, lies in the fact that humanity as a whole is confused and bewildered by the many approaches to God which are presented to the nations by the various religious orders.

The followers of Mohammed will never become the followers of Jesus. Neither will the followers of Buddah become the followers of Christ. The Sun-worshippers of Africa will never become the followers of the Greek Orthodox Church. Each one of these systems of religion advances its own particular theory of God and each of them says that it alone is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

There are eleven major systems of religion operating on the earth today and we shall look into them here. The point I am trying to make is that no theory of God advanced by any system of theology has any possible chance of winning those other religions into its fold. Nor has it any chance of enveloping in its fold the great majority of human beings who make no religious profession whatsoever.

These theological systems, of course, may be good. Their intent is certainly good. But I am afraid it is hopeless to look for the birth of a new day through anything these many systems of theology has to offer. Each one of them advances a peace in their own Power and their own conception of the Almighty God as the only one in which the Power of the Creator may become manifest on this earth.

Now God is supposed to be the Creative Intelligence which formed this universe and everything in it. Surely the Power great enough to do that is great enough to present to this earth what is so sadly needed--permanent and lasting peace. It is entirely impossible through the creeds, rites and rituals of the eleven major systems of theology which are far removed from the actual truths of this supreme Being which we have called God. It is in the realm of possibility that the soul basis of these systems of religions is myth. Of course, every system of theology on the face of the earth will become exasperatingly indignant at this suggestion. It may be so, nevertheless.

Certainly these theological systems claim that they were originated by Almighty God and conditions of the world today answer

effectively the question as to how many of them have been able to trace these claims to definite origin.

Here in the United States our religion is Christian, at least nominally. That means that the religions of the United States are adherent to one of the eleven major systems of religion. This one being called Christian and following a god who was called Jesus Christ. It is interesting to note in passing that the Christian religion is the most recent of all major religions with the one exception of Mohammedanism. As is the case in other and older systems of theology or religions the Christians swear by all that is holy and if you do not believe in their God--Jesus Christ--you are not in harmony with them and cannot follow communion, a knowledge of that great Supreme Intelligence which created this universe. The sacred rites of the Christian religion tells the story of the creation of this universe. We are informed, through these rites, that the first created man was Adam who had a wife called Eve. They tell us that so bad was this first original creation of the Almighty God the Supreme Creator that he drowned them all like rats in a trap with the exception of one family. This gentleman was the "only man found righteous in the sight of the Lord", and he took all the animals by twos and herded them into an Arc which floated upon the face of the world for forty days. When the waters subsided Noah and his family celebrated their return to land in a similar manner to our celebration of the fourth of July.

Those who follow the Christian religion tell us that Noah had three sons, Sham, Ham, and Japheth. Then, thousands of years later, seeing the lost condition of the human race, the Almighty God

the Supreme Creator came to earth through the womb of a virgin who, incidentally, was a married woman. He came, we are told, to bring peace and goodwill here to this earth. He said that no one could be saved and know God unless he came to God through him.

Now that story may be completely true. Who am I to say it is not true. However, on browsing through one of the religions of India I find a remarkably similar story which originated some 1500 years before Jesus Christ was born. In this religion I find the same story of the creation and destruction of man. But in this religion of India I find that the first created couple on earth were not Adam and Eve, but Adamo and Heva. I find the similar story of the only righteous man on the face of the earth, but this man's name was not Noah. It was Noe. This righteous gentleman, according to the religion of India, had three sons. Their names were not Sham, Ham, and Japheth, but were Sherma, Hama, and Jiapheta. Then a little later, in the religion founded 1500 years before the time of Christ, we are told of Almighty God the Supreme Power came down to this earth in the form of a man and was called God. But this God was not called Jesus Christ. He was called Jeseus Chrishma. Like Jesus he was born of a virgin. But this virgin's name was not Mary. It was Maia. Now it is interesting to note and rather significant that both of these Gods were crucified on a cross for the sins of the world. Both crucified Gods were resurrected on the third day after burial. After the resurrection Jesus he arose up into the clouds in view of hundreds of people. In the case of Chrishma, he also was wafted into the heavens in full view of his followers who said "Io Chrishma ascends into his native skies."

We have here two accounts upon which two national religious systems are based. Each one hopes to bring complete and permanent peace to this earth through its own system. It would be possible to submit a design here if space permitted. Let it be distinctly understood here that I am not questioning the truth of either one of these theologies. Each of them has several hundred million followers. I also am as well acquainted with the Hindu religion. It, too, has the expediency of the sacrifice of their God on a cross to save this world from sin, and certainly the world is sin.

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Recently I had the occasion to look up the definition of the word "religion". Funk and Wagnalls standard dictionary said religion is "a belief in an invisible super-human power etc." Now I find myself wondering if it could be possible for these eleven major systems of theology have missed the point regarding the extent of the Almighty God. I wonder if it could be possible that the actual truths of God have been hidden from the human race because these eleven major systems of religion have advocated other theories of God which, while believed to be true, might be nothing of the sort. I cannot see the logic of a dozen Gods coming down from heaven to be crucified for the sins of this earth, and of all twelve of them having failed. Nor did I ever hear of a system of theology which told the human race that God is "an invisible super-human Power", without any appendages tacked on it. I can comprehend the Supreme Creator of this universe as a Power, but I cannot comprehend any of these theories advocated--that they and they alone had been

definitely inspired by the Almighty God and gone out to lift God to a suffering crucifixion. Might it not be possible that at first their anthropomorphic idea of God was considered perfectly correct? I seriously question that the Supreme Creator of this universe gave into the hands of any religious order any truth which is not universally available to all men regardless of their religious affiliation, or even to those without it.

That leads me to this point--if Almighty God is "an invisible, super-human Power", certainly it must be a fact that the invisible super-human Power which is God is at the instant disposal of the entire human race. If we discover that God is an invisible super-human reality available to all, then we have made the most epochal religious discovery of all ages. Now, I submit that this is the only conception of the Almighty God which can save this world from itself. I submit that here is a totally undiscovered realm of the invisible super-human Power which humanity has never known, let alone tapped. I submit that inspite of the anthropomorphic theories, the Jesus, Chrishma, Mohammed, Buddah, etc., theories apparently have not, on any theological occasion, been able to demonstrated on this earth an "invisible super-human Power."

If these good theological brethren know of such a Power, not only would they be able to demonstrate it, but they would be happy to do so. If the existence of such a Power could be demonstrated, what other power is there which could stand against it? Would not such a Power be abuntanly able, in the hands of the human race, to bring dictators to their fall and to usher in a new civilazation wherein the rights of man will be glorified?

What we see on this earth to day may be the nominal logical part of humanity, while having a dozen different major religions and hundreds of different creeds, which knows nothing whatsoever about the "invisible super-human Power."

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The author was reared in an exceedingly religious Baptist home. He was trained for the Baptist ministry. For many years he eagerly and earnestly tried to find an invisible super-human Power. He learned the precepts, preachments and everything else connected with the Baptist ministry. He failed utterly. From earliest childhood he was harnessed by an over powering desire to actually and literally discover the instinctively super-human Power what he knew must be God and which he knew must exist here and now available to the entire human race. He did not find this Power in the theological Baptist Seminary he attended. When he asked his professors for definite proof of the invisible super-human Power of God they looked at him in amazement. He was informed that the Baptist denomination was only a belief which should carry him safely forward so that in some future land he might know God.

But that did not satisfy the author of this article. He had a definite, firm, and over whelming conviction that an invisible super-human Power must exist here and now. He had the further conviction that he could find that Power regardless of the teachings of the Baptist or any other theological organization.

So he broke with the faith of his father and set out on what proved to be a hazardous, dangerous search for Almighty God.

What he suffered has been written elsewhere and will not be repeated here. Suffice it to say that after some thirty years of intense, heart-rending search for this invisible super-human Power which is God, your writer made the discovery that such a Power does exist. He made the first discovery that any man or woman any where may find, without a shadow of a doubt, that Almighty God does exist as an invisible super-human Power. He discovered, moreover, that the precepts, creeds, and preachments of any of the eleven major systems of religion on this earth were not finding this invisible super-human Power which is Almighty God. He discovered something else. He discovered that the preachments and precepts he had learned were hindering instead of helping him find the supreme super-human invisible Power of God.

At the time this discovery was made your writer was working in the Pioneer Drug Store as a licensed pharmacist in Yakima, Washington. At once he telegraphed the wholesale drug house in Spokane asking if a position could be found for him in a small town where the drug stores closed at six o'clock at night. He secured a position at Moscow, Idaho in the Corner Drug Store. When he arrived in Moscow with a wife and three year old son and forty dollars in his pocket he immediately went to work and buying an old Corona typewriter for five dollars from a clothes salesman he gave to the world a simple yet effective philosophy of an invisible super-human Power available to all here and now and without articles of set creeds. Borrowing \$500 from a grocery clerk your writer drew up an announcement of his discovery and sent it to a magazine of national circulation. The animosity of all religious organizations was soon felt. In the little city of Moscow the towns-folk would come into the drug store to see who this person was who said that man could

talk with God. Soon the combined efforts of religion as a whole attempted to overthrow this man and his teaching and every attempt was made to drive him and his philosophy out of the country. However these attempts failed and the hunger of the American people for knowledge of an invisible super-human Power was manifested.

What has happened since has made religious history. Inside of one year this new religion had gone into sixty-seven different countries and everywhere Students of it by the tens of thousands corroborated the findings of this man who found the invisible super-human Power of the Almighty God. This Power can be found by every normal human being on the face of the earth because it gives hope to the human race in its hope for permanent peace. I see in it a power so staggering that with this invisible super-human Power Hitler and his ilk could be completely defeated.

Your author has not in the slightest degree any interest in anything except bringing to the human race this staggering, epochal discovery of the invisible super-human Power of an invisible spirit called God, to dethrone and overthrow every negative power of evil and to do it NOW.