

PSYCHIANA PROGRAM #11

ANNOUNCER: Every day, scientists are giving us new and more accurate ideas of the nature of our universe. Dr. Millekan has told us about cosmic rays. Einstein has changed our ideas about space. But, perhaps transcending all of these discoveries, is that of Dr. Frank Robinson - a discovery which he calls Psychiana. For he has given ~~me~~ something of tremendous importance to us as human beings - something that profoundly affects our daily lives. He has given us a new and more accurate conception of God. He has swept aside the superstitions - the old beliefs borrowed from pagan mythology - and has shown us that God is not some sort of supernatural being, located somewhere out there in the sky, but an all-powerful, all-pervading force. A principle - which, when we learn to understand and use it - can give us the things we want -- not in some far distant future - not in some vague land beyond the grave - but RIGHT HERE AND NOW. More than that, he has PROVED this - proved it in his own life and the lives of thousands upon thousands of thinking people all over the world. Would you like to visit Dr. Robinson's study in Moscow, Idaho, and hear him explain his philosophy? I'm sure you would. And all you have to do is lean back in your chair, and let our guide take you there.

(THUNDER & WIND - ALONE FOR INTERVAL - THEN BACKGROUND)

GUIDE: Dark clouds are massed over the hills of northern Idaho. Thunder reverberates from peak to peak. The inky black sky is split by forked flashes of lightning. Rain falls in torrents. It is with a feeling of relief that we see the lighted windows of Dr. Robinson's home - and knock at the door.

(KNOCKING)

DR (off mike): Come in.

(DOOR OPENS)

DR (in mike): Come in - come in - before this storm blows you away.

(DOOR CLOSSES - CUT STORM)

GUIDE: Say - when it storms up here, it really storms, doesn't it?

DR: Yes - that's right. Here - let me have your coat and hat. (FADE) I'll hang them over here where they can dry out a bit. There we are. (FADE IN) Sit down and rest yourself. You look a bit out of breath.

GUIDE: Thanks. Bucking that wind was no fun. I am out of breath.

DR: Well, while you're getting it back again, suppose we have a little music, eh?

GUIDE: You don't have to ask my permission, Doctor. That's one of the reasons why I like to come here - to hear you play.

DR (fading): Well, if you'll wait till I switch on the organ here, we'll see what we can do.

(ORGAN NUMBER - SLOW CUE)

(THUNDER - FAINTLY)

GUIDE: That was very beautiful, Doctor.

DR (fading in): But apparently not beautiful enough to calm the storm.

GUIDE: Why, what do you mean?

DR: Don't you believe that a storm is a manifestation of an angry God, and that we humans have to do something to appease him?

GUIDE: Say - are you joking?

DR: No - I'm quite serious. Don't you believe that God does get angry on account of our sins, and that we have to make some kind of atonement - offer a sacrifice - in order to put him in a good humor again?

GUIDE: I certainly do not.

DR: But I thought you told me you were raised in an orthodox belief - and the atonement is a part of the very foundation of orthodox belief, isn't it?

GUIDE: Yes, but --- well, the way you put it, you make it sound absurd.

- DR: Well, let me put it another way then: - in spite of the fact that the doctrine of atonement is at the core of orthodox religious teachings, do you honestly believe that God is the sort of a being who had to be appeased by sacrifice - the sacrifice of his own son?
- GUIDE: Frankly, Doctor, I don't believe it.
- DR: Why not?
- GUIDE: Well - well, because it doesn't sound right. It sounds like superstition.
- DR: And that's exactly what it is. Probably you imagine that the doctrine of atonement is something which only exists in present day orthodox belief? Well, it isn't. It's something which has been borrowed from pagan practices which go back to the very dawn of history - hundreds of years before the Christian religion came into being.
- GUIDE: Can you give me proof of that, Dr. Robinson?
- DR: I certainly can. Plenty of proof. For instance, 1200 years before Christ, the Hindus believed that the crucifixion of their sin-atonement Savior - called Christna - put an end to both animal and human sacrifices. In other words, the crucifixion of Christna atoned for the sins of the world.
- GUIDE: You say the Hindus believed that - 1200 years before Christ?
- DR: That's right. You can find that fact in any standard reference book.
- GUIDE: And their Savior's name was Christna - and he was crucified to atone for the sins of the world?
- DR: Yes. Does the story have a familiar ring to it?
- GUIDE: Why, it's almost identical to the story which orthodox religious systems teach us right now.
- DR: Of course it is. Because - as I say - the story was taken from a pagan religion. However, the doctrine of atonement goes back much further than 1200 B.C.; and went through a number of changes in its development.

- GUIDE: Tell me about them.
- DR: Well, there were many phases in vogue among the Orientals which originated with the design of appeasing the anger and propitiating the favor of an irascible deity. Most of these consisted of a sacrifice or destructive offering called the atonement. It appears to have been started with a sacrifice of the cheapest kind of property known; and from that starting point gradually arose to embody the most costly commodities. In other words, the deity's taste began to improve - and he commenced demanding more and more costly sacrifices. For instance, he preferred Abel's sacrifice to Cain's because the latter's consisted of mere inanimate things while Abel's embraced the firstlings of the flock.
- GUIDE: Yes - I remember that.
- DR: But the deity's appetite for costly commodities did not stop there. The god made more and more demands until - to cap the climax - it called for blood - human blood. You may recall Paul's declaration - "without ^{also} shedding of blood there ^{is} ~~can be~~ no remission of sins."
- GUIDE: Yes, I do recall it; and it always seemed to me that it was a - well, bloody doctrine.
- DR: And one which every normal, intelligent person would reject with instinctive horror; and yet, there it stands, right at the core of the religious philosophy advocated by the religious organizations in our midst today - religious organizations pretending to be the ambassadors of god.
- GUIDE: It seems strange that intelligent people - living in a civilized age - should ever accept such a barbarous custom.
- DR: Intelligent people do not accept it. Everywhere - the world over - they are turning from orthodox teaching. They may not know where some of these beliefs come from; but their common sense tells them that such doctrines cannot be right - cannot be true. ~~That~~ the conception of a God who delights in blood-

shed cannot be the true conception. And if it is not the true conception, then the truth must lie somewhere else.

GUIDE: Is there any other proof that the doctrine of atonement is not an inspired doctrine, originating with orthodox belief?

DR: Yes, indeed. Even prior to the date I mentioned - 1200 B.C. - there was a custom in many countries of symbolizing sin by means of some article - usually a piece of cloth - and tying this cloth on the back or head or horns of an animal. Then the animal was driven into the wilderness or some other place so remote that the brute could not find its way back. In this way, the cargo of sins was supposed to have been carried away. The cloth used for representing, or enclosing, the sins was usually of a red or scarlet color, of the semblance of blood. In fact, it was generally dipped in blood. When this cloth was fastened to the animal and was exposed to the weather and drenching rains, it naturally began to fade and finally became white. And here we have the key to Isaiah's declaration, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall become as wool." And thus the meaning of this obscure text is clearly explained by tracing its origin to its Oriental source.

GUIDE: Well, that is interesting, Doctor.

DR: To carry away their sins, the ancient Jews used a goat - known as a "scape goat." The Egyptians had a "scape ox". The Chaldeans a "scape ram." The Britons a "scape bull." The Mexicans a "scape lamb." Until the last of these religions had the "scape god" of orthodox Christianity. For Jesus Christ may properly be termed the "scape God" as he stands in the same relation to his disciples as the goat to the Jews, and performs the same office. This doctrine of the atonement which is at the heart of the religious teachings of the present day is a monstrous and morally revolting doctrine and one that God knows nothing whatever of. It is a doctrine which teaches us that somebody's blood must be

shed, somebody's veins and arteries deleted for every trivial offense committed against the moral laws. Somebody must pay the penalty in blood, somebody must be slaughtered for every little foible and peccadillo and moral blunder through which erring man may chance to stumble on the pilgrimage of life, even if a God has to be dragged from his throne in Heaven and murdered to accomplish it. Nothing else will appease divine wrath, according to the present day church ^{teaching.} ~~structure.~~ Whose soul, possessing the slightest moral sensibility, does not inwardly and instinctively revolt at such a doctrine? I would not teach that doctrine for the world, for it is founded in butchery and bloodshed and is an old pagan superstition which originated far back in the midnight of mental darkness and heathen ignorance, when the whole human race was under the brutal sway of their propensities, and when the ennobling attributes of love, mercy and forgiveness, had as yet found no abiding place in the human bosom. The bloody soul of the savage first gave it birth and I hold the doctrine to be a high-handed insult to the loving Father who, we are told, is long suffering in mercy and plenty ^{ful} in forgiveness, to charge him with sanctioning such a doctrine - much less with originating it.

GUIDE: You make that very plain and easy to understand, Doctor. And now there's something else I'd like to ask you to explain.

DR: Oh, come - I think we've had enough talk for one session.

GUIDE: But we still have a few minutes left.

DR: Well, then, I'll compromise with you. Instead of talking, I'll play.

(FADING) Here's a number that's been running through my mind all day.

(ORGAN SELECTION - FADE BEHIND FOLLOWING)

ANNOUNCER: In his discussion Dr. Robinson made a remark that struck me with considerable force. He said regarding the present orthodox conception of God - "If it is NOT the true conception, then the truth must lie somewhere else." Is it possible to find the truth? Well, thousands upon thousands of people HAVE found it in Dr. Robinson's outline of his philosophy, which he calls

Psychiana. Isn't it worth your while to send for a copy - then judge for yourself? Dr. Robinson will be glad to send it to you without charge - and without obligating you in any way. Simply write to him, and say, "Send me a free copy of your outline." Address your letter to Dr. Frank Robinson, care of the station to which you are listening - or to Dr. Frank Robinson, Moscow, Idaho. Either address will reach him. If you send your letter to Moscow, Idaho, be sure to add the words, "Radio Department" so that your letter will not get mixed up with the tremendous mail from Dr. Robinson's students.

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