

Masonic Temple, Portland, Oregon
Monday Night, October 3, 1938

(Song: "America")
(Dr. Tenney)

Dr. Robinson has asked me to say a word tonight in regard to his new Teaching. You know it is customary with the dictionary to have it rewritten about every ten years. It is customary to rewrite the Encyclopedia Britannica every now and then to keep up on any new happenings that come along. As I told you last night, right when Dr. Robinson had his family in Spokane with that dear girl, he was writing these Lessons. It's a little more than a revision of the Lessons as we are revising the entire plan of distribution.

I wonder if anybody has heard it said that Dr. Robinson was a racketeer? I wonder if anybody in this room ever heard that or had that in his heart to say? If so, I can say this, that the churches of Moscow, Idaho, and I know this thing pretty well, have been helped by Dr. Robinson more than by any other individual. The Presbyterian Church needed a hundred dollars a year. The Episcopalians came and said they wanted Dr. Robinson to help them. He asked them what it was for and they said they wanted to set up a new church and had to have equipment. "What kind?" he asked and they replied for furniture, candles, etc. Dr. Robinson said, "Do you mean everything you read out of that black book? Do you really mean and believe in that? Here's your check then--I would boost for any man who is true to his faith and fights for it."

But the folks who needed the Teaching the most could not get it and those who needed it the least found it easy, so Dr. Robinson has revised it and if you want these Lessons, sign the blank and send it in. It is to be supported by donations. How much? Give what is in your heart to give. Well, how much is it costing to put them out? It is costing on an average of \$2.00 per month per Student but if you are not able to give that amount you give what you can and want to. So folks, if you want these Lessons,

sign the blank, indicate what is in your heart to give, and leave it with us. Remember the widow with her mite is the outstanding ~~donator~~^{donor} of all time because she followed the dictates of her own heart.

Last night Dr. Robinson asked me to read you a few letters from some of our Students. Before coming over here, I said to the girls who work with me, to take only those from the September list and forget about the others from preceding months. I didn't notice when I started on them last night that they had all been healed from illness, but here is a miscellaneous list. You may ask, "But why can't it help in a material way as well as in a spiritual way?" and my answer is that there are no limitations to the Power of God and it can help in a material way, and it does help in a material way, the same as it helps in a spiritual way.

Dr. Robinson gave me away last night when he said I was a Methodist preacher. Folks, I am still a Methodist preacher--my name is Charles Wesley and I went to Portland University when it was a Methodist College and now it is a Catholic College. I served as President for four years of the Intermountain Union College at Helena, Montana and another at Gooding, Idaho for seventeen years. I loved those boys and girls and they loved me. I can't go in a town of any size but what my old boys and girls are there and they grasp my hand and squeeze and say, "How are you getting along?" They appreciate me and I appreciate them but during the first week I was with Dr. Robinson, I read more letters of appreciation and gratitude than ⁱⁿ all the years I was in service at the colleges.

Now let me read you a few more letters:

Oudtshoorn, South Africa

"I have received your fifth Lesson and it is mighty interesting and the Truths are dynamic! Things are changing already and my business is more prosperous than it was before, and money came in just when I needed it most. I can also say that I am not finding, but have found the Power of the Living God! Thank you very much for ever calling to my attention this Course. I am very happy and my life is quite changed. I hardly know myself now."

Think of that, folks. You know, it took my Mother six months to come

from Iowa to Portland with an ox team and you can go from coast to coast now in less than twenty-four hours by airplane, but it still takes an old hen three weeks to hatch a bunch of chickens.

Oakland, California

"I am busy moving into a new house and will write in a few days and tell you what has happened these last few weeks. Just a few days over a month since we received the first Lesson our study Course, and I have disposed of a lot and made the first payment on a house. It is a very good deal for me. I move into the house tomorrow morning, and am certainly thrilled. It is not the first home I have owned, but is the first new one. I really must give the credit to "Psychiana" for nothing like this has happened before. The ease and rapidity with which things moved along is astonishing. I must hurry along as work is piled up. I will write from my new address very soon."

H.W.R.

St. Louis, Missouri

"Your Lessons and guide are wonderful, and I am positive the Law is working. I am a lone woman and with a family. Blessings untold have come and are coming my way and I am seeing real light. Within the last three months I received my appointment at work which means a regular position, my home is freed of debt, and my girl has the exact amount of clothes she needs for college. May I never lose contact with you and your work. The best that life offers is my desire for you."

H.G.

We are not giving out the names of these Students because we tried that a short time ago and as a result they couldn't take care of the correspondence it was so heavy, so now we are working under the rule that we are not giving out the names and addresses unless the Student says we can do so. If you want to get together, put an ad in the paper to let the other Students know you want to get together, and^{then}/do so.

Well, you say, "Why didn't you bring the letters along? you just brought the carbon copies," but the letters are in our files. But I know Portland--I went to school before there was a Killingsworth Avenue and now they think that's some street out in our part of the city.

A short time ago Dr. Robinson said for me to go out and stay in Portland as long as I wanted. But he recalled me although I had a good time. I went around to your homes and I wish I could have gone to all the

homes but I didn't have time. I called on a man and his wife who are in this audience tonight and if you get sassy about it, I'll "sic" them on you.

So, I started out with the usual salesman talk--"How long ago did you start taking 'Psychiana?' How many Lessons have you studied? What are you thinking now that you did not think before you studied 'Psychiana?' What are you doing now that you didn't do before you studied 'Psychiana?' What have you now that you didn't have before you studied 'Psychiana?'"--- and for a wonder in that household, the man lead in the talking. He said, "Dr. Tenney, you know I was a member of the Catholic Church and my wife wasn't and I didn't believe in this 'Psychiana' business but she sent for the Lessons and didn't tell me anything about it. When the Lessons began to come I was pretty mad about it and raised a considerable roar--but I haven't answered those questions you asked and will say this: Now you will see that we haven't all we want. There are still things we need but if you came and said, 'Mr. _____, I'll give you a million dollars if you will go back to the time before you studied 'Psychiana', I'll tell you I'm not interested."

I looked up a name in the telephone book and it had nothing but the initials before it and I naturally thought I was going to talk to a man but when the voice answered it didn't sound masculine at all. Then I went to the home and asked this lady the same questions, and she said, "Do you really want to know that?" And I said, "Certainly, that's what I came down here for." She said, "Dr. Tenney, before I found out about Dr. Robinson's Teaching, I was just one more negro woman north of Mason and Dixon's line. I lived in that old house there and I had no hopes for anything better and thought no prospects for anything better could come my way. But I began to study these Lessons and the first thing I knew the world looked different and now the house in which you are visiting is my own and is paid for. Also this house next to it is mine and I am renting that and I am still working. Some of my friends wonder why I work when I have two houses

and rent one of them, but it's lots of fun to work after you have studied 'Psychiana', Dr. Tenney."

I now introduce to you the speaker of the evening, Dr. Frank B. Robinson.

(Dr. Robinson)

I think I ought to let him continue to speak to you, don't you think so? All right now, I am going to put it to a vote as to which you would rather have speak, Dr. Tenney or myself--those for Dr. Tenney, raise you hands. Well, I am very happy that Dr. Tenney ever came along because in this work which is very heavy for one man and heavy for two, there are very few men who could have filled the bill better than he fills it. The first thing I like is that he never gets mad regardless of what I say to him. Sometimes I speak very abruptly and sharply, not that I mean anything--it just simply is my nature and the weight of the load of this Movement is heavy for one man to carry, I'll tell you.

As I told you, in the United States alone, in 11,738 cities, towns, and villages you will find this Movement represented...11,738, and that doesn't include the 67 foreign countries into which it has gone. And yet less than ten years ago the founder of this Movement was filling prescriptions and selling pink pills behind a drug store counter in Moscow, Idaho. Now, Beloved, let me try, if I can, to give you the picture and show you what happened to cause such a change in a man's life and circumstances, and certainly something happened.

I had had no experience of any kind in anything only the retail drug business and when, in a few years' time, a Movement of the international size of this one comes into being, something happened. Dr. Tenney read a few letters to you and I'd like to say that for every letter he read, we have more than 10,000 on file in Moscow and when I first conceived this

philosophy of God, the first thing that happened inside of thirty days was that letters began to pour in to me from all over the United States and in those letters were the most remarkable experiences I have ever read. And after ten years, they still pour in. Not only religious experiences but with the religious experience comes a material change. In other words, with the spiritual Power of God, and the Power which comes into human lives as a result of contact with the Realm of the Spirit of God, there also comes a change in our material circumstances. And in the final analysis, any picture of God which deals exclusively with the hereafter, and has nothing to offer here and now, is an incomplete picture, for the creative Intelligence, which is God, which caused this universe to exist and which, moment by moment, sustains it, never ordained that you and I should walk humbly along, wearing a long face.

There are those who will tell you that to know God means that you must give up this and give up that and that you must not try to accomplish anything at all, just follow their leadership and at some future time and in some future land, you will have all that your heart can desire. Well, Beloved, that's not the new conception of God I brought ten years ago. The conception of God we teach is the conception which not only promises a future home but it points human lives to the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God here and now. When a human life touches that Power, material things come as a matter of consequence, as they are necessary.

I have in my office the first letter of recommendation that came in. You will have to recall that when I started this Movement I worked all day in the pharmacy and went up to the Post Office at night and got the mail. I opened the mail and did all the mailing out myself. Inside of thirty days this letter came from Youngstown, Ohio, and this is in

substance what the letter said:

(get letter)

I began to wonder, certainly then, I was correct in my philosophy of God. Can it possibly be that this staggering Power exists? and then the next letter and the next letter and I went to Charlie Bolles, the owner of the drug store and said that I was going to have to work only half time. He said, "What's the matter?" And I said, "I have one girl working and she can't handle it. My conception is true and is going to sweep the world."

It wasn't long until we had to move into another office and in six months moved five times to larger quarters. Inside of two years we were working three eight-hour shifts with fifty or sixty trying to put the mail out. Why? Because tens of thousands of those people came in contact with the Power that "Psychiana" stands for and teaches and there's only one Power and that's the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God.

"But Dr. Robinson, do you mean to tell us that God can be actually seen and spoken to here and now?" I mean nothing else than that. That is foreign to every religious teaching on the face of the earth except perhaps the Christian Science. I am not a Christian Scientist but that came closer, until this one came out, to focusing men and women's attention on God than did anything else. And the reason for the staggering growth of this Movement is because of the tens of thousands of experiences like Dr. Tenney read you about tonight.

Now what does that mean? It means, Beloved, this. It means that the picture of God being brought to you by Dr. Tenney and myself is an absolutely true picture and if you think a new picture of God is not needed, look at the world tonight--look at it. Do you see any hope for it?

Can the old dogmas and creeds save it? Well, do we need a new picture? I think we need a new picture and any new picture of God coming to this world must be a picture that preaches and teaches the actual existence of the Realm of the Spirit of God, not beyond the skies, but here and now, to be used by all alike regardless of color, race, or creed.

As I said before, there are 506 different beliefs in the world and half of the population of this country is filled with war madness on the earth tonight, and unless a new and different picture of God is coming to it, we might very easily perish. Had it not been for the signing of this temporary peace pact last week, no one knows what kind of a slaughter we might be witnessing now. Has anything happened to change the hearts and minds of those men? No. It was a wonderful thing-- a beautiful thing, but Beloved, to get down to peace, to lasting peace and lasting civilization there has got to be a union, and a conscious union of God and man and I mean here and now.

I am not interested in beyond the tomb or promises of that sort, for life as it exists here today is no more or less than a living reflection of the Invisible Life which is God and if it were not for the presence of the Spirit of God in your life, you couldn't walk from this auditorium.

Wherein does this picture differ from the others? In only one respect, but that's a fundamental one. The previous conceptions of God brought to us have been that of some supreme being away off, who could only be known beyond the tomb, in heaven, anywhere but here and any philosophy which comes to the world with a message of the present existence of the Power of the Realm of God here and now, is bound to sweep the world and there is no way you can stop it. That is the reason that in 11,738 cities, towns, and villages tonight, you will find good people like you will find them here. Stop this Movement? No. No Movement grounded in Spiritual Truth can ever be stopped. You might just as well try to wheel

the stars out of their orbits as to stop a Movement of God like this one.

Now remember in this Movement I don't see one hundredth of one percent of my followers. I very seldom go out to speak and this entire Movement of hundreds of thousands of Students have had these experiences like Dr. Tenney read, entirely by mail--no churches, and yet lives have been changed by a written word. Why? Because instantly, as soon as the picture is painted, men and women from coast to coast say, "That's it. That's what I have been looking for."

Our national advertisement says: "Man Can Now Talk With God." A lady came and said, "Dr. Robinson, when I first saw that I said, 'I believe that.'" And you should hear the stories she tells of what the Power of God did for her. If I were to ask the audience tonight what it is you need most, I would get different answers from everyone here, but there is one answer which covers them all. Do you know what you need most to make you complete? The conscious presence of the God-Realm. How many believe that? (hands)

Now let me ask you again, how many Students in this audience are there who have definitely and absolutely proved that the presence of God in their lives is the most vital thing they have ever known? Something happened--what was it?

At forty-three, filling prescriptions, absolutely obscure, and yet a philosophy went out which has swept and is sweeping this world and wherever it goes the experiences Dr. Tenney read you, have happened. Now why? Why? Because men and women have had their attention and minds called to a Power they never knew existed before. That's why. And knowing that Power and believing in it, and actually experiencing it, they discovered that there was at their disposal all the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God. Now try and digest that statement. Power for what?

Dr. Tenney told you of a colored lady in this town and I had another one on the platform last night and she had a story to tell you. But,

regardless of where the lack lies, regardless of where the need may be, with the consciousness of this Realm of Spiritual Power, that lack can be supplied. What is the most intense lack in human lives? What is this world dying for? Shall I tell you? The knowledge of God, that's all. For with the consciousness of the Realm of God, let me repeat please, there is placed in your hands and at your disposal the very Power that you have looked for all your lives but thought you couldn't find until you had gone into the great beyond.

Standing in this city in the Wilcox Building a few years ago with a famous lady, internationally known, I said to her, "Mrs.-----, I am going to start a Movement which will sweep the world." That was before this Movement had ever started. Looking me in the eyes she said, "Yes, I know you are going to." And, standing there in the Wilcox Building looking out into the wind, musing, wondering if my conception of God could possibly be true, I visualized the things I would like to have. Then there came to me Beloved, a clear vision of home, a pipe organ, grounds and yards, car, and every other thing. Now that's about eleven or twelve years ago and I can take you to Moscow, Idaho, tonight and show you exactly what happened to me that day in the Wilcox Building and all brought into material existence by the invisible Power of the Realm of God. And that's only one instance of hundreds of thousands I could point to you.

What is God? Who is God? What is your conception of God? Just one thing--the invisible, Creative Spirit as a result of which we are here and which the entire universe is here, that's all God can possibly be. The Creative Life-Spirit, operating unseen and invisible, handles all operations. Now then, God being that Power and with that Power at your disposal and in your life, are you not definitely linked to that Power and can you not draw on that Realm of Power? But you say, "Dr. Robinson, all this is so foreign to what I have been taught--" I am not interested in what you have been taught. I am bringing to you a message of the

present existing Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God and I am backing that up by proof in this audience tonight, that what I say is true. How about that, Students? (applause)

As I have already told you, when man came from the hand of God, God had done a perfect job. No second work or third work ever needed to be done and any philosophy which teaches you that God cursed either man or the ground upon which he walks, is a false philosophy regardless of who teaches it. And any philosophy which tells you that man, in his natural condition, is a lost soul needing a saviour, is equally as false because Beloved, God was able to make a perfect job to begin with. When you and I came from the hand of God, born by perfectly natural and spiritual Laws, that creation cannot be improved upon by any man-made theory ever advanced. If the world could rid itself of the damnation idea, it would see God, and standing in that light, in that Power, you would have a race of men and women who could demonstrate the Power of the Spirit of God here and now. And that's a far more healthy picture than the one which teaches you that you are a guilty, lost, hell-deserving sinner, needing the offices of some preacher to save you, and once more I brand that teaching as utterly false.

According to Professor Hume of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, there are eleven major systems of religion on the earth today. The total followers of those systems number 1,400,000,000. Now, 1,400,000,000 men and women all knowing God, can you conceive of that? Do you think there are this many men and women on the earth tonight who know God? I don't. I don't think there are fifteen who know and can use the Power of God and if the Power of God exists it is utterly useless to you and ^{me} until we can get that Power and use it.

Money in the bank will buy you nothing. You write your check-- and God existing as a negative character cannot straighten this world out.

A day of prayer for peace was called for last Sunday. I notice

however, that the peace pact was signed on Wednesday so it was a few days late. However, it isn't a case of praying to God to bring peace to this world--it's a case of men and women finding and using the Power of the Spirit of God here and now and then peace will come. If everyone of those 1,400,000,000 men and women who are supposed to know God, actually knew God, do you think there would be any dictators in Europe tonight? Do you think there would be all the turmoil and other such things as Communism, Fascism, and those things? They will rot this civilization if they are not driven out. For any doctrine of that kind is foreign to God. A man said to me this afternoon, "What do you think of Communism?" I had a notion to say that I hated it like a snake. But these "isms" and all that, are only the outgrowth of unsatisfied minds of men and women who are hungrily searching for something and the pity is that they do not know that that something is right at hand.

Now what experience did I have which changed the life of forty-three years--what Power got into that life and how did it come to bring into existence a Movement of this type, as large as it is? Well, in the first place I was raised in a very, very orthodox, strict, Baptist home and many a time was I sent home to a Baptist bed, hungry, for some petty thing I had done. Life in that household wasn't worth living but the determination to find God was rooted so deeply in my nature, it would not be quashed.

I continued to grow and couldn't find God so I went to the Methodist Church, with all due respect to Dr. Tenney. Now mind you in these searches for God I was earnest--I wanted to find and know God. I was elected to the presidency of this and that society and still no God. So I switched and joined the Presbyterian Church and although these Scotchmen were more lenient than the rest, there still was no experience with God. So I just about got to the place where I was ready to believe

There wasn't any such thing as God at all and that, by the way, is the place where tens of thousands of Americans have come this night.

So I sat down to think it over one day---is there a God? Does he exist? And it was in this city on, I think, S.E. 34th Street, under a tree in Grant High Park that I found there was a God. And there wasn't a preacher or priest anywhere near. Do you know what there was? There was a saving God and a searching soul and they got together and that picture of God and that experience, are what started this Movement into 11,738 cities.

" Well, Dr. Robinson, how do I find this Power? Do I buy something you have to sell?" No, you don't buy anything I have to sell and it is contrary to the Oregonian article of a few months ago that stated, "This man has six thousand Students, all paying \$2.00 a month so his income is \$1,200,000.00." But this Movement has never made a dollar and only on the first of last month I made a radical change, the most radical change that has ever been made, and I threw the whole Movement out on God. I said, "We are going to charge nothing for these Lessons." Now I changed the whole thing completely around and anyone who wants the Teaching can have it and that's a big order because we are not a wealthy concern, I promise you that. All we ask them to do is to send whatever they feel they want to, and one Lesson is sent each week. Man after man has told me, "You can't do it--you have too much faith in human nature." I said to one big business man in Moscow, "I have no faith in human nature but a lot of faith in the Truths of God." Do you know what has happened? Just about three times as many Students have enrolled as did before and their contributions are higher than the amount we received when I made a charge.

There has been a lot of criticism for charging for this Teaching but you must remember this, that I had less than \$50.00 when I started and it's all by mail. With Uncle Sam you can't say "Charge it," and with

Dr. Tenney and the girls, I can't say "Charge it." About the only time I see Dr. Tenney is on the tenth of the month. Maybe two or three times in between he'll show up, but he's there on the tenth, I'll promise you. And all the rest of the fifty or sixty employees are there on the tenth.

But I really think it's a wonderful thing that already three times as many people have asked for this Teaching since the change, and it is going to sweep the world faster than it has ever done and if I can have ten years more as successful as the last ten years, from the standpoint of human lives, we will have planted a seed which never will die I promise you that.

A magazine came out a few months ago with a couple of pictures of me and termed me as one of the world's cleverest salesmen. Well, I don't know where I ever rated, but you see Beloved, how even in that line and any line, the life which is dependent upon, and is lived as a living demonstration of the Power of God, can't be downed.

What's lacking in your life? A lot of things? I think so. But put into that life the Power of the Realm of God and those things not in accordance will go out and they will be followed by a Power which will give you the ability to be what you should be. Now, what should you be? What were you when God created you? A perfect being. And to be restored to perfection there is just one thing you need and that is to come back to perfection by recognizing the present, living Power of the Realm of God and Beloved, that's about the easiest thing I know how to do.

A lady sat here and said, "Dr., will you please tell me what to do?" I asked her what the matter was and she said, "For twenty-five years I have tried to find God and I can't do it." And I said, "Well, listen, do you realize you would not be talking if it were not for the Power of God in you?" And she said, "I see it!" The very fact Beloved, that you are here and are alive and operate as a human being is evidence of the

presence of the Realm of God in you. If the Power of the Realm of God were somewhere else, what is it that gives you the ability to think?

I said this afternoon that when you and I were born, the operations of God did not cease but continued, and here we are like a bunch of sheep with the Power of God at hand, and we follow after idols instead. The Power behind this "movement Beloved, is the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God and when these Lessons come to you, if you send for them, I promise you this, that it won't be thirty days until you begin to see what I am talking about. Why? Because your eyes will be taken off orthodoxy, pagan and superstitious ideas of God and will be put on the living reality itself, that's why.

"But, Dr. Robinson, I understand that when we find God we will have to repent, confess, and all that sort of thing." Repent of what, your sins? Did you ask to come into this world? Do you believe that God cursed you? I don't. I give God credit for being able to, if there's anything wrong with your life and mine, to take it out. And do you know how it's taken out? By recognizing the influence of the invisible Power in that life.

I am not selling "Psychiana" to you tonight. I am not interested in whether anyone takes it or not but I am vitally interested in bringing to you in my humble way, evidence of a Power which does exist and if you don't find it now, sooner or later you will have to. As the weeks and years roll by, quietly, through the months you will find this Power and use it and it is spreading all over the United States. Ask Dr. Tenney, he answers the letters and they pour in from every part of the United States. Thank God for ever calling this to my attention.

I am going to ask you a funny question now. I asked this question in Los Angeles a few years ago and about twenty-six hundred out of twenty-eight hundred rose to their feet. How many men and women are there here tonight who actually would like to know the present existence of the Spirit

of God? Stand up, please. That's just about the complete audience. Now just one more--those who know it, sit down. Now the rest who are standing, I am not going to embarrass you, but, just secure one of those blanks from the ushers and take it home and read it because it's to that crowd I am addressing this talk. I want them to know this Power as it exists tonight. There's nothing superstitious at all, just a new conception of God which can take your life and absolutely change it. Seventy five percent here tonight know that their lives have been changed by it.

That's about all I have to say. I have put over my message and by my humble efforts this Teaching has been sent into 11,738 cities, town, and villages, with no creeds or dogmas and it just simply means that the true picture of God has been found and I am happy that I have had my part in bringing it.

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