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I am happy to be with you in Los Angeles this evening but am sorry that my stay cannot be longer. I would like to see the house filled and am sorry I did not have an opportunity to give more publicity. A lot of my students have asked me if it will be possible to see me. I am at the Biltmore Hotel and you can call me sometime Wednesday.

The question we are to consider is the all important question of God, and if your experience was anything like mine, it was the old Orthodox boyhood story, which I respect, of the God far removed from the human race, in the sky, manifesting himself on earth some two thousand years ago in the form of a crucified Saviour. As a child I accepted that story; there was nothing else I could do. With absolute, complete faith in parents and with honest parents, there was nothing left for me to do but to believe the story.

Now let me say to you here, I don't want to say anything that could possibly hurt the mind of a child. I am not interested in destructive teaching. I am interested in constructive philosophy regarding God, which philosophy can bring into your life and mine all the power there is in the God realm <sup>it</sup> ~~as~~ it can be brought into our lives. It may be necessary to tear down a little bit before we can build up. It may be necessary to pull up certain weeds before we can plant some flowers. Just for a moment let's look at the story as given to us by religious organizations and see just exactly whether that story is true or not. As I say, I respect every man's opinion. I appreciate that story as far as it goes, but before I am going to rest my entire present and future life on that story, I want all the facts connected with it. When they come to me and say, "Dr. Robinson you must do this or that before you can find the Kingdom of God; you must believe this or that"--then I shall turn to that man or that woman and say, "Show me the evidence", and if he says to me; "We have no evidence, you must take this story on faith because my denomination teaches it",



then I reserve the right to do my own thinking and collect what evidence can be collected and bring them both together and then decide for myself.

As I said over KNX just a few hours ago, I have no use for any religious philosophy or teaching which asks you and me to let someone else do our thinking for us. You are American Citizens and so am I and perfectly qualified to think. Any organization, honest in its intent to preach the truth of God, will put on the bar all the evidence for and against, and if it is a proposition of dogma or creed without any reason or without any evidence, I say to those friends that it may be okay, but I am going to look for God somewhere else.

After leaving Divinity School, I dug into the story and found, in the first place, that the entire story as it is given to us was certainly not original. I found that practically every fundamental existed in many religions long before that time.

In my last book, "Crucified Gods Galore", there is a list of sixteen world Saviours crucified before the time of Christ. Now if there were only one, wouldn't that have a tendency to throw a little bit of doubt on the entire story, but if there are sixteen, wouldn't it throw a lot of doubt on it?

Now get me, I am only interested in one thing and that is the truth about God, if it can possibly be found and it can be found, but it cannot be found in any blind beliefs. No one but a fool would say that there is no Creator in the Universe. After discovering this evidence and as I was growing up, my analytical mind asked, "Where does the truth lie?" I looked into the story of Christ and found that He was crucified for the sins of the world. I found the mother of the Christ called Mary and I found the mother of the Hindu God, Chrisna, called Maia. I found Christ transfigured on one mount and Chrisna transfigured on another mount. I found the women anointing the head and feet of Christ with oil and I found the women anointing the head and feet of Chrisna with oil likewise. I found on this hand the Christ of the Christian Church rising from the tomb, ascending to Heaven and sitting on the



right hand of God, where he now is, and over there, 1200 years before that time, the same story concerning Chrisna. What can a man do who is not taking anything on faith? If he is honest and motivated by the spirit of God, that man will begin to look somewhere else for the truth, and that is what I did.

My father is a Baptist Minister, and after I graduated it caused much excitement and commotion when I advised the professors that that was as far as I could go.

Now from my boyhood up there was a very intense, earnest longing to know the truth as that truth exists, if it could be found, so when revivalists came around I followed their invitation.. I was baptized five times--once in the City of Los Angeles, as a member of the Baptist Church, but I could not find the truth of God in anything connected with that teaching; yet my mind was made up that I would find out or die in the attempt. When investigating, I ran into another whole flock of crucified Saviours before this one, and I am asking you men and women of Los Angeles, in the face of that evidence, do you think the truth of God lies in any system of religion revealed to only one man. If you or I were given a religion of God supernaturally, that can only be a supernatural religion as far as you and I are concerned. If I teach that religion to you it is secondhand religion and you have only my statement for it and I might be mistaken.

Now something else. In looking for more proof of the story, I tried to find its origination and I was very candid about it. Where is the evidence? You have four gospels here, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John--where did you get the manuscripts? I found out that not a single written manuscript had ever been known to exist and furthermore no eye witness to any of those things has ever been known to exist either. Now that being a fact, coupled with the other facts, I was more than ever convinced that the picture we had received of God was too narrow to fit the Universe. It might fit the one denomination, but I am saying to you that the definition of God we must have and the definition of God we are going to have is one that will fit and cover the



the entire Universe and until we get that religion and that picture, there isn't much hope for the Universe.

We have in this country nearly four hundred different operating religions. I heard a minister say this morning, "I welcome you to join this church. All that you have to do to join is to believe in Jesus Christ." If that is the requirement for membership, then how about the millions that have an entirely different philosophy for God's plan of salvation. If it only fits those who believe certain creeds and denominations, it is the wrong impression of God. The picture of God as He exists in the world hasn't come yet and there is a great tendency to make mistakes. We are honest, I hope, all of us and everyone wants to know the truth of God if he can find it out.

Now, if I come to you and say that here is the only way you can find God and that way doesn't appeal to your reason then you are hopelessly lost. Of course I make this claim and this contention, that the American people today are personally capable of judging any story of God whether it be a true story or a false story.

One of your leading ministers took me into a church a week ago today. It was a marvelous structure and I sat through the services and when it was over he said, "Dr., what did you think about it?" I said, "Do you want to know?" He said, "Yes". "I think it is a crying shame that, with a beautiful structure like this, all you can put into this church in one morning is seventy-six people." He said, "They won't come." I asked, "Why?" "Well, they don't want religion." Dr. Wells, why don't they want religion? I can tell you people do want religion, but they want the right to have a reasonable religion and anything given to you in the religious line which does not appeal to your reason, the chances are many to one that it isn't true."

God Almighty created you years ago when you had nothing to say about it and sustained you moment by moment, and I am telling you he wouldn't give you a religion which couldn't grasp his truths. We can know nothing about God, we are told, until after we die. Then if we have lived up to certain rules and regulations, up



yonder in some future life we will find out. But ladies and gentlemen, if God exists for you and for me in a future life and if his power can do these things in the future life, don't you think that he can do them now? Don't tell me there doesn't exist a God spirit now and I found it only when I was willing to cast aside other religious philosophies which taught me if you don't believe this you are eternally lost. That was fifty years ago and they were absolutely honest in their teaching, but it doesn't take a very clever man or woman now to know there is a change coming and we need it, to take the place of the narrow ideas of the human race. A picture so far ahead of that that there is no comparison, that is the picture we want isn't it? Have you any use for a philosophy which tells you this is the only way there is and admits that the millions that do not accept that way are hopelessly lost? The reason for the failure of the different churches today is because they have exactly that kind of philosophy which originated 2000 years ago and anything in the realm of religion which originated then doesn't fit today.

In every other line we have progress such as in the line of electricity, machinery, engineering et cetera, and yet instead of looking to the present or future for God we are asked to look back 2000 years and accept the philosophy which suited our ancestors and it doesn't fit the American life today.

There isn't a thing I wouldn't do to help this world get the picture of God that came to me when I discarded entirely the old picture. Now don't think for one minute that my life is an easy one because it isn't. This arm means nothing to me, if by dropping it I could help to change the old superstitious picture of God to the picture as he actually exists today I would be perfectly willing to do so. I wouldn't hurt the feelings of a baby. I wouldn't hurt the feelings knowingly of any religious preacher because the chances are one thousand to one that he holds his philosophy honestly. Let me ask you this question. Don't you think that the picture of God a way off yonder for future use is the wrong picture? If those philosophies are true they wouldn't save us today.



I know a church a long way from Los Angeles and I know every member in that church by name and business. I am talking about the little city of Moscow, Idaho. They are members of what they call the body of Jesus Christ and there isn't a man in the bunch that I trust. Now don't misunderstand me. If I want to learn something of electricity I will go to an electrical school. If I want to learn something about aviation I will go to an aviation school. If I want to know something of God I go to the organization specializing in the truths of God. Now what else can I do. I can take these people that pray and look to them for an example for me because if there is a God in existence at all he has his witnesses here. If he doesn't he is a nonentity.

Now let me tell you something else. I imagine we all agree that that picture doesn't fit the bill today and if it doesn't, if that is an old pagan theory honestly held, then the truth of God lies somewhere else for I am telling you that God exists now. There is no mistake about that, but we have lost the picture for the simple reason that we have been offered something else and asked to believe something else and by honestly trying to believe something else we have lost and missed the simple truth of God himself.

I understand the emotional part of religion. I understand that there must be a certain type of emotion but not the type of emotion that Billy Sunday used to use. That man climbs upon the pulpit and prays to the devil to save souls. The emotion of the life filled by the spirit of God is an emotion so deep and so quiet that it lifts itself in power and not blah blah. I wouldn't say to you and I wouldn't ask you to believe for one moment that I know any more about the spirit of God than you know.

A man said to me this afternoon. "Dr, what can I do to find God?" That is a pretty plain question. I asked him, "What have you been doing to find him?" He said, "I pray on my knees three times a day." And that didn't bring him to you? What else do you do? I attend church twice on Sunday and every Wednesday night.



And that doesn't bring him? What is your conception of God? He didn't quite know, but God was the being that he was depending on to save his soul sometime in the future, forgetting about the present. Somebody had kidded that man into thinking that all there was of God was manifested in the future and left out of the picture his entire manifestation of the present. If you know the spirit of God here why worry about the future--that will take care of itself and if you have the power, the quiet, dynamic, pulsating power of God as he exists in your life, never mind the future. Never mind the wings because when you get the bigger conception of it that stuff doesn't bother you because that is not the truth. Where God is there is life and where life is there never is any death.

I wonder if I can find an illustration which will fit the picture regarding the magnitude of God. If I tell you my experience after casting off Orthodox theory, it may help some. The first thing that happened I came to the place where I made up my mind and evidence showed me it was absolutely useless to depend on creed or dogma for salvation, and when I took that out of the picture there was absolutely a newness came to my life. I went to work that morning walking on air. I reasoned with myself for six months. Are you sure you are right? Then this thought came to me. I am honest and if I lose my soul through honestly believing in the actual presence of God now, then the other God I want nothing to do. I am saying to you there was a change in this life. Now sometimes in speaking to large audiences I am like a jack rabbit, but just the same I have that quiet spiritual rest which only comes from communion with the realm of God, and please understand when I say God I mean the spirit of life, the creative life spirit which keeps you and me functioning and which caused us to be in the first place.

Nine months before you were born there was a union of two tiny bugs, a male and a female. Your parents complied with a law of nature which was a law of nature's God and there wasn't a thing they could do past that stage. Out of the



thousands of germs of each kind only two united. Now at that point there was in your life the power of God and at that point some law took complete charge of the building operations of your body and nine months later the world was given the most marvelous piece of mechanism there is. Nothing your parents could do after complying with the law of God could change that. After the Doctor spanked you on the back and you took your first breath you were a living soul. There is reason to thank this great God law which created you. I am telling you whether you know it or not, the power that gave you life is still there and is still absolutely in charge. The preacher said, "Dr. Robinson you are blasphemous; you are dwelling on the power of God here and now and trying to make him a material God. If I can make him a material help to men and women, that is all I want to do. He was shocked, absolutely shocked. I asked him, "Have you any objections to my preaching a God whose power can operate here and now?" But you don't pay any attention to the future. Does the life stop when they bury the body? Of course it doesn't stop. What are your objections to me preaching the power of the spirit of God here and now to bring to men and women everything they possibly need? He said, "if you put it that way I have no objections. You shut up then and don't criticize me anymore. I have 600,000 students scattered all over the world as compared with 150 that he has. In five years they have accepted this simple philosophy of mine because you can't feel it and not have it change you. You say, "to what extent can it change me?" It can change you to just the extent that you recognize the power and the presence of God in your life. Are there limits? Not that I know anything about. What do you think it is that changed the life of failure five years ago into a life that in five years could go into 67 countries and accumulate 600,000 followers whom I have never seen? What is there about what I write and say and do that binds people? Is it my personality? No, they have never seen me.

I shall tell you about an experience which came to me not so long ago.

I had just come back from a long trip and was very tired. A message came to me from a woman in Odgen, 900 miles away, to come and see her baby that wasn't expected to



live. I started out and drove until two o'clock in the morning and then phoned to inquire about the baby. I was then two hundred miles from Ogden. The woman said, "Dr. there has been a change, the temperature has gone from 104 to 102 and I think the child is going to live." I told her I was going to get a few hours sleep and would start out at six in the morning, but that I would call her before leaving. When I called the next morning she said, "The most amazing thing has happened. The baby's temperature is down to normal and she is conscious. The blue color has gone from the body. What can I do for you?" "Only recognize the presence and power of God in your own household. That is all I want you to do." I am just telling you facts and if they hurt anyone I can't help it. The doctors were very much surprised and annoyed because I am not an M.D., and immediately after the little baby was back to normal and consciousness again they began to feed it medicine. They didn't have sense enough to leave it alone. I went back to Moscow and later had a call from the mother of the child, saying that the child was much worse again; I asked what happened. She said, "The doctors began giving her medicine." "What did you let them for?" Then I told her that I was very sorry but I didn't believe there was anything I could do. That I would come but I was afraid that the chance had gone by. When I got there the baby was dead. They buried the little body and placed flowers over the grave. After the funeral the mother and I sat in the cemetery crying like a couple of babies. That baby was nothing to me; I was only the teacher of that family, that is all. Finally I said to this beautiful woman. "What is the matter with us?" "What do you mean Dr." "You and I are all wet. Instead of sitting here crying, we should be shouting with joy. That baby has gone back into the realm from which it came." That woman saw the picture and she has been a transformed woman ever since. The preachers tell me that because God has been preached for so long as a spirit power in the ~~future~~, why put a misconception on his power by thinking that he can work for us now, and I have never been able to see why they should adopt that attitude.



My little boy Alfred goes to Sunday School; that is he goes if he wishes to but is not compelled to and he usually goes because his friends do and he has a good time there. The other Sunday they were told the story about the multitude being fed by a couple of little sardines and five loaves of bread. Alfred asked his teacher, "Do you really mean to tell me that that actually happened?" His teacher replied, "Why of course." Then he asked, "You don't have any objections to my sending it in to Ripley, do you?" Here is what I am getting at. When a Bible miracle appears to an eleven year old child to be funny, I am telling you there is none of the truth of God behind it, for when you know the God law as it exists you will find it the simplest power that has ever come into your life.

Now this question arises in some of your minds. Do you limit God? I certainly do not. "You believe then that his power can here and now bring to me the things that I need." I will tell you a thousand times, "Yes!" "Why don't I get it?" you may ask. "Because you will not keep quiet long enough for God to show you who and what he is." "Dr. do you mean a physical quietness?" I do not mean a physical quietness, but I mean a sinking into the realm from which you came, and let me tell you another secret, that realm will draw you into it the minute you will allow it to and put out of it everything that doesn't belong there. The truth of life and God are found in life--in a human life and nowhere else. I want no revelation given me that men 2000 years ago gave--a second-hand story which is stale and untrue.

"Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world". I can give you 101 passages to bear me out that what little we know of God brings out the understanding of the presence of God now. Let me tell you something else--that you cannot even begin to approach the stream of God without it pulling you right into the center of the realm, if you let it, because what are you now? Do you know what you are? Only a little bit of the great whole. The life functioning in you which causes you to operate, think and be is the life of God in you. We are all different--different as to physical bodies. No two of us look alike, but don't forget the realm of the



eternal God is so much higher than you or me that we never will, until we expand fully, comprehend what it means. We don't need to know what it means. All we have to do is to recognize its presence with a quiet trusting conscience.

"Be still and know that I am God." Let's get down to concrete examples. I have a job, but I want another one that pays me \$50.00 a week. How will I go about getting it? You will recognize your union with God or recognize his consciousness and presence in you and instead of getting a \$50.00 a week job, you might get a \$500.00 a week one. I wish I could make it plain to you. Here is an example. In this audience is a girl that is a stenographer. She has a job at \$80.00 a month. That girl has ambition and she wants to get womewhere. Do you think she can go very far wrong by allowing a law of God, which brought her into existence to quit from that point on. No, she will not be in tune with the infinite very long until life will go the way she desires. Some people call it the over-soul. I call it the God law or if you want to it may be referred to as God. That is perfectly all right. What I want you to do is keep quiet and recognize the power of the spirit of God in your life for what you want. When a man or woman is in tune with the infinite, the peace which comes to that one is very very quiet.

"He leadeth me beside the still waters", or when I am still he leadeth me beside the waters of life. That is all. Now do you remember the first lesson that comes with this example? "I believe in the power of the living God." I am teaching men and women and trying to simply show them how to do that very thing. The minister says, "Never mind about that, you will know all about it somewhere else in the future." I want God to be a real thing to the men and women of Los Angeles here and now. What will be the manifestation in the human life when that law comes? Well, what do you think it would be? There will come a surplus of power in every line in which you need it. If there is a shortage of material supply, that power will supply it. If there is a shortage of physical health that power will supply that to the extent that you let it. My boy has an electric train that runs along the floor. If I put an



obstacle on the track the train will stop. Don't place any obstacles in the path, just be still and know that I am God and let me take the lead. That is the way to apply the power of the realm of God in your life.

I don't know, but I suppose most of you are students and know the lesson, "I believe in the power of the living God." I don't think it is possible for a man and woman to practice that lesson for two weeks and not be in earnest about it, without knowing full well that they believe it. Second, "I am finding the power of the living God". You can't concentrate on that for two weeks and be in earnest without finding some way it will work in your life. I can tell you the results of a life that was touched by that power.

Now, somebody is going to ask me tomorrow about the life beyond the tomb. I have one statement to apply to that. I am not interested, because life is life and not death in any sense of the word and I am foolish enough to believe that when we know the power of God as that power may be known, we have the revelation of our own physical life here and now. Disease and death are both contrary to the law of God and if it were possible for you and me, tonight, to be one hundred percent in tune with God, there would be neither one of them. I may be looking ahead a little too far, but that has to be the natural end of the picture.

Let me tell you what happened in a hospital not long ago, in Twin Falls, Idaho. A young lady was dying and I was asked to come to her bedside. I had never seen her before. As I walked up the aisle of the hospital, I heard a voice say, "There is Dr. Robinson now." I walked into the room and looked at a beautiful twenty-one year old girl on a cot. "How do you know Dr. Robinson is here?" I asked. She answered, "I am standing beside you." Answer these questions. "Can you see with this consciousness that body of yours on the bed that is dying?" "Yes, this physical body is passing away." "Are the two consciences the same?" After you have dropped that physical body and the other body is functioning to the full, can you communicate with me?" She answered, "Yes, I can, but you couldn't grasp it for the simple reason



that you are hindered." and she passed out of the picture. I did a lot of thinking. For some reason or other something has gone inbetween the free flow of the power of God in the human life. Now, I will tell you what that is as I see it. You have nothing to do with it. You are a creature of heridity. Way back in those savage ages there crept in a doubt and it is still there.

I addressed a Divinity School here a few years back. I said to the Dean, "I will talk if you will be gentleman enough to not interrupt. Let me speak for an hour on your philosophy and after that I will answer your questions." In that talk 86% of the preachers that were there said they didn't believe in either heaven or hell. I said, "Well, what part of it do you believe?" If they had been honest with themselves, they would have said, "None of it." They have to eat three times a day and they are afraid to ~~trust~~ themselves to the power that momentarily sustains them and so are a lot of us. Now that is something that has come between you as you are and the power of God as it can operate in your life and for you ~~as~~ you should <sup>imbued</sup> be/with a full God-consciousness. It is that thing that says "Oh-h, I am just a little bit afraid of that. I couldn't let go." Do you know that the best way to let go is to stop dead in your tracks and without trying at all to accept anything, let that realm do the accepting for you. Make no efforts, only recognize its presence. Then what have you done? You have opened up a channel whereby the natural spirit will operate a law of God and make you what it wants you to be and if you will be man and woman enough to keep this channel wide open, it won't take very long to see it change. the power of that God realm working in your life and you won't go anywhere and you won't do one thing which will not be imbued with power from on high here and now.

This is the only life we know anything about. This world is dying for a little bit of manifestation from the power of God. Praying will never bring it down. It doesn't come down. Do you know what will bring it down? A group of people getting together, all of one mind and keeping quiet enough for that spirit to lift itself.

When I was going to theological seminary some years ago, two fellows came



into town and conducted a revival. They were preaching, talking in tongues and rolling around in the most disgusting way in the name of religion, I have ever seen. A bunch of us fellows from the bible school went down. I said to Alfred, "Do you think that is the power of God?" "No, it isn't." "What do you say to your and my getting two or three more fellows and giving God a chance to see what he can do in this town?" We won't do a blessed thing and we'll say nothing." We got together, five of us, and this was the only thing we did. We were absolutely quiet and talked about the conscious presence of the realm of God. The meeting was broken up and it took sixty members out of that bible institute. The power of God was manifested in that city.

I am coming back in about three or four weeks and I have the Shrine Auditorium and I am <sup>not</sup> going to make a charge for that. I put in considerable money last year and have given so much of it away. Students write in and I simply send them literature whether they can afford to pay for it or not. We got to a place where we had to stop it. I am going to fill the Auditorium three or four weeks from now. That place will be packed to the doors. I am going to ask you people, those of you that are students and friends of mine to think of me and that Shrine Auditorium meeting and I am saying to you that we will make some of the churches in Los Angeles sit up and take notice by the power we will bring to this city. If you will stand by me and help me we will put on a revival in this town that will make people sit up and wonder.

I am going to tell you a secret tonight. The receipts of this auditorium were attached five minutes before the lecture started. There is a sheriff sitting over there. He is going to take it all away with him. My attorney is also in the building and he will have it back before tomorrow night. It was done purely to block the efforts of Dr. Robinson in this town and that is just the way to make Dr. Robinson fight.



Not long ago a man called me by telephone at my home in the evening and said, "This is Mr. Scott speaking, can you see me?" "I am sorry I never see anyone at the house. I will see you in my study in the morning." He was so insistent and said he had driven a long way to see me so I finally consented to let him come. Soon a big Hudson sedan sedan drove up and as I looked out of the window I saw the headlights were turned out but the motor was running. I have a permit to carry a weapon so I shifted my gun to my side pocket and answered the door bell. Some man was at the door and said, "Mr. Scott is out in the car, wouldn't you like to see him?" We went out to the end of the walk and I said, "You fellows get out of the car and come into the house and I don't mean maybe. They got out and came in. I told them that the house had a connection with the sheriffs office and that I could press a button and bring the sheriff there in no time and also told them that the house was fully equipped with burglar alarms, and said, "Now, if you are what I think you are, get right out and don't come back here anymore.

I am saying to you ladies and gentlemen, that there is on foot now one of the rottenest deals to stop me in this movement that you ever saw and it will never get to first base. Do you know why it won't get to first base? Simply because this man knows in whom he is believing. He is filled with the power of the realm of God and there isn't a thing tonight that can stop the movement. I don't say that boastfully. I say that because I have had enough experience with the realm of God to know that in this City, in this State and in this world it is time for that power to be made known. I am not worth ten cents to anybody. Did it ever occur to you that it is when God wants to start a movement that he chooses someone in whom to manifest his power.

I want to get that auditorium and get it for about a week. It costs me \$350.00 a night and I figure we can take up an offer for enough to cover that. I don't want any money from anybody. I want enough to get by on. I have no interest in Psydiana. The money that is taken in tonight is not mine and if I told you what



they paid me it would surprise you. I am not interested in money--just enough to keep going and growing. I will advertise in the papers and inbetween now and then please remember that Shrine Auditorium meeting and just keep quiet and let your thoughts flow directly to me and that Shrine Auditorium and let's see if we can't show Los Angeles what we know and what we are talking about.

--Dr. F.B. Robinson

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