

PROGRAM NO. 8

ANNOUNCER: A very wise philosopher once said, "Give the people light, and they will find their own way." And that is exactly what has been done by the man whose voice you are about to hear. On a subject blurred and fogged by the mists of superstition, obscured by meaningless dogma, he has turned the clear, white light of sound thinking and common sense. He has revealed FACTS - often STARTLING facts. He has shown people - the truth. And that truth has swept around the world. . . has made thousands upon thousands of converts. He has replaced empty creeds, born of pagan mythology, with scientific enquiry and discovery - with principles that can be PROVED. That man - if you have not already guessed his name - is Dr. Frank Robinson, of Moscow, Idaho. . . one of the outstanding figures of this modern, scientific age in which we live, and his system of philosophy is called "Psychiana". How would you like to visit Dr. Robinson - in his own home - hear him discuss his philosophy? Well, you can. For here is your guide to take you there.

(SNEAK IN MUSIC BEHIND FOLLOWING)

GUIDE: As you approach Moscow, Idaho, in an airplane, you see first, spread out beneath you, a series of rugged hills, stretching away into the misty distance - hills whose slopes are covered with tall, straight pines and fir trees. And now, drawing nearer, you observe, nestling snugly in a little valley, the town of Moscow. It is not a big city; but out of it has come a philosophy which has encompassed the earth. It is the home of a man known the world over. Later you walk up the street, leading to his house. And, if you are fortunate, you will hear, coming from that house, the notes of an organ.

(SWELL NUMBER AND COMPLETE)

- GUIDE: And then, after the last note has died away, you enter. You find yourself in Dr. Robinson's study, seated - if the evening is cool - in front of a snapping fire. On the floor romp two rosy-cheeked youngsters. And seated on the organ bench - swung around so that he faces you - is Dr. Robinson himself. From the moment you entered, he has put you entirely at ease. And now you are engaged in a lively discussion.
- DR: Well, what shall we talk about this time?
- GUIDE: If you will recall, Dr. Robinson, on my last visit you promised to tell me a few things about the Bible - show me what it is and what it is not.
- DR: That's right - I did promise you that, didn't I? Well, wait until I run these two kids out into the living room, and I'll tell you a few facts that you've probably never known before. You youngsters run along now. --
- That's right.
- (DOOR OPENS)
- DR: And close the door, ~~will you?~~ *alfie ded.*
- (DOOR CLOSES)
- DR: By the way, are these little talks of mine interesting to you?
- GUIDE: Are they interesting? Well, I should say they are and - more than that - they are interesting to many thousands of others too within the range of the radio station over which they're broadcast. And, believe me, you are doing a service to the United States which it has needed for a long time. But how about telling me something about the Bible?
- DR: All right. The first picture I want you to get is the fact that there is not ONE great religious system in the world, but there have been SEVEN of them.
- GUIDE: What are those seven, Doctor?
- DR: Well, there was Brahminism, Buddhism, Confucionism, Zoroasterism, Mohammedanism, Judaism and Christianity, and they were all born in Asia. More than

that, they all had their so-called sacred books which they used to propagate their respective teachings and these sacred books were nearly all written by Asiatic priests. As a matter of fact, the oldest Bibles in the world are the Vedas and they have almost a dozen of them. And the Chinese have a Bible which contains documents over 4,000 years old. The followers of Zoroaster have a Bible far antedating the Christian Bible, ^{called the Avesta which} ~~which is called the Avesta~~. Then again the Mohammedans have their sacred Bible and they call this the Koran. We have another sacred Bible called the Torah, which is the book of the law and the Bible of the Jews. The Jews, by the way, have four different bibles. Then we come down to the text book of the Christian religion, and you will readily see that the Bible is but one ~~of~~ a number of bibles for which divinity is claimed.

GUIDE: Just a moment, Doctor. Do I understand you to say that these other religions all considered their bibles just as divinely inspired as the Christian religion considers its Bible?

DRG: That is exactly the fact. The only thing is of course that the Christians deny the divinity of these other bibles and affirm that they are only of human origin - and the rest of these religions also deny the divinity of the Bible and claim that it is of human origin, which happens to be a fact.

GUIDE: Well, Doctor, can you prove that?

DR: Absolutely and positively, and my fight with the religious organizations of today lies in the fact that these organizations ask us to believe their story and don't tell us Americans all the truth by any manner of means. As a matter of fact, this Christian Bible is not one book, nor was it written at one time nor was it written by one man - nor does anyone know who wrote most of it.

GUIDE: Do I understand you correctly, Doctor, that no one knows who wrote most of the Bible?

DR: That is what I said, for out of the 66 books in this Bible, at least 50 are absolutely anonymous. No one knows who wrote them nor does anyone know where they came from.

GUIDE: Well, that is an amazing statement, Dr. Robinson, and certainly is contrary to what is being taught today by the different religious organizations.

DR: I know it is, but go to any public library and I can give you the names of a score of books which will prove to you beyond any shadow of a doubt that I am telling you the truth here. You take the four gospels for instance, and the church organizations tell us that they were written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Now, as a matter of fact, these organizations have absolutely no right to make any such statement as that for, in the first place, no original manuscript covering these four gospels has ever been known to exist and, furthermore, the evidence we have very clearly and conclusively shows that these gospels were not known until the latter half of the second century, after the time of Christ, and equally certain is it that they were not written by the men whose names they bear. One church authority says that the authorship being unknown the church itself added the titles, as hearsay and oral tradition claimed that these four men might have been the writers of the gospels.

GUIDE: I would naturally think, Doctor, that these four gospels which contain the story of God in the form of a man should certainly be so concise and should certainly be capable of proof when you and I are told that if we do not accept the story they tell we are eternally damned.

DR: Yes, I would think so too, but let me say to you, and to the hundreds of thousands of people who will listen to this message, that there does not exist now - and there has never existed - any direct evidence of any kind that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John had anything to do with writing these gospels. It positively cannot be proven and, therefore, every minister or

priest in every religious organization, before he tells you or anyone else that you are damned if you do not believe this story, should certainly also tell you that he is reading from an utterly anonymous gospel.

GUIDE: Well, Doctor, then according to that there is no authentic information as to whether the story of Jesus Christ is fact or fiction?

DR: Yes, there is plenty of authentic information on that point - and the information tends to the belief that the entire story is more fiction than it is fact.

GUIDE: Well, Doctor, I thought there had always been a New Testament, even in the time of Christ.

DR: You are wrong. The first mention of the New Testament was in the third century, 300 years after the supposed time of Christ.

GUIDE: Well, Doctor, where did the record come from? ~~By what means were these stories transmitted to us? You say that no original manuscript covering the four gospels has ever been known to exist, and you state that 50 of the 66 books of the Bible are entirely anonymous - then how was the record preserved from those days to this day? Please tell me that, for it is very important.~~

DR: ~~O.K.~~ I am glad that you asked that question, for you should have the answer and so should everyone else who wants to know the truth of the matter. Now let me say to you that a Roman Catholic bishop called Irenaeus must have the credit for founding not only the Roman Catholic church, but also the New Testament canon, which is strictly a Roman Catholic work. The New Testament did not exist before the time of Irenaeus. He was the first man to make the collection of books and was the first to claim inspiration and divine authority for them.

GUIDE: About what date was that Doctor?

DR: That was a good many years after the supposed time of Christ. I will go into that later on, but I would like to tell you ~~why he chose the~~ ^{gave us} four gospels.

He says himself, and I quote "There are four quarters to the earth on which we live; four universal winds; animals have four legs, so we will have four gospels". Now - to come back to this record - the oldest records in existence are three - religious organizations like to call these the "codes". The oldest of these old Greek manuscripts is the Sinaitic and this old bible is preserved in St. Petersburg and - believe it or not - was discovered in a convent near Mt. Sinai. No one knows the date of the thing and no definite statement regarding its age can be made. There are those who believe it dates back to the fourth century, but that is hardly likely. It probably came into existence between 400 and 700 A.D. I might state that this code, or this old Bible, only contains 29 books - two of which are not in our present bible at all.

GUIDE: You said that was the what manuscript, Doctor?

DR: That is the Sinaitic manuscript. Then there is another one in the Vatican Library in Rome and it is claimed that it belongs to the fourth century also. It has part of the New Testament in it but only the four gospels, Acts and a part of the Epistles. Then the third one is called the Alexandrian manuscript, which is now in the British Museum, and which is supposed to belong to the sixth century. Now that is all the evidence in existence concerning the bible and the entire story of the fall of man, with his subsequent need of a Saviour.

GUIDE: Then I am to understand, Dr. Robinson, that these three are the only records there are?

DOCTOR: These are the oldest of all Bibles in existence and, as I say, no one knows where they came from or who wrote most of them. One is not complete, and the other two are quite different from the Bible used today. There is one very interesting fact here I would like to tell you, and that is the fact that Martin Luther - who was the direct cause of Protestantism - claimed that

five of the epistles now held out to you as the divinely inspired word of God, were false and he discarded them entirely. Of course, those teaching orthodox religion do not tell us this today, but it is a fact nevertheless.

GUIDE: ~~What five books did Martin Luther deny, Dr. Robinson?~~

DR: Well, he said that the book of Jonah was not any part of the word of God and should not be in the canon of Scripture at all. Then again he said the epistle of James was an epistle of straw. The book of Revelation, the last book in the bible, he had a very serious fight with and very plainly stated that this book certainly was not the word of God, by any manner of means. Then again he rejected the epistle to the Hebrews, stating that it was not by St. Paul, nor by any apostle. Of the book of Esther he says "~~I am such an enemy to the book of Esther that I wish it did not exist~~".

GUIDE: Well now Doctor, this is all mighty, mighty interesting and I imagine for the first time in a good many years light is being thrown on a subject which needs all the light possible. I wonder, before I go, if you could give me some authority covering the statements you have made to me tonight. I know that you know what you are talking about, but someone may ask me for ^{definite} some/authority outside of you. Could you give me that authority please?

DR: That will not be hard to do. Prof. Geo. T. Ladd of Yale ~~College~~ writes this: "The authorship and date of most of the Old Testament writings and some of the New Testament will never be known with certainty", and you find that on page 294 of his book "What is the Bible".

GUIDE: Well, Dr. Robinson, you certainly HAVE told me things I didn't know before. And this fifteen minute period has slipped away rapidly. But I think we still have time for one thing more.

DR: And what's that?

GUIDE: Another selection on the organ.

DR: ~~Yes - I think we have. Any particular selection?~~

GUIDE: ~~I'll leave that to you, Dr. Robinson.~~

DR: Well, then, suppose I play -- ~~this.~~ *Powes and Sweet song*

(ORGAN SELECTION, FADING BEHIND FOLLOWING)

ANNOUNCER: Yes - this fifteen minute period HAS slipped by. But Dr. Robinson will be with us again very soon - with more interesting facts which you've probably never heard before. In Dr. Robinson's complete outline of Psychiana there are thousands of such facts - ~~facts which will open your eyes.~~ And you may have a copy of his outline entirely without cost - and without obligating yourself in the slightest degree. A penny postcard will bring it. Why not send for it at once? Just say "Send me a free copy of your outline" and address your postcard to the station to which you are listening - or directly to Dr. Frank Robinson, Moscow, Idaho. If you do send it to Moscow, Idaho, be sure to include in the address the words, "Radio Department", ~~so that it will not get mixed up with the letters from Dr. Robinson's many students.~~

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