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THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD

"WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD"?---this is a quotation from one of the bibles of one of the major systems of religion on the earth today. As you know, there are 11 major systems of religion. Some are larger than the religion of America, and some are smaller. They each have their own deity and they each have their own sacred writings, or bible. It is very essential when dealing with vital and fundamental spiritual truths, as I deal with them, that we do not make the mistake of looking at the entire world of religion from any one of these systems of religion. One cannot get the true picture if one does that. For each and every one of these eleven major systems, honestly believes and teaches that all other systems of religion are false. They teach that every other deity than theirs, is false. They teach that every other bible excepting theirs, is also false. So then, to get at the truth as it exists, we cannot argue or plead from the inside of any one of these religious structures. We must speak from the outside of them. For there is but one God, while according to these varying systems of theology, there are at least eleven gods. These eleven gods cannot all be true. Either one is true and the rest false, or they all are false. Now seeing that each and every one of these systems of religion claim the TRUE GOD, it will be necessary for the searcher for REAL spiritual truth and knowledge to operate entirely outside of these systems of religion.

The Christian, of course, insists that his crucified god is the only true God the world has ever known. But the Hindoo claims the same thing, and has a lot more followers to back him up. Also, the Hindoo had his god and his story of "redemption" long long years before either Christ or the Christian religion were ever heard from. The Christian religion, with its claims to originality and truth, is the most recent (but one) of all major systems of religion. And if we are to believe it, which many say they do, then we must discard all the rest of them, with their teeming millions, and all of these must be classed as "lost", because the Christian tells us there is no salvation in any other name than the name of Jesus Christ. But the Hindoo was telling the world that, of his god, 1400 years before the dawn of Christianity. And the other systems of religion, each with their separate deity, were also preaching a "crucified god" who was born of a virgin in many instances, and who really was God in the form of a "son of god". One god the world had was a woman. Another was a black god. That reminds me of another black god in Harlem, even today.

In the light of this evidence, the thinker can only lay all of these claims to divinity and originality and God to one side until he examines the evidence either for or against such claims. Personally, after many long years of investigation, I am convinced, and I can prove that all of these claims to divinity cannot be true. All of these "crucified gods" cannot be real or ever have been real. I am convinced that the "crucified god" of the Christian religion is just as mythical as are the "crucified gods" of the larger and older religions. As a matter of fact, in my book "GLEAMS OVER THE ~~#####~~ HORIZON, I prove, beyond a shadow of doubt, that the entire Christian story in its entirety (fundamentally) was contained in, and may still be found in the religion of India. I am convinced that the very fundamentals of the story of Jesus Christ were copied in their entirety from the religion of the Hindoo. Furthermore, no honest thinking man or woman can read that book and the other evidence available, without coming to the same conclusion.

Facts are fact. In the realm of religion, facts are very often suppressed. But invariably there comes the one who drags them into the sunlight of publicity, and when this happens, of course, a great howl goes up from those who have been taught that there cannot ever be another "crucified god" than theirs.

This is what they were taught in childhood, therefore it must be true. But, I repeat, there can be but one God, and I don't believe that Great Spirit which is God, ever allowed itself to be crucified on a cross regardless of what any and all of the world's eleven systems of religion teach. To me, the Christian religion stands absolutely without proof. It never was capable of proof. And in the light of what we know of a score of other "crucified gods" who came down from heaven to save the world from "sin", I am bound to relag~~ate~~ the entire story to pagan myth and superstition. Now I know as well as you know that this statement brings down the wrath of the Christian religion right squarely on my head. I realize that this statement buds me "atheist". But just a moment--there is no more proof of the truth of the Christian religion than there is of the truth of a score of other "crucified gods", so, after all, I might be right. And if I am right, and if the true picture of God has never yet been brought to this earth, what then? What about the terrible significance of "PSYCHIANA" if it should be the Movement through which the true Spirit of God is really operating?

Do you not see that this Movement is the most stupendous thing the realm of religion has ever known? Do you not see that with the true God manifesting His power on this earth, that just as soon as men and women see that Power and the truths of God, this world will change? Do you not see that? Well that is exactly the situation as it exists today. All of these religious stories of "crucified gods" who were "sons of god", are not true, in my opinion. Therefore, the truths of God MUST lie somewhere else, for certainly there is a God. And it is equally certain that, in spite of these eleven major systems or religion, this world does not know God. If it did, it would not be in the mess it's in today. For God and present world conditions cannot be adjusted or adjudicated. They are foreign to each other. The one cannot where the other does exist. If any proof of the falsity of the story of any of these "crucified gods" was needed, that proof is ample and abundant. And anyone can see it. Just look at the world today in spite of the score of "crucified gods" it has had.

They have all claimed to be the only true religion, and they still claim to have the ~~only~~ only true God. What what they claim is not borne out by the very self-evident facts, is it? I think not. If Hitler, or Stalin, or any of the rest of that gang knew God, do you think they would be manufacturing "bombing planes" etc with which to blast innocent human beings into eternity? Why is it, think you, that religion after religion is being cast out of many nations and countries? Is it because these nations and countries do not want God? Not at all. It's just simply because what has masqueraded as being of God, is opposed to the needs and the mentalities of these countries. In other words, these organizations, calling themselves "the church", have not even faintly manifested anything even approaching God, and these nations are not going to allow any religious organization to become a political power, until and unless that system of religion demonstrates that it is operating in the Power of God, for the glory of God and humanity, and NOT IN ITS OWN INTERESTS. This, these systems of religion have not to date done. And this world wants God. Every nation is hungry for God, right now. But they are going to have the true God or they are going to take nothing at all. You cannot fool them longer with your claim that your system of religion alone is of God, all the rest of the systems being false. They have had that philosophy for too long now.

Now what is the answer? If these eleven systems of theology are not true, where does the truth lie? And what is the trouble with religion today? Shall I tell you?---well they are "LOOKING FOR THE LIVING AMONGST THE DEAD. And they cannot find Him there. To begin with, religion today starts with a dead god. It has but a "crucified god". They may say their "god" rose from the dead. But I fail to see where that helps because no one today has ever seen him. And even if all of the score of crucified gods rose from the dead, we are not told that they stayed on this earth, but we are told that they are now "in heaven at the right hand of God, making ~~groanings~~ intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered". Well, that's rather a useless formula, if they were God. Much better would it not be for them to be down here, making intercession for God with groanings which cannot be uttered, instead of being "in heaven" wherever that questionable place may be.

No beloved---we have been looking for a Living God amongst "the dead". Dead rites and rituals. Dead preachers and priests. Dead philosophies. Dead church membership. They all admit that they are on the verge of extinction, yet they insist that "ours is the only true crucified god the world has ever known". And while they are sending this foolish message round the earth, the world is headed straight for disaster and hell, because it knows not the true God, nor does it know of anyone who might be able to teach it of the true God. The days of "dead gods" is gone. The Day of the Living Spirit of God is coming in. It is coming in through this simple Movement here in Moscow Idaho. And the churches, Catholic and Protestant, will have to discard all allegiance to either a "virgin-born mother of God", or an "crucified God" before they can do anything at all towards redeeming humanity and bringing to it, the truths of God. There is no other way out. They don't like this sort of writing and I don't like to write this way. But there is no other way out.

Chances are, their "crucified god" is neither original or true. There have been too many of them for them all to be true. And if the story is not true, it will perish as it should perish. All I am doing is the greatest religious work this world has ever known. I am pointing out the error, and telling men and women where the truth lies. Man can do no more or no better than that. True, it brings misery to those I love. It has meant being hauled before the Federal Court. It has meant many a heartache, but what of these things? I would very gladly go through them all again, and through many more things if by so doing, I can rout the religious superstition which covers the earth like a pall today, and replace it with God's brilliant sunshine. For the SUN (not the son) of God does shine. The Living Reality which is God, does exist. But don't look for the living amongst the dead. You will not find The Living God there. You will find Him when you discard utterly every semblance of either "virgin births" or "crucified gods" etc. God cannot be found in such superstitions. He CAN BE FOUND IN YOU.