

PSYCHIANA NO. 18

ANNOUNCER: Do you know that this program, to which you are listening, is one of the most discussed programs in America today? Do you know that it is probably creating more real interest than any of the big orchestras and famous stars on the air? And it's not hard to discover the reason why. It's because the man whose voice you are about to hear on this program - the man whom you are about to meet - really has something to say. Has an idea - an idea which in the short space of a few years has encircled the globe - has invaded practically every civilized country in the world. I have no notion of how many people may be listening to this program right now; but I do know that when he speaks in public, there is scarcely an auditorium huge enough to contain the crowds which come to listen to him. The idea - the philosophy - which he has evolved is called "Psychiana". And the man himself - a name which you no doubt have heard mentioned many times - is Dr. Frank Robinson. I said a moment ago you were going to meet him. And so here is your guide, ready to take you to Dr. Robinson's home in Moscow, Idaho.

(SNEAK IN MUSIC BEHIND FOLLOWING)

GUIDE: Rugged hills - forests of pine trees, limned against a great sweep of sky - nestling in a little valley, the town of Moscow, Idaho - and in that town a home out of which has come a philosophy which has encompassed the earth. We pause just outside the door and listen. For inside a man is seated at the console of a pipe organ; and we think of that quotation - "Over his keys, the musing organist - beginning thoughtful and far away - first lets his fingers wander as they list - and builds a bridge from dreamland for his lay."

(KNOCK)

DR: ~~come in~~ - come in. *please*

(DOOR OPENS)

DR: I see you're right on time.

(DOOR CLOSSES)

GUIDE (fading in): Yes - right on time, Doctor. In fact, a little ahead of time. I waited outside until you'd finished playing. I knew if I came in, you'd stop.

DR (laughing): Well, some of these days we'll have to get together for a good long session of music. But for the present, as long as we're broadcasting, I'm afraid we're going to have to devote most of our time to discussions.

GUIDE: You know, Doctor, these broadcasts are causing quite a lot of talk.

DR: I hope it's favorable talk.

GUIDE: Most of it is. You've certainly made lots of people think. But, of course, there are some who don't agree with you.

DR: Ah, that's what I'm interested in. Why don't they agree with me? Have they found my arguments unsound - the things I've said untrue?

GUIDE: No - it isn't exactly that. To be perfectly frank, Doctor, they say that you are an atheist - and that you're trying to tear down religious belief.

DR: Well, I most vigorously deny both charges. And I think right now is a good time to thresh them out. To begin with, if you'll look up "atheist" in any standard dictionary, you'll find that it's defined as a person who denies the existence of god or a supreme intelligent being. And I certainly make no such denial. On the contrary, I feel very certain that there is a God - a God far more intelligent than the one pictured in the scriptures who slaughters innocent people, demands bloody sacrifices, flies into anger, ~~sends lying spirits to deceive people, (as in the case of Ahab, set forth in 1 Kings 22, 29-35)~~ *repents it.* decides to destroy mankind by means of a flood and then ~~changes his mind, and carries on love affairs with mortals (as in the case of Hannah, set forth in 1 Sam. 2:21).~~ *I am not* Oh, no - ~~it is not I who am~~ the atheist.

True, I will admit that my God is not, as Revelations describes, a God seated on a throne encircled by a rainbow, with head and hairs like white wool, eyes like flames of fire, feet like fine brass, and a two-edged sword sticking out of his mouth. I certainly do not believe any such fairy story as that. But I do believe that behind this universe is an intelligent principle which created the universe and which governs it. I believe this principle is God. I believe that it is all-powerful, and ever-present. And I believe that when we come to understand this God-law, we can apply it to our daily lives - that it will provide us with the things we need - not in some, vague distant future - not after we die - but RIGHT HERE AND NOW.

GUIDE: Well, Doctor, you've certainly spiked the atheist argument. But what about the accusation that you're trying to tear down religious belief?

DR: As I say, I deny that charge also. I am not trying to tear down religious belief at all. I am attempting to build religious belief - unless by religious belief my opponents mean present orthodox religion. And that doesn't have to be torn down. Its foundation is so insecure that it is crumbling of its own accord.

GUIDE: Just what do you mean by that, Doctor?

DR: Well, follow me for a moment. ^{we are told} That we must accept the teachings of orthodox religion if we are to be saved. Why do we have to be saved? Because our first ancestors - Adam and Eve sinned, and as a result God placed a curse upon all mankind. He ~~said to man, "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread,"~~ and to the woman, "in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children". ~~And to the fabulous talking snake which caused our downfall, he said "upon thy belly shalt thou go."~~ Isn't that what orthodox religious systems teach?

GUIDE: Yes - that is what they teach.

DR: Now, after a good many hundred years, God relented. He wanted to remove the curse. And while he was powerful enough to place the curse on mankind, for some reason he was not powerful enough to remove it without sacrificing - to himself - his own son. And so he sent his son to redeem us from the curse - to take away the sins of the world. And mark you, not simply a few people's sins - but the sins of the whole world. Orthodox religion teaches that, also, does it not?

GUIDE: Yes - it also teaches that.

DR: Very well. If the Son of God did take away the sins of the whole world, aren't we already saved? Why do we have to accept the teachings of orthodox religion in order to secure salvation? In telling us that we must accept its teachings in order to be saved, the Christian religious system virtually admits that Christ failed to remove the curse. . . . failed in his mission and purpose. And if he failed in his purpose, God also failed because it was God who sent him. Now, if you do not want to admit that God failed, your only other argument is that there wasn't any curse in the first place. And, if there wasn't any curse, there is no need for redemption; and the whole story is false. So either way you look at it, the Christian religious system hasn't much of a foundation to rest on. Is it any wonder that people are turning away from it?

GUIDE: Yes, I can readily see that.

DR: Once more I must make the statement that all I want the present religious institutions to do is to be honest, first with themselves, and then with those of us to whom they come with their religious philosophy. If they tell me, for instance, that the ordinance of baptism is an original Christian rite, I shall reject that statement with incontrovertible evidence. For I know - and the most casual historical research will prove - that the baptismal rite was practiced by the followers of

Zoroaster, by the Romans, by the Egyptians, the Hindus and by other pre-Christian nations. As a matter of fact, this thing we have with us today called the church - giving it credit where credit is due - at the same time does not possess one single fundamental in its entire religious philosophy which did not exist in pagan and heathen nations long before the Christ of the Christian church was ever heard of. Not only that, as I have shown you before, its own religious book is almost entirely anonymous and unauthentic. There is no historical proof of these happenings whatsoever and there never has been - and there never can be. Yet today preachers of varying denominations throughout this land will tell you, or attempt to tell me, that unless we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ we cannot be saved and - if we cannot be saved - it means we must be damned. Well, I think the vast majority of thinking Americans are answering that question in their own way. You see this story leaves a man or woman no alternative. You either believe their story or you have to be damned. If you ask them for proof of their story they cannot produce it, while you on the other hand can produce absolute proof that every fundamental of the story was known to other religions called pagan and heathen many, many years before this story was ever heard of. So, even though you can prove the present religious story untrue, yet in this fair land of ours we allow the ministers of these denominations to travel on railway trains at reduced fares. We allow them to hold their property tax free. We allow them to perform marriage ceremonies - and I think it would be far more just if every religious organization were made to pay taxes on its property just like I pay taxes on mine. I think something else. I think that these religious organizations should be made to prove the truth of their

philosophies before they are allowed to preach them. They try very hard to shut me up - without much success however - but I am absolutely able to introduce incontrovertible evidence that their entire story is a copy of similar stories held by heathen religions long, long before the time of this religion. I am not saying that the Christian religion was stolen from other religions, but I am saying that it is a mighty suspicious fact that all the seven great religions of posterity are based upon the same story, ^{all} originated in the same land and probably all were written by Arabian priests.

GUIDE: Well, Doctor, you have certainly made your position plain; and I don't think anyone can truthfully accuse you either of preaching atheism or trying to tear down religion. And now ---

DR: Yes, I know what you are going to ask me to do. (FADING) And as we still have a few minutes, I will.

(ORGAN SELECTION - FADE BEHIND FOLLOWING)

ANNOUNCER: Wouldn't you like to know more about this God-law which Dr. Robinson told us about? Wouldn't you like to have the details? You can - and you need not spend one cent except for postage. Simply write a letter - or a postcard - to Dr. Robinson, care of the station to which you are listening - or send it directly to Dr. Robinson's home in Moscow, Idaho. Say in it - "Please send me a free outline of Psychiana." You will receive the outline immediately. And you will not be obligating yourself in anyway. If you write to Moscow, Idaho, be sure to include in the address the words, "Radio Department." We return you now to your local announcer who will announce the time and date of Dr. Robinson's next broadcast.

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