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"HOLMES - ROBINSON SPIRITUAL AWAKENING"

Sunday, September 21, 1941

OPENING SONG "America The Beautiful" (entire audience)
Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag. *okay*

Introductory remarks by
DR. ROBINSON:

Let us remain quiet for a few minutes that we may draw inspiration and power from the Divine Source of all power.

Now I wish to acknowledge telegrams which have been sent to us from all parts of the United States.

(Read list of names from whom telegrams were received)

SONG - three verses of "Lead Kindly Light" (entire audience)

one verse "Nearer My God to Thee" (request of Ernest Holmes)

ERNEST HOLMES:

I wish to explain the purpose of these meetings. We believe, that there is a spiritual force which can destroy the action of evil, no matter through whom or what such action takes.

We are gathered together here, probably from all races, from all religions, ~~I hope and I believe~~, and from those who have no particular religious viewpoint.

Dr. Robinson calls his work "Psychiana" which means bringing Spiritual Power to the world. I happen to belong to ^{a movement called} ~~what we call~~ "Religious Science." which means the same thing. Some of you may go to a Jewish Synagogue; you may be a Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, but there is but One God. We meet here today not on a theological background, but upon the foreground of a spiritual conception, the common meeting ground of every race, every creed, every color, every philosophy, and every religion on the face of the earth.

There is One God, One Living Spirit, One Eternal Presence and One Immutable Power - this is the background for a new spiritual awakening in America and throughout the world today. One God, One Spiritual Presence, One Immutable Power, One everlasting mediator which is Love. Men of all religions may ascribe to this, ~~no matter he thinks~~. I have never yet met a man who does not believe in some kind of God.

This spiritual awakening, which is so necessary to the world, must start somewhere. I read in this mornings paper, an excerpt from Carry Chapman Catt, whom we all know as one of the great women of America, in which she said that somebody, somewhere is going to start an idea that will sweep the world for God and Truth, which she seems to feel will strike at the very root of the cause of war and other problems. It will have to be an idea. Force is meeting force on the battle fields of Europe. How long that will last I do not know. I do know that when force has met force and overcome force, the end has not yet come. It will be harder for the world to win peace than it will for the democracies to win the war.

Dr. Robinson and I are neither isolationists nor pacifists. We are not so simple minded as to believe that in a world of force our nation should remain unprepared. That is being taken care of by those whose business it is rightfully to do so, and if there is any one here who is not one hundred percent behind them, he is a bad American. We are merely saying this; in the midst of all this uproar, carnage, strife and slaughter there must arise a voice, telling us of the Power of God, and that voice, we believe, will arise here in America. That ^{is} voice will be the voice not only of peace, but of prosperity, brotherhood, love and humanity throughout the whole world - it cannot come just here in America.

If the world is to be saved there must come a vision larger than ~~lust~~
~~and~~ greed, fear and avarice, stupidity and hate.

We ask you to join with us in five great meetings to be held here in this auditorium. This is a great gathering - every seat taken - every one enthusiastic - every one hopeful - every one open and receptive for that Divine Influx which alone can guide the world as it struggles in its blindness and desperation, and out of its great need cries for the light. There is no power on earth can save this world other than the Power of Almighty God.

This is the purpose of these meetings. This is why we are here.

OFFERING TAKEN. (Financial set-up of meetings explained)

SONG - First and last verses of "America" (entire audience)

ERNEST HOLMES: (main address)

We are here to discuss a Power - a Power which you and I know exists in the world and at the center of every living soul. What and where and who is God? And why are we? God, I think, is the Intelligence, the Reason, the Law, the Order, the Power, the Presence, the Peace, the Imagination, the Feeling which stimulates me to talk and you to listen. Now we are going to think aloud to each other - answer a few simple thoughts, ^{shall} and we ~~will~~ all be amazed ~~at~~ how simple. These thoughts are destined to fire the imagination of this country as it has never been fired before. They are going to be so simple, so direct, but fraught with such meaning that the blind may see, the dumb may talk, the deaf may hear.

All great spiritual awakenings come this way. A new need has arisen in the world out of the depths of ~~despair~~, of human desperation, of war and of famine, which stalks everywhere. The very rocks would cry out if some person did not articulate the invisible Voice of Truth. Love alone can heal hate. And a

knowledge of God, of the Subjective Spiritual Union of all people, alone can save the world. This we must learn. There is a Power which disarms hate. We must learn that there is a Power which compels men to lay down their arms and forces the leaders of the world to arbitrate their differences as human beings and not as wild animals.

Force against force can never culminate in any real final victory. Let us analyse the meaning of the statement on our banner stretched across the platform - "I believe in the Power of the Living God." What do we mean by this? First of all, who am I? Many of us have read the story of Kim by Kipling. This little boy would sit ~~there~~ in a sort of mental abstraction and he would say, "Who is Kim -- who is Kim?" Finally something within this little urchin ~~went out and~~ merged with the Universe and God ^{himself} answered his ~~own~~ questions, "I am Kim." "It is I who am Kim." And if you say to yourself, "Who am I? Who am I?" Something within you will expand. It will break the confines of your previous imagination and you will experience something bigger - better - more universal.

Belief is not alone of the intellect, it is also of the feeling. It is of the deep subconscious self. No matter what the intelligence affirms, unless the soul gives its consent there is no real conviction. Therefore, ^mmy entire being, intellectually, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, must respond when I say, "I believe in the Power." What is power? What makes things run? The Dynamic Energy, the Creative imagination, the Ever-available Law. "I believe in the Power of the Living God."

You know Emerson said we must believe that God is, not was; that God speaks, not spake. In other words he said, God is not an invisible person who appeared merely to the saints and the saviours and the sages; God is the dynamic Presence residing in your own soul, animating your own body, illuminating your own mind.

"I believe in God, the Living, pulsating, available Presence, Spirit. I believe in God, the Living God, and in the Power of that Living God."

I received a letter the other day from a lady in Oakland who ~~had been~~^{healed} of a serious case of arthritis, in which she informed me ~~that~~ the treatment she used for herself was something like this: "God is free life circulating through me. God is perfect life operating in me. The Spirit of God in me eliminates everything that doesn't belong to me." And she has healed herself. I don't know what her religion may be nor does it matter since she has demonstrated the Power of the Living Spirit. ~~What happened when that woman healed herself?~~ And don't think you can't do the same for yourself or for someone else, because you can if you believe you can. God is just as real to you as to this woman. Why? Because God is you. There is no other you or me. This woman awoke to a realization that God is incarnated in her own life. She spoke to Him. She invoked the Law of God in her own soul. She denied that the Power that made this mechanical body, this physical instrument and connected this Mind with it, does not know how to run it. She said, "The Power of God in me is free, It is perfect, It is pure."

I wish you to very carefully, consider that this woman did not just ask God to heal her, she affirmed, "God is healing me now." She did not just say, "I believe in God." We believe in electricity, but just belief will never deliver electric power to any given purpose. It must be directed. This woman used the Power of God.

I am not so unwise as to tell you how to pray. That is your "secret place of the Most High." No other can enter the precincts of your own soul, nor defame the altar of your faith in your temple of God. But if there is a Law of God, there is a way It works, like any other law. That woman, through faith in God, used the Law of God. Therefore the Law of God worked just as two and two

will invariably make four.

Now that woman used the Power of God whether she knew it or not. She put two and two together with her thought, "God is. God is Power. God is here. God is working. I believe. I permit." And as she did this, an immutable Law, which works with mathematical precision, was set in motion. It was a miracle, but it was a miracle of life.

I believe that when the woman healed herself she invoked a dynamic, mathematical, intelligent, creative, Law, which not only can, but must operate. I believe that if enough people on earth would invoke the Law of God for peace, it would have such a dynamic force that ~~wonderful things would happen.~~ ^{peace} ^{follow} ~~ix~~
~~believe~~

~~We can take an acetylene torch and by its very presence it separates it.~~
~~And this is all in accord with law. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~thatixif~~

There must be a Spiritual Power which by Its very presence disarms men whether they will or not. You and I have seen that Power. I know of the case of a woman in this city, who on a trip to Bakersfield, picked up a rough looking man along the roadside. The moment he got into the car she sensed that he wanted to rob ~~her~~ and harm her. She at once said to herself, "God is all there is. There is no Power but good. There is no presence but God. There is no law but God. There is ^{no one who} ~~nothing that~~ can rob me and ^{no one wants} ~~nothing wants to.~~" When she got to Bakersfield he said, "I got in this car with the deliberate intention of injuring and robbing you. I tried and tried but couldn't do it. Whatever it is that stopped me I must know about it. I can't live without it." If that happened to one sweet woman driving a little Ford between Fresno and Bakersfield, what would happen if millions and millions of people should use this Power.

If that Power in one case will rob one man of his desire to hurt one

~~women~~^{men}, the same Power multiplied by millions of people will disarm the world.

We did not come here to denounce anybody. We did not come here to criticize our country or its leaders. I would to God that every American were back of all of them, right or wrong, today. We affirm the Presence and the Power of God as an availability. Shall we avail ourselves, individually and collectively, of that Power of God? Shall we kindle a fire here whose flame ^{will} shall light the forlorn and desolate places of the earth -- the swamps ~~and~~ the mires and the diseases of mens' souls? Dare we light the candle of Almighty God at the center of our own intellect, that that light shall shine in the darkness ^{Dare we} ~~and to~~ know that the darkness has no power over that light?

of human despair
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"HOLMES - ROBINSON SPIRITUAL AWAKENING"

Tuesday, September 23, 1941

OPENING - Song - "God Bless America" - Entire audience..

DR. FRANK B. ROBINSON: (Introductory remarks)

There are two things that we love -- one is God and the other is the United States of America. ~~We don't say this for effect -- we say it because it is true.~~ And in this world confusion, I am pretty well convinced that the Light which will liberate ~~this world, which will liberate~~ humanity, will be lighted here in the United States of America. This is the only country left capable of lighting such a Light. There is only One Light, beloved that ~~can be~~, and it ~~can't be~~ ^{is not a} any human light. That Light will be lighted automatically when we here in America recognize Who and What Almighty God is, and decide to let ~~that~~ ^{the} invisible Spirit take complete control of our lives. I mean by ~~that~~ ^{that} to recognize in everything we do, ~~that~~ ^{the} invisible Spirit of God.

~~The thing that keeps us so happy is because we are trying to live in God and are trying to bring a conception of God to these United States. Not because we have any super ability, or power, but because we realize that~~ ^{When humanity gets in a jam like it} ~~is in now, it is a strange~~ ^{as it is today} ~~thing, but the first thing it thinks about is, isn't there a God, somewhere who can stop all this, and it begins to turn that way. Now~~ ^{When humanity turns to God, God will not fail humanity.} ~~humanity.~~ ^{to meet its needs}

If we haven't found God, it ~~is because we do not know how.~~ ~~It~~ is not because God does not answer or because ~~he~~ ^{He} exists so far away from this earth that we cannot find Him. The Power of

the Spirit of God lives in you. ^{MS'} You don't know that, but It does. You cannot get that Power out and into action unless you go to work on it.

The Christian Bible says that when God created this world, He said, "Let there be light, and there was light." "Let there be." ^{this implies} It was the spoken word. And after fourteen years, I have discovered that the way to bring the Power of God into activity in your life, ^{to be God} is not to get down on your knees and beg God for this or that. The way to obtain blessings from ^{the} Almighty God is to speak those blessings into existence through the Power of the Spirit of God, ^{reluctance in us.} in you. ^{try us in the} Speak It into existence. If you believe the affirmation, "I believe in the Power of the Living God," ^{is not effective -- try it.} All I ask you to do is to ^{try it} try it for a week and you will be ^{some} conscious of the greatest spiritual ^{awareness} consciousness you have ever known.

You can be ⁱⁿ close spiritual communion with Almighty God and ^{this is great happiness} still be a happy person. Any religion that causes you to go around with a long face and draw yourself away from the world, I question it. Just as long ^{as} you know ^{as} God and continue to ^{penetrate} investigate into the realm of ^{us} God, the happier ^{we} you become. I don't think there is a moment in my life, either consciously or subconsciously, when I am not thinking of the Power of God. To ^{realize} think that we have, abiding in us, a Spirit so powerful that it could create the universe out of nothing, is enough to cause us to ^{become happy} stop in our tracks. And I am saying to you with all the earnestness that I have, that ~~that is~~ the secret of Almighty God, ^{this is to look} so don't look to the skies, but look within yourself.

If we could get enough men and women to consciously ^{to} direct the statement "Let there be ~~immediate~~ peace on earth through the

Power of the Spirit of the Living God." ~~to the war in Europe, that war would stop within thirty days.~~

OFFERING TAKEN

ERNEST HOLMES: (Main address)

~~I want to discuss with you now, for about thirty minutes, on the subject of how to use this Power. Why we use It this way rather than some other way, and why it is that this Divine Power in Its fullness is not used unless we do it definitely.~~

Perhaps at first it seems a little shocking to discuss using the Power of God as we would use electricity, and yet there is a God Power which you and I may use creatively for constructive purposes, whether it be health, happiness or success, or for the benefit of the world.

If there is such a power, why is it that Almighty God has not, without our supplication, done all of these things for us? That is a logical question. It is a sane and an intelligent question, and must have a sane and intelligent answer. All good people pray to God. There is no doubt about that. Whether they are Protestant, or Catholic, Jew or Gentile, all people pray to some kind of a God, and I have no doubt that some answer, some consolation, comes to every person as a result of his attempt to commune with the invisible Power and Presence in the universe.

Right now I have no doubt but that all nations are praying to God. I have no doubt that they are all praying with equal sincerity. There can be no doubt about that. I have no doubt that the Germans are praying for victory. I have read a great many letters from England, and I am sure they are praying for victory. I know

~~that many people in America are praying for peace.~~ I do not doubt
that ~~every~~ ^{people of all the} nation on earth is praying sincerely for what it sin-
cerely believes is right.

We cannot contemplate using the Divine and Supreme Power of the
universe only for the purpose of gaining ^{human} victories to the disadvantage
of others. There ~~is~~ ^{must be} something wrong with the prayers of the world.
It would be quite impossible for every belligerent nation on earth
today, objectively speaking, to win the war, because no one nation
could without obliterating all of the others. ~~That would be absurd.~~
Therefore, ~~there must be something wrong with any prayer that desires~~
~~one person to have more power in bloodshed than another, disregard-~~
~~ing whether he is an American, a Hungarian, an Englishman, or what.~~
Common sense would tell us that, therefore, there is a conflict in
the thought of the world.

You and I are not gathered here, ~~as I see it,~~ to bring down
a curse on anyone. Nothing has amazed me more nor surprised me more
than the thought that possibly we were here to curse Mussolini or
Stalin or Hitler. You might kill all three of these people and you
would find that the cause of war has not been touched. ~~That has~~
~~nothing to do with war.~~ You might kill Roosevelt and Secretary
Hull, ~~who I think is the greatest Secretary of State probably this~~
~~country has ever had.~~ You might kill Winston Churchill, ~~who,~~
~~whether you admire him or not, is a brave man.~~ You might kill the
greatest patriot of France, or any other person, and you would not
have touched the cause of war. Those of us who have lived to see
the ~~two~~ greatest wars of history must know that the seeds of this
war were sown in the soils of the other one, and ~~that war produces~~
~~war.~~

No, we are not here to curse anyone. That would be a misconception of God. We are trying to introduce an idea to heal ^a ~~this~~ world which is very very sick. ^{World} I have said, and in order that my position may not be misunderstood, because at times these public conferences and those who sponser them are subject to misunderstanding, I am not here because I am afraid that democracy will be destroyed, or that this country is not unified in any attempt it may or may not make. I am not an isolationist. I am merely here from this viewpoint, as is Dr. Robinson, I am sure, this two thousand people who remain out of three thousand, and if this is the third night you are here, you are here to work for peace. There would be no use being here if you were not. We are not here to call down a curse on anyone, but rather to invoke a healing for everyone -- the world is sick.

^{7m} ~~New~~ more money is being spent for cancer research than any other one attempt to find or discover the cause of ^{any} ~~any other one~~ particular disease. ~~Next to that I don't know what the disease would be.~~ I happen to know two men who have spent many millions of dollars each. Because cancer is a malignant disease, the most painful of all diseases, the most hopeless from a material viewpoint and therefore among the most dreaded, these research people are trying to find out what ^{the} ~~the~~ cause is. When they have discovered its cause they will likewise have discovered its certain cure. Knowledge alone can do ^{that} ~~that~~. Ignorance is the only sin there is. Knowledge is the only salvation there is. Cancer in the physical body is a revolution of the cell life of that body. In ~~this cell life, the prodigal or~~ (?) ~~units, instead of revolving normally around their own orbits, set up, as it were, a deep cache, a revolutionary insurrection of these cells moving in discordant ways is what sets this~~ (?)

~~as it were, from the rest of the body -- separate from it but feeding upon it.~~ It is a perfect manifestation of some psychic turmoil in the human mind.

War is the same thing. We shall never be able to heal the cause of cancer by surgery. We may heal a certain individual, ^{but} ~~if it is taken in time, by x-ray.~~ That ^{is} does not touch the cause of the disease, ~~at all, although it is good.~~ So it is with war. Wars will never be healed by starting more wars. They cannot. Now it may be that this country will go to war. If it does, ^{I am sure that} there is not a person here ^{but} who will ~~not~~ be one hundred percent behind it, ~~in my estimation.~~ That will not be because he loves war, it will be because he believes in democracy, ~~and if it is finally decided it will become the will of all persons in it.~~ I have no doubt, if that tragedy should occur, that the final result ^{of} the battle fields of the world would produce a temporary victory for democracy. I cannot, in fairness to myself, ~~in justice to my belief, in justification of my country or my conviction, ever say that I believe any form of government ever did, can or will be as good as a democracy. Anyone who says otherwise is not wise, he is very unwise.~~

~~It is equally certain that~~ ⁷ for the first time in the history of international conflicts, ~~even in England, in Germany and in America,~~ it is certain that there is great talk about winning the peace. It is impossible for any one to read ~~contemporary~~ history without forming this judgment, that the world is taking the hard way, the tough way, the wrong way to get together. That is what the war is -- it is the wrong way for nations to unify for mutual benefits, and the time has come in the human race, when the world will have to get together, ~~and it is going to get together.~~ It is

just a question of whether or not it gets together in the right way. ~~Planting the seed of freedom carries as much individual liberty as is consistent with the whole human welfare. That is what democracy is. And whether you like it or not, whether the isolationists like it or not,~~ the evolution of the human race has come to ^{the} place where the world must learn to live together, or it will die together. ~~There is no question about that. I don't mean by that that we are all going to live in Russia -- I would rather be drowned on the way -- but I mean this. Just as you and I live together in Los Angeles, and do not think of murdering each other, and if we are sane do not try to steal from each other, and if we have any sense we don't try to lie to each other. We let each other pretty much alone, and we live together just because we have decided to do that. Just as this summer we went to Arizona and up into Canada, no body shot at us. Why? Because we had decided that way. We had decided that~~ *48* states could live together in mutual interest and powerful self-protection. Some day 48 countries will make the same decision, ~~and~~ *with* it will be a logical event. ~~Anything that attempts to stop it will be as ineffective as a mountain~~ (?) *the same results*

~~You cannot stop human progress. Wars are the illogical, unreasonable revolutionary attempts to do what nature would do for us by the logical, gradual, helpful, visible life giving and love breeding evolution if we would let it. There has never been a revolution in human history which could not be directly attributed to an~~ *obstructed* ~~unhappy~~ evolution. ~~It is always that way.~~ And always after the revolution or the war everything ⁵ must come back to the natural, normal current. We must learn to live together. That means we must learn to *cooperate with* each other. Nations must learn to *cooperate with* love each other --

~~not to be afraid of each other -- to cooperate with each other in every respect, before war will ever finally cease.~~ *to be*

~~To remove these barriers, to heal this disease, it is not enough~~ *merely* ~~to win a victory on a battle field.~~ *the* Human ingenuity is desiding in the factories of America today that force can meet force and win by whoever has the largest amount of material. But that is not ~~the answer,~~ *the* ~~the final answer.~~ *at* That will never produce a permanent peace. ~~Love,~~ *cooperation,* ~~compassion,~~ *the* human understanding and desire for everyone to do well; universal production in every respect; social security; equal opportunity; universal prosperity, and an interchange of ideas on a field of equal basis. ~~These are the only things that will ever stop war.~~ *finally* Nothing else can. Every thoughtful person on earth know ~~this.~~ *s* ~~They know it in this country and every newspaper is full of it; every magazine contains articles about it. We believe it. We believe this -- there is a (?)~~ let us say, that must be the outcome of the war.

~~But before that can happen we will all have to have a hell of a fight, and it might be that it will have to be very much worse before we all wake up to the fact that the world is very sick. Perhaps when it gets sick enough, in its very desperation it will use methods to heal itself, to counteract the poison. Well, we are behind our country in whatever it does -- one hundred percent. But we would like to see now this thought, that perhaps the world does not have to go through this; perhaps this country has vision enough to use the Power which everybody on earth believes in if he is sane, but which never in the entire history of the human race, has been used in enough of a unified manner, to produce a dynamic universal result.~~ *must one* *never yet* *such* *it* *and*

That is to rise above the confusion of the immediate circumstances to ^{that} the spiritual realm of Reality, which must include all lesser realms, and with ^{the} united thought heal the cause of war, and the belief that war is necessary. ^{This would sum about} It is fundamentally a change of thought in the human mind. Science has found nothing ~~creative on earth but mind, and never will.~~

~~Now, then, let us go back to a specific method. The Mind of God is an Energy. (Please don't think that is blasphemous). The Presence of God is~~ ^{an} All-Inclusive Spirit and Presence in you and in me. If it were not that God is in you and in me, (whether we call it God, Universal Mind, or our Father, the Soul of the universe, Reality, Spirit or the Thing Itself, doesn't make any difference) ^{it is only because there is this Mind in you which is also in me that you and I can talk with each other. And it is} ~~that~~ Mind in each, responding to the other, which makes such communication possible ~~at all.~~

~~Now, then, the mind of the world is confused very much. So~~ ^I it is filled with hate; it is filled with the idea of struggle; it is filled with the desire to kill, to trample down, to destroy. ~~That~~ is why we have war. Back of ~~that~~ ^{is} mistrust, fear, the thought that there is not enough good to go around. These are the ~~things~~ ^{the} world must be healed of. If there were a God who could have done ~~that for us (now please don't misunderstand me), if there were a God who could interfere on our behalf, then you and I would not be individuals -- we would be automatons. There is one thing~~ ^{allow Him to} certain, God Almighty can only do for us what we ~~let God Almighty~~ do through us. ~~That is common sense. This is true of every energy in nature, and that energy of Mind is like any other energy.~~

Every great spiritual genius said we must believe. Did they mean that God exists somewhere on a cosmic cloud? That is perfectly ridiculous. God has delivered to us the keeping of the fires on this planet, because there is no other place we can be. There is no other man than the God in man. God is man in man as man. And that is why it is that God didn't say to Martin Luther or to Queen Elizabeth, "You are interesting people and I will tell you about electricity." God is electricity and man had to discover it, and when he discovered it then everything that it was was delivered to him on the terms of his acceptance.

Now that is why it is that no matter how fervent the prayers - - - I believe in every man's religion, in every man's prayer, and I also believe that every man should love his own nationality because that is his individualization. We must learn to live together. Every man must have self-esteem without egotism, and a well developed individuality with arrogance. You know psychologists tell us if we don't have self-esteem we can't be happy.

I do not believe that we should deny individuality or personality, or the charm of each other's presence. I think anyone who does that in order to understand God can be healed by a good psychiatrist. God is the All-Inclusive One in whom we all live, and we naturally turn to each other as the rose turns to the sun. Anyone who cannot do it that way is maladjusted. Now the world is maladjusted. If there were a God who could easily interfere ^{on} in our behalf and set all things right and wouldn't do it, I don't know what kind of a God that would be. Sanity cannot proclaim such a God. Reason refuses to accept it. There is no such tribal God. ^{Such an idea}
~~The great Jesus -- even he had never heard a pipe organ. Men~~

~~hadn't discovered it, hadn't worked it out.~~ It shouldn't seem strange then that the prayers that ask God to be God, do not alter the Divine nature, but the prayers in the consciousness that God is good, goodness must manifest upon the face of the earth, are prayers with a dynamic power.

To believe
~~I say it is impossible, it is absolutely illogical and unethical that there is any God Power that could do anything for us other than doing it through us. That is self-evident. This in no way limits God; in no way sets man up in a temple as God. It merely proclaims the nature of God. I am so glad that is so. It means there is no sin but a mistake and no punishment but a consequence. Heaven and hell are in the use you and I make of that which interprets itself to each one of us as we believe. That is the Law of Life.~~

yet
There has never ~~been~~ a time in the history of the human race -- ~~history does not record the time --~~ when millions of people took one statement, *(understanding what they were doing, conscious of the Power of ~~what they knew~~)* with absolute conviction and faith in the reality of what they were doing, and affirmed that statement day in and day out. It has never been done. I have to qualify that. You do not know how carefully (and I am not going to take time to explain) with what great care, Dr. Robinson and I have worked out this program; to be careful to say nothing that would disturb a person's thought about their belief in God. I am governed by what we do, not by what we don't do. I believe with the poet - "Oh, Thou who does all things devise and fashion for the best, Help us who see with mortal eyes, to overlook the rest."

You and I will have to begin right now by being tollerant with each other, if we ever expect to put over the greatest

spiritual awakening this world has ever known. There is no other way. Forget all conditions. I don't care what makes it not work. I am very much like a beautiful soul in the South. She had been a mammy to a young man who had gone up North to a medical school. He had been quite religious before he went North, but when he came back he said, "Mammy there is no soul." She said, "How do you know?" He replied, "I have cut up so many corpses." She laughed and said, "Mr. John, yo surely is a dam fool for expectin to find a live soul in a dead body." She was right. That pure intuition which is so common among all southern brothers and sisters, that simple and direct pathway of illumination and inspiration, had told her, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

Now then it may be that someone will say, "These people are a bunch of nuts if they think they can get together and make a few statement that will stop the war." But as Sam Walter Foss said, "Let the howlers howl, and the growlers growl, and let the rough gang go it; but behind the night there is plenty of light, and the world is alright, and I know it."

If we can start with ten thousand persons, and we can right here in Los Angeles, ^{who} I believe that ^{and then incur the} "behind the night there is plenty of light", and the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has no power over it, then you will see something that in all the ages, since man first departed from the slime, you will see something that ^{is} the ^{of evolution itself}. There is no other way that God Almighty can speak to this world other than through us. ^{man.} That is his language.

There was never a revolution except it came through the mind of man, and when peace shall come it will be because someone has vision enough to know why war is and why peace may be.

Now then if we are going to use this statement -- (it has no magic in it, it is merely a definite statement that is all,) -- "Let there be immediate peace on earth through the Power of the Spirit of the Living God." (3 times) Every time you say that don't ask if it is true; don't try to analyze it; say it and believe it. "Let there be immediate peace on earth through the Power of the Spirit of the Living God." Then you will be harnessing ^{the} ~~this~~ Power which actually exists, to your word. Your word is not the Power any more than this electric fixture is electricity, but electricity needs this fixture to ~~flame itself~~ ^{become} ~~into the light~~. This Power must be directed, and It can only be directed by people who know what they are doing. It doesn't matter how many people say it won't work. If it is a law it will work. ~~Just the same~~ there is no one in a position to tell us that it will not, or cannot, work. ^{The world has never tried it,} ~~No one has ever tried.~~ We can never say that the Power of God has failed to stop a war before. It has never been used in the right way, ^{by enough people,} with a definite purpose, and the conscious knowledge that it is going to ~~stop a war.~~ ^{war.} ~~If it is it will stop the war.~~ No one will dare dispute it because he has no grounds upon which to base his argument. I can bring thousands of people together in Los Angeles to ^{by whom this} ~~prove that that~~ Power has done something for them, through them, and to them. ^{definite in the law} The burden of disproof lies not in the necessity that we shall ^{show who have proved} ~~champion the cause of the Almighty,~~ but that people who know nothing about it, ^{no one can disprove it substantiated by those} ~~shall learn.~~

The Power of God has never failed to work any more than the power of electricity or the law of gravity has failed to work. Nobody has ever ^{never been} ~~tried this.~~ / Everybody ~~has~~ who has tried it in a little way has proven it, and if we are going to use the scientific

method which all science uses, and going from the known to the unknown, then we have already proven that It can do it. Now I don't believe It can do it unless a great many people work with it. Then the question comes up, "Are you not denying what you are affirming?" I don't believe that just two or three of us have the consciousness to do it, but there is a collective consciousness that can be generated by consistent persistence and consistent endeavor, and if we can get a million people together in America living this thought day and night, I don't believe there is a single chance of it failure.

"Let there be immediate peace on earth through the Power of the Spirit of the Living God."

This is what we are asking you to do. Repeat this statement over many times a day, ^{in complete faith.} and I am certain that if you make up your mind to do it you will do it. I am certain that if we can get thousands of people in Los Angeles to do it, it won't take long to generate that idea, and finally there will be a (?) capable of kindling the flame that must burn at the vitals of fear and distress.

Someone wrote me the other day and said, "If you wish to bring one nation to its knees, why not wish to bring all?" I wrote right back and said that is just what we should wish to do. We should wish to bring every nation to its knees, not subject to our thought, but subject to the will of the Universal Goodness which alone is or can be right. Can you as true Americans; as those who will ^{will} follow your country wherever it goes; could you or could you not do less than to offer the highest thing we have upon the altar of our faith, with an unquenchable belief that there is a Power of God which is available, ~~which is available~~ ^{in this day of the world's} This is the way to use It, and we shall win. ^{great need}

"HOLMES - ROBINSON SPIRITUAL AWAKENING"

Thursday, September 25th, 1941.

OPENING SONG -- "God Bless America" -- entire audience.

FRANK B. ROBINSON: (Introductory remarks)

Since a movement of this kind must have a name, and since there should be no definite personalities connected with that name, we have decided to call this "The American Spiritual Awakening", and at any future meetings, or on all future literature sent out it will be identified as such.

The American Spiritual Awakening has no particular religious affiliation. We want those of all denominations, and those without any particular religious belief, to join with us in this movement.

We are taking this opportunity to call upon the Power of God to bring about a complete reversal of the situation upon this earth today. This movement is based on the knowledge of the Spirit of God, and will show you how you can use the Spirit of God on this earth today. *that we can use*

spiritual Power
We all have within Power and
now we must all join in saying it
OFFERING.

ERNEST HOLMES: (Main address)

If anyone should ask you what this Movement is and why it is, have no hesitation in telling them that it is a one hundred percent American Movement. ~~There is nothing political about it whatsoever.~~ The movement is one hundred percent back of the democratic principle

of being.

which makes it possible for us to disagree and then gives us protection against each other. It is only because we have the privilege of ^{such meetings as} saying these things that we are a democracy, ~~and I~~ ^{we all} would give every dollar I possess and my physical life, if need be, to protect those democratic ideals for which we stand. We believe in the Constitution of the United States. ~~We believe in the present policy of the Administration of the United States.~~ We believe in everything this country stands for.

There isn't a person in this room who, if he had the power, by taking one half hour every day over a period of time, to heal the most serious case of sickness in the world, ~~there isn't a person here who~~ wouldn't be glad to devote his time for that purpose. We are asking you to treat the world as a sick patient, whether it is Europe, America or South America, ^{Asia or Africa} to produce a world healing which shall remove the belief from the face of the earth that war is the ^{best} way to settle international difficulties.

~~No one ever yet won a war, and no one ever shall or can win a war.~~ It is estimated there are about twenty million people in the United States who believe in the creative power of thought and who believe in the efficacy of thought force to overcome physical resistance.

You ~~know~~ and I ^I know that we have seen ~~the~~ Spiritual Power overcome and obliterate, ~~wipe out,~~ an objective resistance. During the past two weeks I have seen a certain malignancy disappear as the snow before the sun. ~~That~~ ^{It} is not because you and I have any particular power. The electrician is not electricity, but ^{he can} it cannot work unless he provides a way. There is a Power to which there is ^{no material objective resistance.} ~~no material objective resistance.~~ ^{which he can be used.}

Now I believe that everything is true to its own plane. No

two physical objects occupy the same space at the same time. It is right that they should not. It is right that the objective universe should be a thing so that we could experience it. Otherwise we could not know it. We would walk through each other and not know that we had met. I do not deny that this desk is a desk, but modern physics says it is not a solid thing. It tells us that the ethers penetrate everything, that the ether which is at the center of this desk and at the center of my body, which looks like nothing but a vacuum, is so much more solid and dense that my body, is like a hole punched in it.

There is a force permeating our physical, being more solid than this physical being. There is another force permeating that force which is more solid than it. Just as we can take a pail and then fill it with rocks, then fill it with water, then fill it with gas, and on top of that _____ (?) *charged by which they work*

Because no two physical objects can occupy the same space of vibration, it is equally true that the ethers flow through us this moment and if my liver - - - (?)

I would right now be broadcasting everything that every living soul on earth were saying, and moreover every thought. Why then should it seem strange that there should be a force (?) *spiritual*

We know that such a force exists. It would not be advantageous to ask people to use this who did not know how to use It or believe in It, any more than it would be advantageous to ask a plumber to wire a building. We would send for an electrician.

Now we need more than people of faith and spiritual conviction. We want people to put the spiritual conviction into action, by saying:

"Let there be immediate peace on earth through the Power of the

~~Spirit of the Living God." You know it wouldn't do any good to call a number of electricians if something went hay-wire with all the lights in this auditorium, if they all came in and sat here in the dark and said, "We believe in electricity." They would have to go beyond that and find out what was wrong, because they are scientific mechanics.~~

Now there is a science of spiritual thought and it doesn't do us any good merely to say we believe in the Power of God. We know that we believe in the Power of God. That statement is to lead us on to the next step which is to receive and use the Power of God. And the Power of God can do for us only by working through us, just as every other natural force in the universe must work through the instrument that is natural to it. As much of that force finds outlet through that instrument as that instrument makes possible. There is an unlimited amount of water up in the mountains, but only as much will be delivered here according to the size of the pipe through which it comes. And if we put the pipe up high enough it will return to the level of its own source. That is the Law of Cause and Effect. Emerson called it "the highest (?) of God," Jesus said, "As a man soweth so shall he also reap," and the ancient Hindoos said it is Karma, which means the fruit of action, the logic of a sequence of cause and effect.

I think it is the most stupendous thing that you and I can contemplate -- that the Power of God is in the mountain top and is already piped to us, because that is our nature. We are made that way. It is not because we hold any particular religious, intellectual or philosophical conviction. We are that way because we are made out of that "stuff." As Shakespeare said, "There is a destiny which shaped our ends, rough hew them though we will."

There is no question about the Power being here or being piped to us. The question is are we ^{lifting} pushing that pipe up in our own consciousness high enough so that that Power will ^{flow} return to the level of its source. ^{at a high level} According to the law of physics it has to be that way. Now in our terms it merely means this: the Power is in us, through us, but if we don't use It, It cannot do anything for us.

The difference between a prayer that is effective and one that is not, does not lie in the religious conviction or the intellectual endowments of the one making such a prayer; it lies in the state of belief, the acceptance when the prayer is made. I always say that the God that is, being Infinite, evermore presents Himself to us as the God that is believed in. As Tennyson said, "Our little systems had their day -- they had their day and ceased to be; They are but broken lies of Thee, while Thou, God, are more than they."

We see it is not what we believe in, but the belief that is true, because we already believe in God, but it would not give us a dynamic power merely to say we believe in God. That is a confession of our conviction, and you and I believe in God as we believe in nothing else, and we believe in God in everybody, in all people. I cannot understand how any one can hate anyone else. If I find myself even disliking anyone personally, I should treat myself until I received a healing, if it was the last thing I ever did. It would be a bother to dislike anyone. I used to be a very sensitive person, Therefore I was mad most of the time, and as someone has written, "The Gods destroy those whom they first make mad." I had a sore throat most of the time. It was washed out, swabbed out, painted, etc. This sore throat was caused because my feelings were

hurt, and I never got over that until I got over being sensitive. Now, then, that is an interesting thing to me. You have all had similar experiences. I am convinced that if everyone on earth never became confused again there would never be any more colds. I don't doubt that there are germs anymore than I doubt that there are angle worms, but I do think they must be generated.

Now we have this Power. Everybody has this Power. I don't care what you call it, it doesn't do us any good just to say we have it, but if we can get a million people in the United States affirming and believing it and saying, "Let there be immediate peace on earth through the Power of the Spirit of the Living God," and every time they say it they can make it more powerful by understanding what they mean, because words only have the power of the conviction in articulating those words.

When we are dealing with spiritual things, we are dealing with the only ultimate Power and Presence there ^{truth} will ever be ^{is in the} in the ^{Spirit} universe, and there is only one place we can deal with ^J it and that is within our own mind. How can we discover it? What is it within us that knows? It is the mind. Therefore it is the mind of the Spirit and the consciousness of Mind that looses this divine Power. It could not be otherwise. The Kingdom of God is at hand and within. The Power we look for we look with, and when we are looking at what we are looking for, we are looking with, what we are searching for.

The Kingdom of God is now at hand. The Power which enables us to rise, to walk, to think and to be -- that Power is here. It is not big and it is not little -- "there is no great and no great and no small to the soul that maketh all." etc. It cometh

~~everywhere~~ -- ~~at~~ the center of our own being; in the innermost part of our own soul; it is the secret place of Almighty God, in our own consciousness. You know one of the most beautiful of the ancient Hebrew psalms, which are among the most glorious of the sacred literature on earth, said, "Lift up thy gate and be lifted up that the King of Glory shall come in." What does it mean to lift up the gate? The lifting up of the gate means the lifting up of the individual sense, the rising up of the consciousness, the resurrection of the thought from the materialistic to a spiritual basis. That is the literal translation. It is the lifting up of the intuition. That is why the saints were pictured by the artist with a halo. Science has not proved that there is no question about the human aura. There is nothing wierd about it. It is just an emination, a vibration. We must lift up the gates. We must lift up our own gates and not those of another. As Kipling said, "Each in his separate star shall draw the thing as he sees it, for the God of things as they are."

This is the spiritual message we wish to bring to the world. We must lift up the gates of our consciousness to the realization of that Power which is nothing else than the Living God. All the statements that God is will never do anything. That is a conviction of faith as faith, but you and I know that is only half way. After I assure myself that I believe in the Power of the Spirit of the Living God here and now, I must speak that Power into manifestation. It already exists, but it is uncaught until I imagine it running through the warp and woof of my ~~own~~ imagination. Then when we say, "Let there be immediate peace"

on earth through the Power of the Spirit of the Living God,"
something must happen ⁱⁿ to our own minds, ~~when we say it.~~ Now then
we are going to use this Power definitely and dynamically a hundred
times a day. ~~You and I are going to say, "Let there be immediate~~
~~peace on earth through the Power of the Living God."~~ ~~xxxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxx~~ And let that Power be something in our own consciousness,
~~something in our own imagination, something in our own feeling.~~

~~Don't be afraid if after you get through making the affirmation,~~
~~there are a few tears glistening out of the otherwise dry eyes,~~
~~there is no sin in shedding a few tears once in awhile. There is~~
~~a certain amount of feeling that is necessary. There is warmth~~
~~and color in the universe and there is nothing wrong about that.~~

And so we must feel when we say, "Let there be immediate peace on
earth through the Power of the Living God," ~~that there is immediate~~
~~peace on earth. We must rise above hate, as we rise above fear,~~
~~We must rise until that sense of eternal calm from which the word~~
~~of peace is spoken. We must lift up the gates if we expect the~~
King of Glory to come in. ^{of our charge}

~~Now we are relying upon you to do that. We are relying upon~~
~~you with thousands of others who have started this work to be the~~
~~first ten thousand people on earth who have ever banded themselves~~
~~together to do it. We know that you will not fail us.~~

~~(Affirmation repeated three times by entire audience)~~

~~We know that this is more than a prayer. It is a dynamic affirma-~~
~~tion to the destruction of fear and hate of the world, and we~~
~~know that the world will find the answer to the problem and solve~~
~~its difficulties. We know this will bring joy and happiness, and~~
~~freedom and peace to every living soul.~~

SONG 22 "America" -- entire audience.