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PRACTICAL POWER lead article for weekly.

The following letter came to me from a Baptist preacher in Minneapolis. I shall answer it in full in this issue of the Weekly and send a copy to this gentleman, God bless him.

"For many years I have been in the Baptist ministry. I have watched your Movement since its beginning and agree with much you say. The church today, my own denomination included, has miserably failed to bring to this earth the power of God. I agree with you. But I fail to see any difference between the God you teach and the God the church teaches. There is only one God although there may be many different forms of worshipping this one God.

Will you please explain to me what can be accomplished by your conception of God, which cannot be accomplished by the same God, when I, or any other minister preaches Him as He should be preached"

The answer to this letter is very simple. There is nothing which can be accomplished through "PSYCHIANA" or the God "PSYCHIANA" teaches, which cannot be accomplished through God, when any other minister PREACHES HIM AS HE SHOULD BE PREACHED. Absolutely nothing. This gentleman hit the nail directly on the head when he stated "AS HE SHOULD BE PREACHED". Any minister, any priest, any denomination can secure the very same results we secure here when God is preached as a LIVING SPIRIT, and not as a dead, crucified god.

There is only one thing which is preventing God from manifesting all His divine Power to the human race today, and that one thing is the false doctrine the church has advanced that God, the Great Creative Spirit of all Life, was once "crucified on a cross for the sins of the world". Eliminate that heathen dogma, and this world will automatically discover the TRUE Power of the True God in very short order. But there can be no mixing of the two. Either there is no God, or, God never allowed anyone to murder Him in any form whatsoever. If God did, he admitted defeat. "Oh but His sacrifice was a voluntary one--He did not have to make it, but did make it because of the fallen depraved condition of man"--you may say. But that argument is just as false as is the theory that the Almighty God, "maker of Heaven and earth, ever created a faulty man."

This idea of "sacrifice" is an old heathen Jewish idea. There were different forms and stages of sacrifice. But always, the heathen mind had to be shedding blood of some sort. First a ram. Then a lamb. Then something else, and the "burnt offering" of the one smelled better to God than did the "burnt offering" of the other. Then, to cap the whole sacrificial climax, a god had to be dragged from off his throne in heaven, and he had to be made a sacrifice, also. Don't ever believe that brother Baptist preacher. I don't care if it is a fundamental part of your whole religion--don't ever believe it if you really want to help bring God to this world. For you will, never, never, never bring any of the truths or the Power of God to mankind through such a story as that. In the first place, the story is not true. It may be that you will have some trouble going back on the very dogmas you were educated to believe, but you had better do it if you want to be used of God in the salvation of this world.

Five hundred different sects and denominations here in America, and a couple in Italy, all preaching a "crucified god" who, in his infinite mercy, gave his life on a cross for the redemption of the race. And that story has been preached for more than 4000 years. Yet look at the world today. And the story can be preached for another 4000 years, and at the end of that time, if there is a civilization worth calling one left, that story still will not have brought the knowledge of the Spirit of God to the world.

GOD WAS NEVER CRUCIFIED ON A CROSS. Nor did God ever have a son or a daughter or a brother or a sister who might have been crucified on a cross. For God is infinite Spirit, and Spirit never could be hung on a cross. The very fact that religious tradition lists more than thirty of such "crucified gods" should convince you that the story, at least, bears looking into. And if you look into it, leaving all theory and "faith" alone, what do you find? Well, certainly you do not find the slightest scintilla of legal evidence that the story is even original, let alone true. You find that millions of people knew the fundamentals of it, long before your supposed God, Jesus was ever heard from. You find many other things too. You find that your four gospels, in which you seem to pin so much faith, are absolutely anonymous. No one knows who wrote them. We do know the Roman Catholic church put the titles to them. We also know that these four "gospels" were voted "divine" by a vote of Roman Catholic priests, and not because they were "the word of God" by any means.

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You find that all history ~~#####~~ knows absolutely nothing ~~whatsoever~~ about such marvellous happenings as you record in your bible. Known, authentic historians, living on the very spot in the very day, and minutely recording other religious happenings in that very land, all pass over in complete silence the remarkable happenings upon which you, and your denomination ask the world to stake its present and future life. These historians know ~~#####~~ nothing about the rocks being rent. They never even heard of Jesus Christ. They never heard of the crucifixion, and certainly they never heard of the resurrection either, or they would have truly recorded such a marvellous happening. They never heard of scores of dead people getting up out of their graves and meandering round through the streets of Jerusalem. Yet these men, known historians, never heard of these things.

Astronomers of that day ~~never~~ heard of the sun being darkened. They never heard of the stars falling from heaven. In fact, there can be found ABSOLUTELY NO AUTHENTIC REFERENCE ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF "SACRED WRIT" OF ANY OF THESE HAPPENINGS. ~~Then~~ Again, the word "Christian" was unheard of until more than 100 years after these supposed happenings. Then again, not a single eye-witness to any of them was ever known to exist. But hundreds of years afterwards, these manuscripts began to show up, and the Roman church called a meeting of its bishops and they, by vote, decided what was the WORD of GOD and what wasn't. Do you think, and I ask you in all sincerity, do you think, Minneapolis Baptist preacher that you have a sure and safe foundation for your faith? You most certainly have not. All you have is old myth and tradition, and, speaking from a heart full of love for God and the human race, I tell you now, and think I can prove the whole story to be made of the imagination of the priests, coupled with the fundamentals of the Hindoo religion, which religion still contains, EVERY SINGLE VITAL FUNDAMENTAL OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

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Their "crucified god" ~~fourteen~~ hundred years before yours, was born on December 25th. So was yours, 1400 years later. Their "crucified god" was called Jeseus Chrishna, while yours, 1400 years later was called Jesus Christ. Both were born of a virgin called Mary, only theirs was born 1400 years before yours was. They both were crucified on a cross, but their god was crucified 1400 years before yours was. They both were resurrected from the dead, but their "crucified god" came out of the bowels of the earth after a three-day sojourn in them, 1400 years before yours did. And now, they are both seated in heaven, at the right hand of God, but the Hindoo Chrishna was up there 1400 years before Jesus Christ went up there. In your bible, the first man was Noah while in theirs the first man was Noe. Each had three sons. Your Noah had three who were named Shem, Ham and Japheth. But, 1400 years before, their Noe had three sons who were called Sherma, Hama, and Jiapheta. Is there nothing in this strange chain of circumstances which might ~~not~~ give you a hint where your "crucified god" story came from, or where the Roman church borrowed it from? There should be, if you are after facts and not simply after religious superstition.

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Wise men from the East and shepherds heralded the birth of your crucified king, but wise men from the ~~East~~, and shepherds also heralded the birth of the crucified king of the Hindoos, but long long years before your religion was ever heard of. Yet you ask the world today to come to you to find out the truths of the Living God. And I say to you and to the world that it can never find out those truths through that "crucified god" story. ~~Nor~~ can it find those truths through the Hindoo "crucified god" story, either. Nor can the world, nor has the world ever found those truths through any of the 30 or more "crucified gods" recorded in religious tradition. And your story of god crucified, is just as untrue, and just as impossible as is the Hindoo story, or any other story which teaches that God, the Great Spirit of Life behind this entire universe, EVER WAS CRUCIFIED FOR ANYONE'S SINS. He couldn't have been. No one ever ~~\$\$\$\$\$~~ can crucify the great invisible God, and don't you ever again tell anyone that they did. If you do, you are misinforming them. And it is my duty, and my life's work to bring to this world, a God who never was crucified, but who lives here and now, and has always lived, not as a "lamb of god", not as "God's only begotten son", BUT AS THE INFINITE INVISIBLE SPIRIT WHICH CREATED THIS UNIVERSE, THE HUMAN RACE, AND THE STARS AND PLANETS ABOVE US.

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That Spirit of God still lives. But at no time was it ever found hanging on a cross, crucified at the hands of a few Roman soldiers. Away with such sacrilege, such religious blasphemy as that. I don't want to ever be found teaching such pagan superstition as that. Certainly I do not expect this world will ever be brought to know the true God by any such story as that. For the story is not true. It is an old pagan superstition, and the sooner you discard it, the sooner will the human race find God. Of course, my good Baptist brother, you and your denomination can hang onto such superstition as long as you care to. But lying before me now is a picture of a Baptist church. Just a few ~~\$\$\$\$\$~~ years ago, it had a thriving membership of over 200. Now, with no one moving away, it has but 20 and services are held but every second week. Now let me ask you in all kindness, if your denomination knew anything about anything except a "crucified god", could that have happened? Of course it couldn't have happened. But error is being discovered. Truth is replacing it. And you will have to, and every other denomination which holds the story, WILL HAVE TO DISCARD IT ENTIRELY BEFORE ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS CAN EITHER KNOW OR TEACH THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD. For that Power is not to be found through the story of Jesus Christ and him crucified, any more than it is to be found in the story of any other "crucified god" and the world has had lots of them.

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The definition of God which is sweeping this world through this Movement, is a definition which is accompanied by PRACTICAL POWER. It is not in the slightest degree interested in saving the soul. It is only interested in bringing to men and women everywhere, the actual fact of the PRESENT EXISTENCE OF THE GREAT SPIRIT OF GOD, AND THE ABILITY OF THIS GREAT POWER TO ANSWER EVERY PROBLEM OF EVERY MAN AND WOMAN HERE AND NOW. We know nothing about being "born in sin and shapen in iniquity". We know nothing about the crucifixion or the resurrection. We know nothing about scores of dead, \$\$\$\$\$\$ putrified bodies getting up out of their graves and walking round the streets of Jerusalem. We know nothing of that sort of thing. But we do know that God exists, as a living vital Power, and we do know that your Baptist and the Catholic theories of a virgin-born "crucified god" are \$\$\$\$ doing more to keep the actual truths of God from men and women than is anything else in this world. How can men know God as a practical Power, when you tell them that there is none other name given under heaven whereby men can be "saved" than the name of Jesus Christ? How can men and women know God here and now, when you tell them that they must meet at a great judgment bar of God, the sheep to be separated from the goats. The big book, in which their names must be found. Oh men and women, Baptists and Catholics, how long will you fool the people with such utterly false concepts of God. They have failed, so then why hold them? Why not throw them back to the dark ages from whence they came? We know one thing, and all can agree on that. We know that the Spirit of God still lives. And if the Spirit of God still lives, then He can be known by all. And when the human race knows God, wars will cease and an era of international peace, joy, and happiness will come in. But that era cannot come in as long as you are blinding the minds and the eyes of the people with a false philosophy of God, instead of finding out the truth, and teaching that.

The difference then, Brother Baptist preacher between your god and ours lies in the fact that yours never existed. Ours did. True, there is but one God, but that one God is not, never was, and never can be your "crucified god" Jesus Christ. That story will have to go if God is ever made real to the world. Of course the same things we accomplish can be accomplished by you, and they will be just as soon as you exchange your mythical, pagan god for the True Living Spirit, which Spirit, eye hath not seen at any time. Neither on a cross nor off a cross. These may seem hard words to you brother, but they are true words, and I suspect that when you read them you will know they are true. For the Spirit of God leads everyone who wants to be led. It will lead you away from the fleshpots of Israel, however. It will lead you away from a cross. But it will lead you into a Realm of Infinite happiness and Power, and it will do this in the very moment you are man enough to believe that God still lives, and was never crucified by anyone on any sort of a cross.

The world had to go through this "cross" era. Now, it is getting away from it. The evolution of the human race has ever been upward. To look at the world today, it wouldn't seem so. But this material day had to come. For through it, the true picture of God will be made known to the world, not through the "cross-preaching" church, but through any organization which believes that GOD LIVES IN HIS OR HER LIFE, AND CAN SUPPLY EVERY NEED OF THAT LIFE, HERE AND NOW, AND WITHOUT CALLING UPON THE NAME OF EITHER JESUS, OR CHRISHNA OR BUDDHA, OR SAKYA, OR CONFUCIUS, OR PROMETHEUS, OR OSIRIS, OR ANY OTHER OF THE WORLD'S CRUCIFIED "SAVIORS".