

LECTURE

Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934, Masonic Temple

I am very glad to be in Spokane tonight and welcome this fine audience. This is the first time I have had the privilege of addressing a Spokane audience. First, I am going to read a letter which has just been sent to me.

The letter comes from the House of Representatives, State of Washington.

Dr. Frank B. Robinson
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Dr. Robinson:

On behalf of President Fred E. Bennett of the American Science Foundation of Chicago, you are hereby challenged to a Public Debate on the question of Apostolic Christianity versus Psychiana.

We believe that a debate of this character would arouse much interest. If you desire to accept this opportunity, or wish to make further inquiry and discuss details, you will kindly communicate with the undersigned without delay; since Dr. Bennett's stay in this vicinity is limited.

Very truly yours,

(H. B. Clark)
As Member of Board of Governors,
American Science Foundation

That comes to me on stationery from the House of Representatives, State of Washington from Olympia.

Debate is only another name for argue and you could argue from now until the crack of doom and then when doom cracked, you wouldn't be any closer to the Truth than you were before. My time is pretty well occupied, as you probably know and I have no time to debate or argue with anyone. Five years ago, all alone with no money, I released to this world, Psychiana, a religious philosophy conceived by me. How it would go, I did not know. Without going into details, I will state that five years ago tonight, the teaching has gone into sixty-seven countries of the world. This last month, March was the greatest month we have ever had.

Outside of our newspaper plant, we used up eight tons of paper in our Multigraphing Department and in the Mailing department over one million envelopes were used. My own personal correspondence is in the neighborhood of three hundred letters a day, so you can readily understand why I have neither the time nor the inclination to debate with anyone.

I may speak a little bit plainly tonight, but I want to say now that it is not my desire to tread on anyone's toes. All I have ever been interested in in the Realm of religion is Truth, if it can be found.

Now there is one other point that I want to mention here. That is the collection proposition. I have never yet taken up an offering anywhere. Usually a charge is made for admission or it is free. However, announcements have been made both in the papers and over the air, but I do not want that, so I have made arrangements for the offering to be taken, but I am turning it over to the Kiwanis Health Center for undernourished children, so when the time comes of the offering, please remember that.

Now, any religious philosophy or teaching which goes around the world in one year as this did has some Truth. I do not claim it has all the Truth by any means, but I do claim it has a slant on Truth, which has been presented by no one before me, to my knowledge.

There has been a certain amount of criticism by those who know nothing whatsoever about what I teach. Some of that criticism has been that I am an atheist or a yogi. Well, I do not think so. My literature and books, courses and everything I have ever written is based and founded on the existence of God.

I have trodden on the toes of some orthodox people who choose to still believe that the earth was made in six days. That same type of person also believes that a deep sleep was caused to come over one person and a rib was taken from him and another person made. In the first place, it isn't true. I think that sort of religion and the picture as it exists today, ladies and gentlemen, isn't true. We are living in a changing age. We are living in an age of new deals. Practically over night new deals are given to us. We have a new deal in our social structure. We have a new deal ~~economically~~ in our economic structure and yet, in the realm of religion, we are supposed to stand perfectly still and believe what the old philosophers taught five thousand years ago on the plains of Mohomet, accept old philosophies taught five thousand years ago, originating and told by some old sheep herder or other. Let me say this to you, if the Realm of religion does not progress and does not grow it will fall by the weight of its own error. While it has never been my intention, nor is there now the faintest idea or the slightest inclination on my part to tread upon anyone's toes, at the same time, I shall always preach and teach the truths of God as I believe those Truths to exist.

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I was born in a Baptist family, son of a Baptist minister, educated in a Baptist denomination, so I know fairly well the philosophies of the Baptist religion. I have chosen to part company with that sort of thing. To me, it is neither true nor scientific.

Of course, there are many good, sincere Christians to whom the passing of the old faith and the coming of the new seems to bring much anguish and forebodings of impending evil. Some students have written to me and said, "You have taken away my God," or "you will destroy the future of religion, you have taken away our Bible, you state that it is not true and you have left us nothing in return. No notion could be further from the Truth. Science has taken from the Bible and from religion only that which was a detriment to both. All that was good or true is still ours.

Science has taken nothing that she has not returned a hundred fold and you and I, ladies and gentlemen, will get farther in the Realm of religion, farther in the realm of Truth by following scientific principles than we ever will by following old creeds, traditions and dogmas, which had their inception and origin thousands of years ago. Science has taken nothing that she has not returned a hundred fold. She has taken away the cosmogony of Genesis and has given us astronomy and geology. She has taken away the creation of man and has given us his evolution. She has taken away the fall of man and has given us his eternal progress. She has taken away the story of Babel and has given us Philology. She has taken away miracles and has given us natural law and order. She has taken away superstition and ignorance and has given us law, order and scientific truth. She has taken the false halo of deity from the brow of Jesus and has crowned him with divine humanity. She has taken away the authority of revealed religion, with all the dangers and disadvantages it entails, and has given us a rational and ever-growing religion, embodying all that was good in the old faiths, yet in complete harmony with all the learning of today, and in perfect sympathy with whatever progress the future may bring.

But the work of science is not yet finished. The dogmatic walls of the old faith must be torn down, for they cumber the ground where the edifice of a greater religion is being built. Already the foundations are laid, and on those, the spiritual architects are building, better and grander than the world has ever known, a temple of universal religion. No narrow creed shall bar the sacred portals of that temple, but her doors shall ever open stand to all who seek the truth. Within her sacred walls the devotees of every faith may worship in security. No cup of hemlock there shall still the philosophic tongue. No crown of thorns shall there adorn the brow of innocents. No burning fagots shall there await the doubting mind. No voice shall there command except the still, small voice of reason. On the sacred altar of this temple will rest the Bible, and every other book that has inspired the heavy heart of man. There the lowly Nazarene will be revered, and so will every other Son of God who has helped to ease the burdens of the world. The Holy Mother Mary will be adored, as will every woman who has played the sacred role of motherhood. Guided by the stars of hope and love, wise men from the east and from the west will lay their treasure at the feet of every new born babe and welcome it to a world of brotherhood, while all the worshipers join the strain of Peace on earth, good will to men.

Now, those are just a few introductory remarks. I want to say to the personal audience here that you were handed a card when you came in. If you are interested in knowing more about "Psychiana", what it is, what it means, then you may mail that card to Moscow. It needs no postage. You of the radio audience, if you will address a post card or letter to me at Moscow immediately, there will be sent to you, full details. Now a musical program for the benefit of the unseen audience will ensue while the offering is being taken up and I shall return in just a few moments.

OFFERING WAS TAKEN

Now, the question we are going to consider tonight is, Did Jesus Christ Rise From the Dead? It seems to me that I hear some of you saying, "Well, is there any question about that?" Now, let me say to you that there is a very big question about whether he did or not. As a matter of fact, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is rejected by almost everyone who has scientifically studied the story of the miraculous birth, the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If it were an original story, then there might be some ground for believing it. There are millions of people who say they believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but the chances are that the only reason they believe in it is that they were taught to believe in it since childhood. These millions of people have never taken the time to investigate for themselves the foundations of their faith. Consequently, they are in no position to give a reasonable and logical explanation as to why they believe this story, except that it was handed down to them by their forefathers.

The story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let me repeat, is by no means an original story. If we examine the Bibles and the religions of other nations, we are met with the startling fact that every essential fundamental of Christianity was known to millions of people hundreds and thousands of years before Christ was ever heard of. The history of ancient religions tells us that over a score of Gods had been miraculously born of virgins, had come down to this earth to save it, had met the cruel death of crucifixion and had risen from the grave hundreds and thousands of years before the time of Christ.

Now if we accept the resurrection of Jesus Christ as being true, then we are bound also to accept the resurrections of these other crucified Gods as being true, for there is no more evidence that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was a fact than there is that the resurrection of these other crucified saviours was a fact. If all of these resurrection stories are true, then we must have in heaven at the present time, about a score of crucified Gods, and surely with that number, the world cannot or should not be lost.

If on the other hand, the accounts of the crucifixions of these Gods of antiquity are not true, then neither

is the account of the resurrection of the Christian's God true. Every theology professor should know these facts, but if they do, they very carefully conceal ~~them~~ from their followers, the fact that every fundamental of Christianity did exist in pagan religions long before Christ was ever heard of.

I have a book, recently published entitled, *Crucified Gods Galore*. That book has more than four hundred pages, full of evidence and proof of the existence of at least twenty crucified saviours, all before the time of Jesus Christ. Now, I want you to think about that a little bit because if it is a fact that every fundamental of the Christian story existed in pagan religion long before Christ was ever heard of, then we can't help thinking that this whole Christian story might very easily be the old pagan story told once more.

We are living in an age that is rapidly changing. History is being made over night and it is not reasonable to me to think that we should make progress in every other line and stand still in the realm of religion, and that is exactly what the priests and preachers are asking us to do today. They are asking you and me to accept and believe the same philosophy given to the people two thousand years ago. You can look back forty or fifty years and you see a change in the mental and religious attitudes of people even in that short length of time. Yet in our religious lives, we are asked to base the hope of our past and future salvation on a story which was in effect two thousand years ago. Yes, six thousand years ago. If you look back over American history, you find that there is written in our own country's reddest blood the cruel records of the struggles and sufferings of patriotism while laboring 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 over the smouldering fires of hope, and the cold, dark night of disappointment settled like a pall over the sons of liberty. Just when the night was darkest, the infidel Paine again 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. Then from far-off France, came Lafayette, an alien and an infidel, to fight for freedom and humanity. In that dark hour, Benjamin Franklin, the American Socrates, an infidel, a deist, prevailed upon the Court of France to send the aid that made our freedom possible.

Now, I realize the fact that it may be dangerous to try to upset the religious ideas of those, who from childhood, have been saturated with creeds, dogmas and traditions expounded to them for so many years. But, we must remember that not one of these religious organizations have submitted to us one scintilla of evidence of the truth of their story. There are those who have told me that if I take away the superhuman origin ~~of~~ and authority of the Bible, I destroy religion. They tell me that if I take away the superhuman origin and authority of the Bible, that I take away their only moral code, leaving them drifting on an unknown sea. This is not so, for the foundation of religion and morals is entirely independent of any book or verbal revelation. It is a part of man and a part of nature.

Now, at this Easter time, I think it might be a good plan if we might examine the foundations of our faith. I think it might be a good plan to just carefully take analysis of that story and find out if the evidence is for it or against it. I might say in passing that my conception of religion is a realization of my obligations to God and my fellowmen. The Bible, like other writings, both sacred and profane, may help to point out the way to true religion and to God, but it is no necessary part of that religion or of God. All that is good or true or helpful in the Bible will still remain for us after a belief in its superhuman origin has ceased to exist. With this view of the Bible as a work of man, all its cruelties and immoralities, its absurdities and contradictions, Deuteronomy and Esther, Johah and the whale--all cease to trouble. They are but the chaff amidst the wheat, the dross amidst the gold.

These facts take away no fundamental truth of any true religion, for there is no religion higher than the Truth. No ancient tradition, no church council, no Christian creed can decide for you or for me what is true, what is good, what is inspired, what is the Word of God. God's everlasting word is written on every page of nature. The laws of nature are the laws of nature's God, not proclaimed alone to a favored few in ages past, but ever revealed in every age to every man whose mind and heart is open to receive the sacred truth. No, this does not leave us drifting helplessly on the great unknown. It leaves us with our reason, which is the safest guide when upon the boundless deep. Better to sail alone upon a shoreless sea, tossed by the waves of thought, drifting with the winds of truth, guided only by the stars of hope and reason than to be soothed to sleep by a siren's song amide the rocks and breakers of a false belief.

Now, I received a letter yesterday morning from a lady from one of the Southern states. This letter enclosing another letter from the pastor of here church. She had given him an article from one of my magazines. In this article, I had made the statement of the existence of at least a score of crucified gods prior to the time of Jesus Christ. This minister had replied to that statement in effect by saying that this fellow Robinson, absolutely did not know what he was talking about. I sent that preacher a free copy of Crucified Gods Galore and I think, perhaps when he reads that book, he will positively, definitely know that the entire story of the virgin birth, crucifixion, & resurrection had been told a score to times, long before the year one a.d. And Mind you, the corner stone of Christianity is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then Christianity cannot be. If it is possible to prove that Christ did not rise from the dead, then automatically you prove that Christianity is but a superstition--a superstition born of ignorance and credulity, of piety and fraud, of weakness and cunning of priestcraft and persecution and the entire structure will crumble at your feet.

The doctrine of the resurrection from the dead, I repeat, is far older than Christianity. I want you to grasp this fundamental fact. Thousands of years before the preaching

peasant of Palestine was born, India, Egypt, Babylonia--all the ancient countries, knew the story of the resurrection. These countries, whose religions were of great antiquity, had numerous Gods. They had virgin-born saviours who were the sons of their gods. While these saviours lived, they worked miracles and after their death, they all arose again and ascended into heaven.

As I have stated, time will not permit a study of all of the resurrections of these pagan gods, but I want to consider here, the resurrection of a few of them.

About twelve hundred years before Christ was born--and there is no certainty that he ever was born--Christna the crucified Hindoo savior, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. He was attended by celestial spirits, amid the wondrous illumination of heaven and earth, the savior of men, slowly rose from earth to paradise, while witnesses exclaimed with joy.

Five hundred years before Christ, the great Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, the religion that now embraces one-third of the human race, lay dead in India. From heaven's supreme God came the command: "Rise, Holy Love." Then the shroud of Buddha unrolled itself; by divine power the lid of his coffin was removed; and Buddha, the enlightened one, the saviour of mankind, released from the grip of death, rose to heaven's glory.

Now ancient Egypt worshipped the risen god Osiris. It is most remarkable to find that at least five thousand years ago, men trusted in Osiris as the "risen Savior" and confidently hoped to rise, as he arose, from the grave. Among the Greeks, Aesculapius, the son of God, the savior, the divine healer, after being put to death, rose in triumph from the grave.

As a matter of fact, the resurrection of gods was a fundamental idea in the religions of all the nations by which the Jews were surrounded. With these religions, the Jews were familiar and from them they borrowed many ideas. For example, the worship of Adonis, the virgin-born savior of the Syrians, was well known to the Jews long before the time of Christ. In the Hebrew, the word "Adonis," means "Our Lord"; and this god had an altar in the very temple of Jehovah at Jerusalem. The resurrection of Adonis was annually celebrated in Judea--in Bethlehem, even as late as four hundred A. D. in the very same town where Christ was said to have been born, even as late as 400 A.D. over Bethlehem the grove of Tammuz, or of Adonis, was casting its shadow, and in the very same grove where formerly the infant Christ Jesus cried, the lover of Venus was being mourned. Now observe the significance of that declaration that in the very selfsame town where Christ was lying four hundred years before, the mythical savior of the Syrians, was observed in the very cave where the Christian savior was believed to have been born, in the very same city and in the very same town.

If the story of the resurrection of a god who was the son of a god is far older than Christianity, if thousands of millions of people in India, Egypt, Babylonia, Persia, Greece and Rome lived and died in the conviction that savior gods had risen from the dead in their behalf, and if these resurrection stories were well known to the people among whom Christianity arose, how can we be certain that the account of Christ's resurrection is not the ancient myth told again?

The worship of Osiris continued for about six thousand years. During that time thousands of millions of Egyptians implicitly believed that he had risen from the dead, exactly as thousands of people are trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ today. What I want to know is this--by what criterion shall we decide that the resurrection of Osiris was a fable, while the resurrection of Christ was a fact. By what standard do we reject as false the divine resurrections of the old religions and accept as true the resurrection story of the religions of yesterday, when there is positively no more evidence of the truth of the birth of Jesus Christ than there is of the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of at least a score of others.

Now that is the question, ladies and gentlemen which led me, years ago, to investigate a little bit the entire Christian story. I investigated the Bible and wonder of wonders, I found many strange things concerning that book. In the first place, I found that the New Testament on which we are asked to base our hope of the present and future life was a perfectly, positively anonymously written book. No one knows who wrote the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. As a matter of fact, we do not know that these men had anything to do with the writing of those gospels. No one knows where they were written, and as far as saying that they are divinely inspired by God, they are no more divinely inspired than are ~~Bibles-et-~~ the other Bibles of antiquity.

I rather expected this. I don't know if there are any more here, but if there should be those here who can't stand scientific truth, right now is a good time to get out and then the rest of us will have a grand time.

Now, folks listen. If Christ were only a man, his death was only a human death, and therefore could not be an atonement for the sins of the world. Christianity teaches that Christ was God and that his sacrifice was divine and infinite and that as God, he rose from the dead. But if Christ were God, how could he die? How could a few moments' suffering destroy the infinite resources of a God's longevity? How could a God's infinite hold on life be conquered by the frail means used to overcome the life of a man? Nothing could be more flagrantly absurd than the idea that a God was put to death by piercing the hands and feet of a Jewish peasant.

But let us suppose that God did die. Let us suppose that the creator of the universe threw his life away,

and allowed the crucifixion to reduce him to the cold, pathetic stillness of death. God was dead. They buried him. God lay dead in the tomb. Well, how did he come to life again? Who, or what, resurrected him? A dead God becomes a living God--by what means? Could he thrill his nerves with the melody of life when he was dead? Could he, in death, re-animate with infinite designs the brain from which all consciousness had fled? If he could not return himself to life, what in the universe could restore him? There was no other God to resurrect him. He was the only God, and he was dead. Now if that is not superstition for you, I have never seen it.

There was no resurrection of deity on that fabled Easter morning so long ago and I will tell you why there wasn't. Because there was never any deity in that entire story. If I had the time tonight, we would just ramble through some of these old gospels and find some of the absurdities and observe the contradictions in them.

Now, I want to assume for a moment that these gospels were written by the men whose names they bear. No one knows who wrote a line of any of the Gospels. It is certain that they were not written by the disciples of Christ or by anybody acquainted with Christ or his immediate followers. The superscriptions did not originally belong to the Gospels, they were added by the church and according to these persons, and any priest or preacher will tell you that nobody knows where they came from.

Now, as a matter of fact, let me tell you that they were not of divine inspiration by any means. A group of Roman Catholic priests had a meeting and took a vote. One probably said to the other, "Well, what do you think about it?"
omitted something here.

I have in my possession copies of the sixteen other books which were originated in the council and which were voted on and you take those sixteen books and hook them up with those we have and you haven't got very much at that.

Now, listen, I am in earnest about this thing and always have been and always will be. This United States of ours will never progress and will never get down to sane, common religious beliefs until we discard all stories of that type, which cannot be proven.

APPLAUSE

What difference does it make to me or to you, for how is it going to help you and me to live a life that helps the other fellow by believing that two thousand years ago, the impossible was committed. Don't ask me to accept any philosophy like that. I want something more read, more reasonable, more true. The hearts and minds of American people were never more open to receive the truths of God than they are tonight.

But they are saturated with the old superstitions which have been handed to them by priests and preachers as divine, and they were told that if they did not believe it they would be damned.

APPLAUSE

Well, I may be damned, but I will see some of you folks, shake hands with you. My time is going, however, only have about eight minutes left, but I want to call your attention to just one more fact.

If it were really true that Christ rose from the dead, the world would know the exact date on which the resurrection took place. The date of a fact of such momentous importance--a fact that hurled defiance in the face of Nature, and conquered the forces of the world--could never be forgotten by the mind of man. But the Christian church has never known, nor does she now know, the date of Christ's resurrection. The resurrection is celebrated, not on the anniversary of any particular day, but in accordance with astronomical facts. Easter Sunday is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the twenty-first of March, the spring equinox. The celebration of the resurrection is therefore a festival of changing time--it may occur as early as the twenty-second of March, or as late as the twenty-fifth of April. Could anything be more curious than this manner of celebrating a historical event. Why should we depend upon the spring equinox.

Now, there is something else which I showed very plainly in my book, Crucified Gods Galore and that is that the vast majority of the crucified gods before this one were all born on the 25th day of December, every last one of them.

Why should the resurrection of Christ, if an actual occurrence, depend upon the course of the sun and the phases of the moon? Why should it be celebrated in March one year, and in April the next? Simply because the resurrection story is only a pagan fable retold in Christian form, and don't tell me that those priests and preachers do not know it.

Nobody knows that Christ ever lived. If he was crucified, nobody knows that he was dead when he was buried. Nobody saw him rise from the tomb. Nobody knows who wrote the resurrection stories, but any thinking person who will examine these stories will discover that they are myths.

Now, what we want is Truth and if that story is not the truth, then let us get rid of it and let us find out what the Truth is and you will find, when you do find religious truth that it does not depend upon the death of anyone man. That is not the way natural Law works. What kind of God would he be if he inflicted an unjust death upon the son of God to bring salvation to the human race. Away with that kind of story and I mean just that.

You wouldn't exist five minutes if it were not for the Power of the great God-Realm. There was a time in your life and mine when you and I were nothing more nor less than the combination of two little bugs, the sperm and ovum. Now at that point of the combination or union of those two little bugs, a real and powerful law stepped into the picture and took complete charge of the building operations, until nine months later when a perfectly formed child was born. Now let me ask you, do you think for one moment that when that child was born, that this great Infinite Law said, "There you go, paddle your own canoe from now on."

The same Law is operating today and when you and I discard pagan superstition of every kind, we will begin to find something of that Law. But how are you going to find the Truths of God when you base your entire religious thought on the story of any man rising from the dead.

Christ did not rise from the dead on that fabled Easter morning nor has anyone risen before that for the simple reason that it is a law of God that a dead man has the universal habit of staying dead. They do not come back to life.

The promise of the future welcomes the steps of those who want to see the Light. Now, ladies and gentlemen, all over the world, the Light, Spiritual Light, is breaking and it is not breaking through any religious organization of any kind. It is breaking because men and women are getting tired of these old superstitions and are getting rid of all that bolony. Let's find out some natural truths about God.

APPLAUSE

And the best thing now, you can call this sacreligious or any other word you want to, but the best think that can happen to your city would be to close up every religious house in it, on every corner of the city of Spokane for they are only putting out a superstition that existed long before this last God was ever heard of. Is that a healthy belief?

It isn't very many years ago that fagots were burned in England and the church burned people alive because they wouldn't accept salvation their way. Not very long ago a friend of mine in New York City said, Doc, I want to show you something interesting. We went into a Museum and this friend of mine had personally brought from England some of the instruments of torture used by the Christians. There was an iron maiden which stood about that high. About ~~six~~ every six inches there were spikes about six inches long. The "unsaved" ones were compelled to sit in this chair stark naked on these spikes and were chained in that condition. Then there was the helmet which was fitted over the head and on each side of this helmet was a funnel-shaped affair hollow on

the inside and into which molten lead was poured into the ears of the victims. This was all done in the name of God. In the name of God, let's get rid of that kind of stuff. I didn't intend to do this tonight. All I want to do for my tens of thousands of students and friends is to get rid of every story that reason won't grasp and when you have done that and when you have gotten away from that supernatural God and divinely inspired Bible, where are you? You are left alone with God and you have no religious organization of any kind and you need none to teach the Truths of God to you. What are you? Are you separate from God? Did he have nothing to do with you? A natural law is operating in your life so why, why subscribe to the doctrines of some organization, all it wants is your dollar.

My time is up and I do not think I can very well close with prayer, but I will say this to you folks, you will find this as you study---that you do not need to go to preachers or priests for religious Truth. You will find that religious Truth in the quietness of your own soul and in the quietness of your own reason. This world didn't haphazardly happen, not by any manner of means, but in an attempt to capitalize on natural and spiritual truths, these religious organizations have sprung into existence and as long as you pay them, you are all right; as long as you subscribe to them, you are all right, but that day is gone---not quite gone, but it is going and in fifteen years from today, while a talk like this will receive criticism in Spokane tonight, it will be preached in every church in the land.

You know, there is just one last word that I will leave with you. You fellows be quiet. You want to know something of the power of the Realm of God. Now, don't go into any church organization looking for it for out of the stillness of your own soul, mind and reason will come to you, something of the natural, normal workings of the God-Law, coming from the Realm, not above the skies, but from a Realm here and now. God's place isn't up above us. His place is here and now among us. What's he doing up there?

The Power of the God-Realm is as free as the air you breathe. You need nobody to pilot you into Spiritual truth, because if he does, he will sell you a ticket on his ship and you will have to go his way in competition to another line. I suppose I will catch it in the papers tomorrow.

Well, we have the radio audience out of the way now. You know a Baptist preacher came to me this morning just before I left. He said that he understood that I was going to put on a performance in Spokane. Well, my talks have never been alluded to as performances but I told him that I would give him a seat on the platform, but I don't see him.

Now let me show you, if you want me to talk a little longer, some of the foolish things, some of the wonderful proof we have that Christ arose again. Now this is getting down to actual evidence, and by the way, talking about evidence, if I were to say to you that I had sliced orange and toast for breakfast this morning, it wouldn't take much evidence for that is very common place, but if I were to get on this platform and and tell you that I walked down Riverside Avenue on my ears, how much evidence do you think I would need to submit to you to prove such a rank impossibility.

I say to you who believe the story, where is your evidence and I am told that you take it on faith. Well, you can go and sell that to the other fellow.

Now, if I ask the gospels how many women came to the sepulcher, here is what I find. John says that one came-- Mary Magdalene. Matthew says that there were two---Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. Mark holds that there were three-- Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and salome. Luke insists that there were at least five--Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them. Four inspired writers, yet not one of them can tell us how many women came to the sepulcher of a risen God.

At what time did the women come to the tomb, Matthew. In the end of the Sabath at sunset Saturday evening. Mark says they came at sunrise on the first day of the week-- on Sunday morning. When the women came to the tomb, they found it empty. The stone had been rolled away. The grave clothes lay where they had been cast. Jesus was no longer in the grave. How long had the sepulcher been empty? Nobody knows. No writer ventures the information that he was present when the resurrection took place; nor does any writer say that anybody else ever said that he or she was present when it happened. The resurrection stands without a single witness. All that the Gospels tell us is that when the women visited the tomb, Jesus was not there.

When the women came to the sepulcher, whom did they meet? Matthew says they met an angel. Mark says they met a young man. Luke is certain that they met two men. You are all wrong, declares John, they met two angels. Matthew, where was the angel when the women met him? "He was sitting on the stone outside the sepulcher." Mark, where was the young man? "He was sitting in the sepulcher, on the right side." What did the women do when they were told that Jesus had risen from the dead? Matthew says they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy and did run to bring his disciples word. Mark, is that what they did? No, it is not. Then tell us, Mark, what they did. "They went out quickly and fled from the sepulcher for they trembled and were amazed. Neither said they anything to any man, for they were afraid.

Note the last contradiction to which I called your attention. Matthew says the women hurried from the tomb to tell the disciples of the resurrection; Mark says they fled in fear, and for that reason said nothing about it to any man. Both of these statements cannot be true.

Where did Jesus first meet his disciples after his rise from the dead? Matthew is certain that it was on a mountain in Galilee. Luke insists that it was in Jerusalem. Galilee is at one end of Palestine and Jerusalem at the other. The two points--one in the North and the other in the South are separated by what was then known as a three day journey. Now I don't see how Jesus could be at both points at the same time.

I do not say this under any consideration to be sacreligious at all, but I am out to try and preach a logical, sane religion and not one dependent upon heresay evidence of that kind for its proof. If we take a common sense view of the thing, we will all automatically discard all that kind of stuff and when that is gone, you and I can get together and men and women all over the world will get together and they will find what Spiritual Truth there is to be found. God doesn't say to me, "I will appoint someone and you and your organization are the soul dispensers of my truths." Never mind priests and preachers, never mind those who tell a story of divine inspiration from yesterday. That stuff should be put back into the dark ages where it originated.

That is what "Psychiana stands for and when I walked out of that Drug Store, I walked out with nothing only this philosophy of life. Now I have students in every country in the world and have the largest industrial payroll in Latah County. I certainly haven't built up that following with the help of the churches, I will promise you that. At the present time, there are three different movements to try to upset Psychiana. You know I have to go around with a loaded thirty-eight under my arm and I have a State permit to carry it. That is what they think of me in the church organization. You can just depend upon it that at any time one tries to preach religious truths, those thinking they have a lot of it will give you the time of your young life. Well, they may down me personally, but I don't think so, because ninety-nine out of every hundred, if they are honest with themselves, think just the same way I do, but they are afraid to say it.

You know, it used to be all right for these higher ups to exploit the lower downs. They had all the money in the world, they had their large factories and they had everything they wanted, and of course, they were heavy contributors to the church. That day is gone. I want to say to you that there is a leveling process in this country which is a demonstration of God. It may not appear that way to you, but any process that puts all society on the same level is a right process.

Not very long ago, Mexico legislated that only one priest could operate to every one hundred thousand population. I am sorry that we are off the air now for I know who is listening in. One to every one hundred thousand. Are we all crazy but the church. What has brought about this opposition to organized religion. If the church has anything enlightening for us, we want it. That is why we are here tonight, to find out some way or other, something of Spiritual Truth.

I have been baptised five times and I couldn't find the Truth, ~~so~~ being honest, I transferred my efforts to some other place and when I was ready to discard every system of church organization, of church philosophy, then I got the first faint glimpse of the Spiritual Truth as it exists.

Do I see Spiritual Truth working in the East? I think so. Do I see it working in Russia? I think so. Why does Soviet Russia say take away the church? Because they are fifty years ~~hee~~ ahead of the world along that line and the time will come, perhaps, when this land of ours will carry out that same plan and I would give a right arm if that day were tomorrow.