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No religious Movement of the century has caused the comment this Movement has. It seems to be a mystery all. It has been called everything from a "racket" to "the greatest spiritual outpouring the world has ever known". It is more apt to be the latter than the former. But many are completely mystified. They cannot see why the Movement has had such a phenomenal growth. Orthodox Christians, while they pronounce the whole Movement "of the devil", still are mystified who so many people follow it. They hear reports of this wonderful healing and that changed life. And the thing they cannot understand is that every report of our activities reports "good".

Somehow or other, they feel that any Movement which does not believe as they do, is just automatically wrong. If I do not believe the religious dogmas they say they believe, well--I must be wrong--for they have ALL the truth. Their conception of a "crucified deity" must be the last word in religion. We disagree completely and totally with that theory, and yet we do more real actual good in human lives through our theory of God than they do. And they don't understand it at all. It shouldn't be they say. Yet it is. Something like the farmer who went to the circus for the first time and saw a giraffe. Looking at it in amazement he said--"there just aint no sich animal".

Shall we, in this article, answer the questions of those who believe "no good thing can come out of Moscow" by showing just why the Movement grows so phenomenally, and just why so much good is being accomplished through the Movement. Shall we attempt to clear away some of the "mystery" connected with it. In the first place, the success of "Psychiana" is due entirely to the fact that the Power of the Spirit of God is behind. We do not accept the Christian theory of a "crucified god", nor do we accept the large part of their dogmas. Yet in spite of this, and in spite of the fact that these good folks tell us we are "of the devil", the Spirit of God is the controlling impulse behind this Movement.

This, of course, proves these good folks to be completely off the trail when they state that ONLY through their conception of religion, and ONLY through their "crucified god" can anyone know anything at all about God. They occupy a self-exalted position on a throne of their own making, and they say--"we are the Lord's anointed---we alone have the truths of God". All history tends to dispute such claims, yet these good folks make them anyway.

Religious tradition records a score of "crucified gods" yet, according to our good Christian friends, they all are false except theirs, the most recent "crucified god" of the entire category. "Psychiana" of course, well--the devil is behind that Movement and the motivating power is from the very depths of hell. That fellow will roast and frizzle and fry throughout eternity some day. When he faces his maker, he will cringe and wilt and scream for mercy. But I don't think so. I'm a pretty good loser when I have to be, and that's not often. And regardless of what "orthodoxy" claims that none may know God except through Jesus Christ, the Spirit of the Infinite God is the motivating Power behind "Psychiana". That is abundantly proven by the experiences of many thousands. We might be fooling ourselves. We might know nothing whatsoever about God. But these good folks who write us by the tens of thousands, they KNOW whether they have found God or not. We are not fooling them. We could not fool that many people, even if we were smart enough, which I do not believe we are.

Let me show my readers, in a concrete manner, just what this Movement has been spectacular in its growth. There comes in this morning a letter

from Fort William Ontario Canada. It is from a new Student. The lady has only had two Lessons. Yet listen to what she says:--" I am happy today because of an entirely new feeling hourly taking possession of me. Believe it or not, though my life has been one of failure until now---this is a fact that I am actually going to use the Power of God as you taught me to use it. My fear is at last gone and believe me it is gone absolutely and completely".

It would be very easy to quote from 100,000 such letters, but a glimpse through the department of this magazine "With our Students" from week to week will disclose the fact that the experience of this lady is corroborated by the experience of hundreds of thousands of others. And herein lies the secret of the success of this Movement. The Power of the Spirit of God manifests through it, and as a result of this mighty Power, others are brought to a saving knowledge of God.

Its simple after all. There need be no mystery about it, need there? When God speaks, things always happen. When God comes into a human life, that life MUST change. And when the lives of our Members change through the incoming of the Spirit of God, why they just write and tell us about it--that's all there is to it. If the "orthodox" and others who believe that only through "the name of Jesus" can God be found--if they do not understand these activities, they had better re-vamp their ideas of God. For the Spirit of God will most assuredly continue to work in human lives regardless of what any religious organization thinks about it.

They may argue till the crack of doom that no one else but them can possibly have the right slant on God. They may argue till the crack of doom that "there is none other name given under heaven whereby men can be saved" and while they are so arguing, the Spirit of God will be renewing the lives of men and women by the tens of thousands. Ridiculous for the "Christian" to make such foolish claims is it not? There were some pretty good and wise men on the earth before the time of Constantine, the founder of the Christian religion. They too had ideas of God. And there are some pretty wise and good men still living on this earth. And these men too have their ideas of religion. And these ideas are not the ideas of "the orthodox" by any manner of means.

The human fallacy that none may know God except through any human conception of God is illogical in the extreme. God exists for all. The Power of the Spirit of God came into every life at birth. It still exists in every life. That God-Spirit may be drawn upon by all, and it does not need belief in any "crucified savior" to know the True Spirit of the Living God. And that, regardless of what "orthodoxy" teaches.

The greatest minds, the most profound thinkers in the Christian church today are almost without exception predicting its speedy doom unless something happens to it to revive it. In spite of its fallacious teaching that none may know God except through Jesus Christ, hundreds of thousands ARE finding God entirely outside of the Christian faith. As a matter of fact, it is this foolish claim to "divine right exclusively" which has caused the failure and collapse of the present Christian structure, in spite of its claims that none may know God unless they believe what the Christian church tells them to believe.

There is a great man, and a great preacher now occupying the same

pulpit Henry Ward Beecher, the famed minister occupied in ~~#####~~ \$  
Indianapolis. His name is Jean Milner. A wonderful man of God, and one of  
the outstanding minds in the Presbyterian denomination. Now listen to what  
he says of the present Christian church. These words are to be found in the  
closing paragraph of Dr. Milner's colossal book--"THE SKY IS RED" and  
published by Bobbs-Merrill in Indianapolis Ind. Surely, if you don't believe  
me ~~###~~ when I say that the Christian church is an utter failure, you must  
believe one in your own faith, must you not? Here is the closing paragraph  
of Dr. Milner's book:- "WE ARE LIVING IN ONE OF THOSE RARE PERIODS IN TIME  
FROM WHICH GREATNESS CAN EMERGE THROUGH THE RENEWAL OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT BY A  
MORE VITAL CONTACT WITH THE GREAT SPIRIT. SUCH MOMENTS, SO PREGNANT WITH  
TREMENDOUS POSSIBILITIES, ARE NOT OFTEN VOUCHSAFED TO MAN. A SWEEPING MOVEMENT  
UPWARD TOWARD THE BUILDING OF THE WORLD OF OUR DREAMS---OR---A SPIRAL  
DOWNWARD TOWARD DISASTER, SEEMS TO LIE JUST BEYOND THE BORDERS OF OUR DAY.  
ONE CANNOT VIEW WITH SERENITY THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR FAILING TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF THIS SUPREME MOMENT IN TIME. THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS AN  
OPPORTUNITY NOW, WHICH, IF SHE LET SLIP THROUGH HER FINGERS, SHE MAY NEVER  
HAVE AGAIN. OUT OF SUCH MOMENTS MAGNIFICENCE COMES. SHE MUST PROVE HERSELF  
WORTHY OF THE LEADERSHIP DEMANDED OF HER. SHE WILL SERVE THE WORLD WITH  
CHRISTIAN GREATNESS OR BE REPUDIATED BY IT. THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST WILL NOT  
LEAVE THE EARTH, BUT HIS SPIRIT WILL ~~##~~ LIVE IN INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN OUR  
OWN".

That is a staggering prophecy. An amazing prediction, coming from a  
church man of the prominence of Dr. Milner. What he prophesies is actually  
happening on this earth today. The Christian church has NOT served the world  
with greatness. It has been weighed in the balances and has been found  
very wanting. Its theory of Jesus Christ as a "crucified god" is the  
stumbling block in the whole structure. It cannot serve the world with  
greatness and hold that theory, the very same theory which one can find in  
many systems of religion which we now call "pagan". And these "pagan" reli-  
gions had these Christian theories long before Christianity was ever  
heard of. They cannot therefore be true. If they are, every "pagana" system  
of religion before Christ must be true also. The "crucified gods" were  
of a different name, by the principle is the same.

The most significant statement above quoted is the one with  
which Dr. Milner closes the book---"THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST (he means the Spirit  
of God) WILL NOT LEAVE THE EARTH, BUT HIS SPIRIT WILL MANIFEST IN INSTITUTIONS  
OTHER THAN OUR OWN". That is exactly what ~~#~~ is happening on the earth today.  
The Christian church, unwilling to teach the plain simple truths of God,  
the SPIRIT OF GOD HAS TURNED TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION AND IS MANIFESTING ITS  
POWER THROUGH IT. That institution, as you well know, is "Psychiana". We  
shall try to be found worthy of the great trust God has give to us. We  
certainly shall not make the same mistake the Christian church made. Under  
our ministry, God and man will deal directly with each other, and without a  
man-conceived mediator. The failure of the Christian church to reveal God  
to the world, is directly chargeable to its theory of Jesus Christ as God.

But Dr. Milner is but one of hundreds of prominent churchmen who  
have made similar predictions. Shall we now see what the primate of the  
Protestant Episcopal church in America says. You can't go much higher than  
that, can you? I quote from an A.P. dispatch which appeared all over the  
U.S. on Oct 5th last year. Here is the complete quotation:-

"UNLESS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DEVELOPS AN ENTHUSIASM FOR  
ITS WORK, COMPARABLE TO THAT OF SOVIET RUSSIA OR WARRING  
JAPAN, THE CHRISTIAN CAUSE MAY FAIL AND PASS OUT OF EXISTENCE"

That is a strong statement. The primate, Bishop Tucker, admits with Dr. Milner that the Christian cause may pass completely out of existence. Strange how two great religious leaders say the same thing. They must know what they are talking about. For such statements as these are damaging. I admire the honor and the frankness of these two men in making such statements.

But let us see what the Methodist has to say, if anything. I quote from Bishop Magee of the ~~###~~ Methodist church as the article appeared in the U.P. Here it is:-  
2 BISHOP RALPH MAGEE OF ST. PAUL URGED ADULT EDUCATION HERE YESTERDAY TO COMBAT THE SLUMP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. HE SAID THE M.E. CHURCH (north) LOST 2859 SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND 732,271 STUDENTS DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING IN ~~###~~ 1935"

Here is another outstanding leader of another faith saying the same thing. They cannot all be wrong. If Bishop Magee will direct the "adult education" along the right line, he will dig into the origin of the Christian church and the story of Jesus Christ as God. That sort of education is the sort I have. It will invariably lead to the blessed truth of God. And that truth DOES NOT LIE IN THE STORY OF JESUS CHRIST. I know whereof I speak when I make that stupendous statement.

Yes--the Spirit of God is manifesting outside of the Christian church. And I'm glad. For, outside of the church the Spirit of God will make a lot more headway, even though it only has one man doing the work, than it was able to make INSIDE the church. The leaders themselves admit that the church may pass completely out of existence. Well if it does, it will have no one to blame other than itself. The very theories of Jesus Christ, which the church teaches to be God, are the theories which are bringing doom to the structure. I wish it would wake up. I wish it would preach the Power of the Spirit of God. I don't particularly want to do the work the churches should be doing. But if they insist on bringing to mankind a false theory of God, then I must work, and shall work until that false theory is completely eliminated. It fooled me too long the Jesus theory did. I have little use for it. Instead of manifesting God to the world, that theory has brought the destruction of the organization which has taught it. Its own leaders admit that. Then let's get rid of the theory. Let's get the truths of God in our make-up. Let's get acquainted with the Spirit of God, and let's get God manifesting in the church, where He belongs, instead of having to manifest through "Psychiana"

The churches have much better facilities than we have. They are much larger. They have so many buildings and so much money. I've been tearing myself to pieces for this work of God for nearly eleven years. The churches could do it so very much easier. But they won't. So then, come what may, we of "Psychiana" shall continue to demonstrate the Power of the Spirit of God on the earth until such time as the churches feel like doing their duty.

That is "THE SECRET" of "Psychiana" and its phenomenal experience. That is why magazine writers say "the success of this Movement reads like an Horatio Alger story". May the Spirit of God help the churches to see that this work is theirs, not mine.