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(Dr. Robinson)

How many are there here tonight who were here one year ago? Do you remember the gentleman who volunteered his services at the organ? Professor Warburton has come forward again and I think we should give him a hand.

Now, in every movement there is a head who does most of the talking and then there is a hidden power behind that Movement, so I want at this time to introduce to you this gentleman, a Doctor of Laws, Dr. Tenney. Just a word, you will find him listed in the "Who's Who in America" as an educator and you will find him listed in the "International Blue Book of World Famous Men and Women." He was president of Gooding College and president of Montana Wesleyan College and before coming to me was director of the Institute of Christian Education at the University of Idaho. Dr. Tenney has been with me now a little over two years, he is a source of constant strength and inspiration to me and I take a great deal of pleasure in introducing to you, Dr. C. W. Tenney.

(Dr. Tenney)

When this meeting is over I will have been with you, Dr. Robinson, for two years. I well remember that first day in the office when you tried to tell me something about this Teaching, though I knew I had read it more than I had studied it. He said, "Dr. Tenney, you ought to know that the Power which created man ought to be able to take care of him," and my answer was, "Doctor, you needn't worry about that part of it because I thought this thing through before I came to your office--let's get to work."

He commenced to dictate letters and the first one went like this: "I am going to California and will be gone some time. However, I have secured a most competent assistant who will take care of the correspondence while I am away." I didn't know Dr. Robinson as well then as I do now and I said, "Doctor, do you mean competent already?" He gave me a withering, pitying look---"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he, are you competent?" And I said, "Yes, I am competent."

Before that time I learned something about Dr. Robinson because I



attended a United States trial. Some people wonder why he needs money. Well, one day a man in that courtroom said to me, "Dr. Tenney, I don't see why you 'hobnob' with him." I said, "Please define your terms, what do you mean by 'hobnob!'" He said, "Well, I saw you talking to him.." So I said, "I plead guilty, but if I had to take my place before my Maker, I would rather be in Dr. Robinson's shoes, innocent or guilty, than be in the shoes of any skunk who would do the best he could to put him in the penitentiary, break up his business, and destroy his home, simply because he did not happen to agree upon certain psychological, philosophical, or religious propositions just to get on the hot end of a small town row and religious discussion."

Then I went to another place, for Dr. Robinson was acquitted and it cost him much money to take care of the expenses. Not long after, the Department of Labor preferred charges stating that he was in the United States without the proper papers and so they brought another trial and I was there. When they ordered him deported, I was also still in Moscow, so knew when Senator William E. Borah went into the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. and asked, "What about this man Robinson?" And they said that it had started with a small town row, then got into politics, next into national affairs and they couldn't get rid of it. So William Borah straightened up and said that they would have to quash the whole proceedings or he would rise in his seat and ask that the United States Senate investigate the deal from start to finish. But they said no, and that he would have to go to Cuba, ~~and~~ get the proper papers and come back.

Then, a certain man I know, said to another man, "Come over and get drunk at my expense tonight for we are getting rid of Robinson." But I had just received a letter with the postmark of Cuba which read, "I will be seeing you in Moscow, Wednesday," signed by Dr. Robinson.

I was with Dr. Robinson two or three weeks ago when that dear little girl of his was in the hospital and when, as you know already, the doctors had said there was no chance and many of us in the office of little faith, thought the same thing. But Dr. Robinson said, "She will get well."



You have heard about the revised Course of study--well, he went home, where with a typewriter and burning with the inspiration and faith of that hour, wrote these Lessons. Folks, I am for him. He has done more to help me than any other man on earth. I am for him.

Last year we came to you here at Portland and held a convention. The convention cost about one thousand dollars and the collections covered about two hundred dollars. Dr. Robinson went to the bank and borrowed the money and as far as I know, never told a soul. That is the reason for my asking you again to help so that he can come again--so that he can go to Seattle, Minneapolis, and I have so much faith in you that I am already saying to Chicago and Kansas City Students, "and I am trusting that you will have an opportunity to meet and hear him in your own part of the world sooner than you now expect." Well, how much shall I contribute? Just remember the outstanding donator of all history was the widow who gave her mite because the dear girl gave the amount she wanted to, just when and as she wanted it done, and her name will live when the Rockefellers and Carnegies will be forgotten.

Now I turn the meeting back to my chief, the man who gets up earlier, works faster, works longer, receives more letters from more people who experience more gratifying results, than I have ever seen in any other office or situation with which I have been connected.....Dr. Robinson.

(Dr. Robinson)

I wonder who is here from the farthest distance. Where from? Cleveland, Ohio. Anyone farther away than that? Waterville, Maine. Anyone farther than that? Saskatoon, Canada---St. Petersburg, Florida. Is someone here from Memphis, Tennessee? Where is that lady, will you please come up here a moment? You know, my telephone rang at the hotel this afternoon and someone said there was a Student of mine from Memphis downstairs so I said to have her come up. She came up and I want this lady to tell you what the Power of the Spirit of God has accomplished in her life through the study of this Teaching. Now under no circumstances has anyone heard me say that either Dr. Tenney or I has any Power to do anything at all, but the Power



we teach, has, and just as long as I am given ability and strength I shall have one thing, and one thing only, to preach and that is the indwelling Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God and I am going to ask our sister here to tell us whether or not she has found that Power.

(Woman Student from Memphis, Tennessee)

"Dr. Robinson and members of 'Psychiana:' I am glad to be here tonight. One reason is to thank Dr. Robinson for this wonderful Teaching. My life was a complete failure when I began joining churches to find satisfaction for my soul. But after reading in a magazine that man could talk with God, I tried that. I read these 'Psychiana' Lessons for four months before I could understand what Dr. Robinson was talking about. Then after about twelve months, I found there was a Power--a Power coming over me which rocked and vibrated me so I called for the doctor and I told him there was something wrong with me. My hands would clap and I rocked back and forth and I knew that this was the Power I had been looking for. When I talked with God my fingers would pop and I knew I had found the Power of the true and Living God.

"I could tell you many wonderful things but I am going to make it short. This Teaching is wonderful. Take this Course because it's teaching a wonderful working Power."

Now, anyone else from a distance? How many are here from Oregon? How many from Washington? This lady from Saskatoon, where is she? Would you like to stand and say a word?

"Well, I will have to admit that I am not a Student and I have never read anything in this line at all."

Have you experienced the Power of the Realm of God in your life?

"I have, many years ago."

How many more have experienced the Power of the Realm of God in their lives? Are there others here who would like to get up and give a word of testimony?

(Student)

"I would like to tell everybody that 'Psychiana', or the teaching of the God-Law, has changed my home, has changed my life and given me happiness and joy. I realized as I studied all these wonderful Lessons that I was just being filled with this Power and I wanted to go out and tell everybody. But I realized that I would have to get rid of the things not in accordance with the God-Law. I said to myself that before I could go out and teach anybody else, I would have to get myself right with God. Anything that came up in my life that wasn't in accordance with the God-Law, I tried to make it right



first and now I want to go out and tell people what this can do for us. I set myself right with God and he has enlightened me so I tell everybody I can what a wonderful thing this Law of God is and what wonderful things he will do in your lives. Thank you."

(Another Student)

"I wanted to find the Power of the Living God so I used my affirmations day by day and I found that Power and had the experience of that throbbing feeling. I had that feeling for weeks and weeks and months but I found the Power and grace of God and I took it for granted."

The Power works something like this. We have always been taught that God dwells at a distance and some method had to be used to contact it. When you came from the hand of God, if he had wanted you any different from the way he made you, he would have made you different. If I can put over one fact and that is the present existence of the Spirit of God, I shall have accomplished wonders in that then, regardless of who you are, no creeds being necessary, no dogma necessary, all that is necessary Beloved, is that you recognize your present union with God and draw upon the Power which is God, for the amazing things I am going to read to you in a few minutes, which have been accomplished in some miraculous manner by simply believing in God.

(Student)

"I know the Power works and I would not be here if it were not for that it had worked. It has done many wonderful things for me since I enrolled in 'Psychiana.' I was 63 years old my last birthday and life began with me at 60."

Now if anyone else would like to give a testimonial, not to this Teaching but to the Power of the Living God, I would like to hear from you.

(Student)

"I wish to state that two years ago I was down and out. I had a tumor on my shoulder and couldn't turn my head. I also had high blood pressure and can refer you to Dr. \_\_\_\_\_. But doctoring didn't seem to do any manner of good and I had three 'Psychiana' Lessons which I began to study. I know today that at that time I was an infidel. I had been to four different denominations but I hardly believed there was any such thing as God."

Did the tumor go away?

(Student) "Yes, almost."



Now Beloved, I have not seen any of these people before. I am just asking them to speak willingly to demonstrate to you what the Power of God does in human lives. Any more?

(Student) "I would like to relate the experience in coming here to this convention. My wife first took up this study and through her I became interested. I haven't made the demonstrations she has because I work so hard that I fall asleep before I can do the exercises. One was to make the demonstration to come here. The final realization has been granted but about two days ago I barely had enough money to make the trip and I knew it was right for us to be at this convention."

"My wife works in San Francisco and I in Santa Cruz and it wasn't before the day we had to leave that I made enough of a demonstration to be able to make the trip. I wrote and told her I would be in San Francisco and we would go to the convention. I had made enough of a demonstration to come to Portland and when I came to San Francisco my wife had made the same demonstration so we had doubled and we were able to come with enough money to have coffee with our meals."

(Another Student) "A short time ago I mashed my finger in the car door and I tried a couple of times to get the door open. That was about two weeks ago and I could not sleep for the aching. So I thought that I would get right over this and I wrote to Dr. Robinson and I have not had this suffering in my finger since."

(Another Student) "I have been able to lay my hands on many people and they were healed. I have found that the Power of the Living God is right here among us all and all we have to do is to look for it and it will heal anything. There have been scarlet fever, flu, cancer, and many other diseases healed by laying my hands and calling on that wonderful Power that Dr. Frank B. Robinson teaches us all."

Now, Dr. Tenney mentioned my little girl Florence. I would rather he hadn't done that but since he did I want to tell you about it. About two months ago she was taken seriously ill and I didn't happen to be in Moscow so one doctor after another was called but she continued to get worse. I got home and rushed her to Spokane and they found that that little thing had lain there for four days and not one doctor could spot it. I had a consultation with the physicians and they said that it was too late and there was nothing they could do. But I said, "What about an operation?" But they said the appendix had ruptured and was gangrenous and I said, "You operate." So they performed the operation and I am telling you this only that you may know and realize the Power which exists here and now and the



Power I am trying in my way to teach. The operation was performed and on making the incision the entire abdominal cavity was full of pus. Dr. Rose threw up her hands and said, "Look here!" They did the best they could and removed certain lengths of gangrenous intestine but general peritonitis set in and a second operation was performed. After that an abscess formed and they went in again and at a consultation of four physicians they called me in and said they had done everything they could do and they were sorry but Florence couldn't live.

Turning to Dr. Mathews I said, "Are you sure you have done everything possible?" He said yes, and I said, "All right, Florence will live. Leave the rest to me." So I went back to Moscow and standing before the kitchen stove, looked up into the face of God and smiled in the assurance that the Power of God was strong enough here and now to finish the job that medical science had begun. So I sat down through those weeks and weeks of mental anguish and wrote perhaps the most powerful set of Lessons I have ever been able to write.

Now why? Simply because, Beloved, I not only believed in the Power of the Living God but I went one step farther than that and knew the Power existed and there is no type of illness, no type of mental discomfort which can fail to respond to the invisible Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God. That's why.

It is not ten years yet, since I worked in the little drug store in Moscow, with less than \$50.00 in my pocket, but with a vision of God. I had no experience of any sort, except in the drug business. Let me read you a few figures----as I talk to you now, in the United States of America, leaving out of the picture the 67 foreign countries into which this Teaching has gone, there are 11,738 cities, towns and villages in the United States where this Movement is represented. In the state of Oregon, 246. Now that means that every crossroad, every small village in this state is represented by this "Psychiana" Movement. In the state of Pennsylvania, 867. In



Rhode Island, 30; South Carolina, 123; South Dakota, 144 cities, towns and villages where we have Students now and in the entire United States, 11,738. As a result of what? In one man's faith in a present existing Realm of God. That's the answer and if God can do that with one man, what could he not do with five hundred and I question very much whether there is any organization in existence which can show the work accomplished through the Spirit of God in ten short years that this Movement can show. It certainly could not have had a larger growth and certainly no leader could have had more obstacles thrown in his path than I have had and yet the Power of the Realm of God is abundantly able to override every obstacle.

Let me read you a few letters. Before I left I said to Dr. Tenney, "Will you please get me ten or twelve letters out of the files? I want to read them." Dr. Tenney, I think I'll let you read them. Will you read three or four of those, just exactly as they are.

(Dr. Tenney) These letters are all from the September files. Not any went back of September because I took the pile on my desk next to the dictaphone.

Horseheads, New York

(1)

"Some time ago I sent a telegram at noon and received an answer about 4:00 P.M., and I want to thank you all for applying the great Living Power to my friend. She started getting better that very afternoon. She had had five blood transfusions and was getting the sixth that afternoon. I told her father to have faith that she would be better the next day, and she certainly was. She had a bursted appendix but she is home now and on the road to recovery. I am very thankful for the great Living Power and for your aid."

(2)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

"I wrote you last year regarding the condition of a beloved sister who was very low from cancer. Doctors said there was no earthly hope. She is a trained nurse of 25 years' practice, so had no illusions regarding her condition. Early in December she started to improve, and to the wonder and amazement of doctors and friends, seems to be on the road to recovery - goes everywhere and leads a healthy, normal life. I wrote to you for help unknown to her because she will have nothing to do with my ideas of living and general philosophy of life. Was I wrong in asking help for her? At least I give you credit, and thanks for her present good health and expectancy of life for some time to come. I just received a letter from her. She has just returned from a tour of over 1500 miles in less than two weeks."



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N. Baltimore, Ohio

" I should have written sooner to let you know how I am progressing with my Lessons. I have benefited in health. I had gall stones so bad that my heart would stop beating from gas. Since the second Lesson I haven't had any pains, and my heart is normal. Will report more regularly."

(Dr. Robinson)

I would like to say regarding cancer that at no time has this been considered a healing Movement although that's one of the things which the Realm of the Spirit of God brings to those who know how to use it. I think we have received more letters telling of the healing of cancer than anything else. I have one telling of an absolute case of blindness being cured through the application of the same Power. However, that's aside from the question. The main thing is that we recognize here and now, the existing presence of the Realm of the Spirit which is God and when that is recognized in human lives, it immediately puts the Power, the wisdom, the intelligence of that Realm of God at your disposal.

Then you say to me, "What are the limitations?" and I tell you none at all. Then you say, "Do you mean to tell me that all the Power of the God-Realm is at my disposal?" and my answer is yes. If you ask me why, I say to you because you are in essence of the very same life which is God and through you Beloved, by virtue of the fact that you are a living soul, there is dwelling within you the Power of the God-Realm. Do you see that? How many do? Then, if the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God dwells in you, where are the limitations? There can be no limitations to any life which recognizes its unity with God.

I'll never forget when I walked from the little drug store and stepped out with this new conception of God to find a world which had its own orthodox ideas of God. But in reading on comparative religions I found the statement "There are eleven major systems of religion today having a total of 1,400,000,000 members" and I wondered why the world was in the condition it was in if there were 1,400,000,000 people in it who knew God. So I made up my mind that perhaps the proper conception of God had not



yet been brought to the world and I am convinced of that now, and the happenings of the past few weeks I think bear me out. I am for every attempt to bring world peace and I hope that this pact which has just been signed, is permanent, but two of the four men who signed it, are men who would drive the name of God from off the face of the earth if they could and how any lasting peace could come from that, I don't know.

Peace can only come when the human race recognizes the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God among themselves and in no other way. If I were asked tonight to give the reason for the phenomenal growth of this Movement I would be compelled to say because it is teaching the actual and absolute presence of the Realm of the Spirit of God here and now, and certainly the world needs that picture now if it ever needed it. Peace plans are good and no one was happier than I was when I read that for the time being, war was staved off. But permanent peace and power, and permanent spirituality can only come through man's conscious recognition of his union with God. Do you see that?

I think, in the past ten years, I have perhaps witnessed more of the actual, literal, operations of the Realm of God in human lives, than any other human man. I have, in my files, 50,000 cases something like you have heard here tonight that have been effected not through anything I have done, because all I can do is point the way--but through the way that has been found by others. Lives have been literally transformed by the tens of thousands and that's the Power we are trying to teach. As a result of less than ten years, we can say tonight that in every city in America this Teaching is represented which means that there is someone there who knows the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God and some cities' membership goes over five thousand and some over ten thousand, all by mail.

Now what I want to do is to get together and I am going to show you how we can spread it faster than it has ever been spread before. There will be public meetings tomorrow night and the next night and afternoon meetings



tomorrow and Tuesday and don't forget that tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 a photographer will be out on the front steps to take a picture so I want you all to be here tomorrow afternoon out on the front steps.

There is one thing more I want you to do and that is to register before you leave tonight. I want you to come up to <sup>the</sup> front and get your convention badge and then come upon the platform because I want to shake hands with every Student in this auditorium.

Now as you know during the ten years I have been conducting this Movement I have put the Lessons out on the basis of making a definite charge for a definite number of Lessons. On the first of this month I threw that idea overboard completely and made up my mind that the Teaching was going to be sent to anyone who asked for it and I was going to let them make a voluntary donation to keep the Movement alive. As you know, that's taking a big step on faith because it cost me last year more than one hundred thousand dollars to send this Teaching through the mail and to advertise and believe it or not, I had to borrow a lot of money last year to even break even. You have probably read in the newspapers where Dr. Robinson has been getting rich, but what they did not know was that I have borrowed over forty thousand dollars to put behind this Movement in order that you and others might know the Truths of God and at no time has "Psychiana" ever made one dollar. And yet I am stepping out on pure faith alone and saying to the whole world, "If you want this Teaching, say so, and we will print the Lessons, pay the postage, and send them to you and you will do what's right." You will like to know that it only went into effect September 1, and it is three times as good as the old system and Dr. Tenney and the girls from Moscow will tell you that at a rate of sixty, seventy, and eighty a day, people are coming for this Teaching and they are donating more than I charged them when I had it all on a charge basis. If that isn't the Law of God working I have never seen it.

So now, anyone who wishes to, may have the Teaching without any charge of any sort. I send out the Lessons every week and leave it up to



the Student and the Students who are here can change over if they want to.

We are very informal here tonight but I want every man and woman in this audience to know both Dr. Tenney and me - for we have nothing to hide and are trying to bring to you a new conception of God and show how permanent peace and power can come for there is a conception of God which is real, and which the world has not had brought to it to date. One billion four hundred million people on the earth tonight, and all knowing God, and look at the shape the world is in. Let's see if we can't bring a message which will bring God honor. All God has ever asked men or women to do or be, is to be the thing God created them to be and to allow the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God to work through them. Just you and God without any ritual, any creed, any dogma. Just you and God and in that one statement lies the answer to the world's problems. The world will gradually come to the point where it will grasp that truth but if it doesn't grasp it, there is no hope for it but I don't believe that for one second. I don't believe that because it's always darkest just before the dawn and if we can spread this new conception of God all over the world, having no churches and no buildings, it is the most amazing thing I have ever seen.

That one man could go out of a drug store and put over a Movement of this size with 90% of the Students writing as these letters you heard tonight, there's something doing, isn't there? Who believes the Power of God is working on this earth?

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