

LOSING ONES FAITH

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I have a letter here in this morning's mail from Racine, Wis. The lady writes:--"my husband, Mr J-----G----- studied your first eleven Lessons and he was getting so much good out them that we all marvelled at the change. Then, he confided to me that he thought if he went any further with "Psychiana" he would lose what little bit of "FAITH" he had left, for you see he was raised a good Catholic. Can we make arrangements to start the Lessons where he left off?"

This letter made me laugh. It made me think too. Here is a good chap who, through the study of "Psychiana" begins to find the Power of God in his life. The neighbors remark at the change in his whole life. And then, just because he is member of a certain "FAITH", he decides to drop the Lessons, EVEN THOUGH HE IS FINDING THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD THROUGH THOSE LESSONS. And the reason is the most idiotic reason I think I have ever heard in my life---he might lose his "FAITH". In other words, the "FAITH" of the Roman Catholic church means more to this chap than does the Power of the Spirit of God. In other words, superstition and fear have been so pumped into him, that he still is afraid of "losing his soul" if he doesn't have a priest round to "save" it for him.

This goes to show what "FAITH" can do. Here was this chap, no doubt about it at all, finding the rejuvenating and regenerating Power of the Spirit of God in his life---yet afraid he might lose his Catholic "FAITH". But you will note that the "FAITH" he was afraid of losing never had brought to consciousness of the Spirit of God into his life--he had to come to "Psychiana" to find that. Thank the good Lord his better judgment or the better judgment of his wife prevailed, and he is going to finish his Studies. I'll wager he loses his "FAITH" and finds God in such a degree that it will not bother him very much no matter how much "FAITH" he loses.

For "Psychiana" has no "FAITH". It is NOT a religious "FAITH". It is a religious experience. We have but little use or need for "FAITH". We have the sight. God to us is a living Power, and we know and experience the Power of the Spirit of God continually in our lives. Then what use can we have for "FAITH"? That does not mean anything to us. For "FAITH" is only necessary when you do not know ### whether what you are believing in is the truth or not. You HOPE it is. You BELIEVE it is. You have "FAITH" that it is---BUT YOU DONT KNOW. If you did know, there would be no need for your trying to have "FAITH".

The age of "FAITH" is fast passing away, and with its egress is coming to the world the CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN HUMAN LIVES. And that's \$\$\$ worth a lot more than any "FAITH". When I was a little chap and forced into the church and Sunday School, there was an old hymn which was a favorite of the father, a Baptist preacher, then, and now. It went something like this:--

"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS LIVING STILL
IN SPITE OF DUNGEON, FIRE AND SWORD ETC".

Well about every other Sunday the old fellow would announce that hymn until we all got sick and tired of it. Wherever you hear one talking a lot about "FAITH" you can put it down that such an one hasn't very much experience. For the actual experience of the Spirit of God in the life does away with "FAITH". It isn't necessary any more. It never was

necessary anyhow. Ever notice how we never teach "FAITH"? Our complete philosophy is the ACTUAL PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES. With that actual Presence there, why faith? Faith is only an endeavor to try to believe something of which there is absolutely no proof. If you know the Power and the Presence of God in your life--you do not need faith. If you do not know that Great Spirit, then it is very evident that you do need faith. Listen to me a moment---ANY SYSTEM OF THEOLOGY WHICH NEEDS "FAITH" TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSE, IS AN UNTRUE AND UNPROVABLE SYSTEM. THE TRUE THEOLOGY KNOWS GOD IN THE HUMAN LIFE, AND CAN PROVE THE PRESENCE OF GOD THERE BY ACTIONS AND RESULTS WHICH THE SPIRIT OF GOD BRINGS. Now get away from that argument if you can.

All these religious "FAITHS" we have with us today, literally prove themselves to be untrue and unsafe, BECAUSE THEY CAN PROVE NOTHING. THEY ALL NEED "FAITH" IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SYSTEMS. THAT PROVES THEM ALL TO BE INTANGIBLE AND UNPROVABLE, DOES IT NOT? Of course, it does. If they KNEW God, they would not need to have faith in God. If all they have is "FAITH" they cannot have any EVIDENCE of God in them. For "FAITH" ends where EVIDENCE or SIGHT begins.

So I would say to this good man and woman in Racine, forget all about your "FAITH" no matter what it may be, Catholic or Protestant. For the actual presence of God is what all "faiths" are vainly trying to establish. The trouble with them is that they are based on an old religious philosophy about 2000 years old. It is unprovable. It does not contain the truths of God. None of these religious philosophies can reveal God to the world because they teach a negative abstract theory of God, and this theory is grounded on "FAITH" and not on actual experience.

The remarkable growth of the "Psychiana" Movement can be attributed to the fact that it has no "FAITH" but it has a lot of "SIGHT" and it can prove the existence of the Power of the Spirit of God, right here on this earth, now, in the lives of every normal thinking man and woman. It does not look to past dark ages for its religious structure as others do. It looks to the present and the future. If anything, it anticipates God. When the churches of all denominations throw away their old age-worn theories of God, and when they discard the "FAITH" which is leading them to destruction, and when they actually believe in the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God here and now, and in the lives of all men, then the church can save this world. It can end all war. It can bring to all men, exactly the same truths of God we are bringing to men, and that is the duty of the church. It is NOT my duty. Had the church been true to God this "Psychiana" Movement would not be here. But it is here, and it will stay here and grow and grow until such time as the church forgets all about its unprovable "FAITH" and finds, and knows, and teaches the Power of the Spirit of God. May God haste that day. May the Spirit of God lift the blindfolds off the eyes of the churches of all denominations. That is what I ask.