

PSYCHIANA Program #12

ANNOUNCER: Before introducing Dr. Robinson and the Psychiana program, I'd like to relate a little experience which occurred to me the other day. I was having luncheon with a friend of mine - a chap who is a rather consistent church-goer. He said - "I was listening to the radio, and heard the Dr. Robinson program. To begin with, I confess, I listened simply because I heard your voice. Finally, Dr. Robinson, himself, came on. What he said startled me at first. But he presented his facts so clearly - so sanely - so intelligently that now - well, I don't know. Anyhow I've sent for his outline of Psychiana. I'm going to read it thoroughly. Maybe I won't agree with him entirely - maybe I will. But I'll admit this much - he MUST have something." So I've been thinking about what my friend said. Any man who has evolved a philosophy which in the short space of a few years has swept around the world - whose message has been received so favorably that there is scarcely an auditorium large enough to accomodate the people flocking to hear him - MUST HAVE SOMETHING -- MUST be worth listening to. And I'm sure you agree with me. I'm sure you're waiting right now to follow our guide to Dr. Robinson's home.

(SNEAK IN MUSIC BEHIND FOLLOWING)

GUIDE: Once again we are in Dr. Robinson's study, in Moscow, Idaho. It is a pleasant, comfortable room, this study. And as we lean back in our chairs, Dr. Robinson - at the console of a magnificent pipe organ - plays for us. Softly at first; and then, as he becomes wrapt in the mood of the music, the strains swell.

(SWELL MUSIC AND COMPLETE NUMBER)

GUIDE: I think, Dr. Robinson, that calls for an encore.

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DR: Well, perhaps - but not just yet. If I remember correctly, the last time we met you ~~have~~ ^{had} a question to ask, and I put you off because our time was short. Suppose we have that question right now - if you haven't forgotten it.

GUIDE: Oh, I haven't forgotten it. It's simply this - in view of the fact that so many hundreds of thousands believe the story of Jesus Christ, don't you think it would be kinder to them not to expose it?

DR: My answer to that question is most emphatically NO, for a truth can never be known through falsehood and I care not how many millions of people believe a certain story. If that story is not true, no lasting good can ever come from it, and the sooner the story is exposed or destroyed, the better it will be for us all. If people's religious feelings are hurt because they have a false belief, then that is just too bad, but there are millions of people in this United States of ours, who have no religious belief of any kind, and it is to those millions that my message is directed. I am not interested in taking any member from any church - because I realize the foolishness of an attempt like that. It just couldn't be done, and I have neither the time nor inclination to try to do it, so I direct my message to the millions who have no religious belief - or who are not satisfied with the one they have.

GUIDE: I think that is a very laudable and sensible attitude to take, and certainly proves that you are not trying to upset anyone's religious beliefs.

DR: I certainly am not. The different church organizations come to the man on the street who has no religious belief, and they present to him a story which they claim is the true story of God. Now the man on the street did not ask the organization to come to him, yet they come and insist he believe that story. Now I am doing the same thing, and I have the same right to do it, *but I do not insist that people believe me - they can etc* I come to these millions of people who have no religious belief of any kind and I offer them one. Now it so happens that the religious philosophy I offer them is fundamentally different from the one offered by the religious

organizations, yet I have the same right to offer it.

GUIDE: In a few words, Dr. Robinson, just what is this difference?

DR: The God taught by the churches manifested only through one man whose life was lived in a mass of miracles and miraculous happenings and all that sort of stuff - but the God I preach manifests his power, his presence and his love to all alike, regardless of whether they believe any man-made church traditions or not. The history of the other teachings discloses a horrible stream of blood behind it; hundreds of thousands of people have been brutally murdered for their religious beliefs. Men have been torn limb from limb. They have been burned at the stake. And eyes have been gouged out, all in the name of the God of the Christian church, but nothing like that can happen with my definition of God - for to me God is an operating spiritual law which created this Universe in the first place - and which, moment by moment, sustains it by spiritual law which in the final analysis is but natural law.

GUIDE: And you differ with the story of these miracles?

DR: I certainly do. The great God of the Universe did not cause the sun to stand still in order that a bloody slaughter of his enemies might be made more complete. He did not strike 50,000 men, women and children dead for attempting to look into a little box called the Ark, in which he lived. No, no, that story is pagan and heathen superstition and it had its origin in a pagan land which gave to the world every story of a supernaturally revealed religion it has ever known.

GUIDE: But we were originally speaking of the New Testament - the story of Jesus Christ. How do you differ with that story?

DR: It is claimed by the disciples of Jesus Christ, that he was of supernatural and divine origin; that he had a human being for a mother, and a God for his father; that - although he was woman-conceived - he was Deity-begotten,

and molded in the human form, but comprehending in essence a full measure of the infinite Godhead, thus making him half human and half divine in his sublunary origin. It is claimed that he was full and perfect God, and perfect man; and while he was God, he was also the son of God, and as such was sent down by his father to save a fallen and guilty world; and that thus his mission pertained to the whole human race; and his inspired seers are made to declare that ultimately every nation, tongue, kindred, and people under Heaven will acknowledge allegiance to his government, and concede his right to reign and rule the world; that "every knee must bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

GUIDE: And that has never happened?

DR: No - nor is it likely to be fulfilled. We do not observe that this claim to the infinite deityship of Jesus Christ has been, or is likely to be, universally conceded. On the contrary, it is found that by a portion - and a large portion - of the people of even those nations now called Christian, this claim has been steadily and unswervingly controverted through the whole line of history stretching through the nearly two thousand years which have elapsed since his advent to earth. Even some of those who are represented to have been personally acquainted with him - ay! some of his own brethren in the flesh, children in the same household, children of the same mother - had the temerity to question the tenableness of his claim to a divine emanation. And when we extend our researches to other countries, we find this claim, so far from being conceded, is denied and contested by whole nations upon other grounds. It is met and confronted by rival claims.

GUIDE: Well, what other grounds do you mean, Doctor?

DR: I mean that hundreds of millions of established believers in divine revelation - hundreds of millions of believers in the divine character and origin of religion - reject the pretensions set up for Jesus Christ. They admit

a Messiah, but not the Messiah; these nations contend that the title is misplaced which makes "the Man Christ Jesus" the Savior of the world. They claim to have been honored with the birth of the true Savior among them, and defend this claim upon the ground of priority of date. They aver that the advent of their Messiah was long prior to that of the Christians* and that this circumstance adjudicates for them a superiority of claim as to having had the true Messiah born upon their soil.

GUIDE: In other words, they claim a Messiah of their own, born long before the time of the Christian Messiah?

DR: That is it exactly. ~~It is argued that, as the story of the incarnation of the Christians' Savior is of more recent date than that of these Oriental and ancient religions (as is conceded by Christians themselves), the origin of the former is thus indicated and foreshadowed as being an outgrowth from, if not a plagiarism upon the latter - a borrowed copy, of which the pagan stories furnish the original. Here, then, we observe a rivalry of claims as to which of the remarkable personages who have figured in the world as Saviors, Messiahs, and Sons of God in different ages and different countries can be considered the true Savior and "sent of God"; or whether all should be, or the claims of all, rejected. For researches into oriental history reveal the remarkable fact that stories of incarnate Gods answering to and resembling the miraculous character of Jesus Christ have been prevalent in most, if not all, the principal religious heathen nations of antiquity; and the accounts and narrations of some of these deific incarnations bear such a striking resemblance to that of the Christian Savior - not only in their general features, but in some cases in the most minute details, from the legend of the immaculate conception to that of the crucifixion and subsequent ascension into Heaven - that one might almost be mistaken for the other.~~

GUIDE: Then there is more than one claim of this kind.

DR: More than twenty claims of this kind - claims of being invested with divine honor (deified) - have come forward and presented themselves at the bar of the world with their credentials to contest the verdict of Christendom in having proclaimed Jesus Christ "The only Son, and Sent of God"; twenty Messiahs, Saviors, and Sons of God, according to history or tradition, have in past times descended from Heaven and taken upon themselves the form of men, clothing themselves with human flesh, and furnishing incontestable evidence of a divine origin, by various miracles, marvelous works, and superlative virtues; and finally these twenty Jesus Christs, accepting their character for the name, laid the foundation for the salvation of the world, and ascended back to Heaven. So you see there is nothing new in the story of the Messiah of Christianity - nor has it any more logical arguments to support it than any of the twenty other similar stories.

~~GUIDE: In other words, an exponent of one of these twenty other religious systems would have just as much right to come to me and ask me to accept his belief as an advocate of the Christian religious system?~~

~~DR: Yes, just as much right. However, let's consider the claims of the Christian religious system a little further. I use the word "system", but as a matter of fact, I should say "systems." For, since its founding, Christianity has been split up into many divisions and sects. To begin with, we have the Roman Catholic, the Greek Catholic and Protestantism. These, in turn - especially Protestantism - have undergone changes from the original form, and again have split up. So we have the Presbyterian - the Baptist - the Methodist - and so on. And in these we have still further splits - such as the Northern and Southern Methodists. And each one of these divisions makes the claim that it is the one and only true religion. The advocates of each one will tell you that, if you do not accept his particular faith,~~

~~you are doomed. And since only a small percentage of all those who embrace the Christian faith have been fortunate enough to select the proper division, the great majority of Christians can never attain salvation.~~

~~Now does that sound reasonable to you?~~

GUIDE: No - it most assuredly does not.

DR: Nor does it to any other intelligent person. Plain common sense rejects the idea entirely. Plain common sense tells you that no one tiny division can have an exclusive corner on salvation - and that God is not nor never was a man, but an immutable, powerful, impersonal principle which governs the universe and everything in it. And that principle is here - and in operation every second of time. We have only to learn how to understand ~~it and use it.~~

GUIDE: Well, Doctor, you certainly have the knack of making things clear. And now I'd like to ask something else.

DR: Another question?

GUIDE: No - for the encore you promised a while ago.

DR: Yes, I believe I did promise an encore, didn't I? Any particular selection?

GUIDE: Yes -- " -- (~~NAME OF NUMBER~~) --" *smiling thro'*

DR: Well, you shall have it.

(ORGAN SELECTION - FADE OUT BEHIND FOLLOWING)

ANNOUNCER: Would you like to know more about that principle - that God-law - which Dr. Robinson spoke of? Would you like to learn how to apply it to your own life? Then send for a complete outline of Psychiana - the outline of Dr. Robinson's philosophy. There is no charge for this - nor will you be obligated in any way. Simply write a letter or post card - saying, "Send me a free copy of the outline of your philosophy" and address your letter to Dr. Frank Robinson, care of the radio station to which you are

listening, or to Moscow, Idaho. If you write to Moscow, Idaho, include in the address the words, "Radio Department," so your letter will not get mixed up with the tremendous daily mail from Dr. Robinson's students.

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