

THE AMERICAN SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

ADDRESSES

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I do not come to you as a great religious leader; I come to you as an ordinary, everyday American. Not so very many years ago I was working in the Sun Drug Company here in Los Angeles, and from there I went to Horton and Converse--all the time searching for the truths of God. In my early days, my father, who is a Baptist minister, used to cram the hell-fire doctrine down my throat until I was afraid, not only of Almighty God, but of the man who was supposed to be preaching Almighty God.

As a result of that honest attempt to make me swallow that story, I made up my mind to try to search for Almighty God alone. For, Beloved, I have never doubted from childhood the existence of Almighty God, and believe today more definitely than ever I have believed before, and the most precious thing in my experience is my communion with Almighty God.

It is possible for every one to know the presence of God in their lives. It will be necessary to find out first who and what God is. I want to try to take you directly to the answer to that question. If I say anything which you might call "plain speaking" kindly don't misunderstand, for I would rather lose an arm than to say one thing which would hurt any one here. I don't want to do that, so while I may speak plainly, understand it will also be kindly.

Now there are on earth today eleven major systems of religion. Each of these systems presents a different God to humanity. Some present one, some another. They are all honest. They are all earnest. Two hundred million Mohammedans, five hundred thousand Hindus, and so it goes, until we have today eleven systems of religious teaching--eleven different Gods.

Now, Beloved, when the Almighty created the human race, He created black, white, yellow, and every other color which exists on earth, in one creation. He did not make three or four special jobs of creation, nor did he make several different attributes, one for each nation. He made them all flesh and blood--every human soul that has ever lived on the face of this earth. We are all brothers, regardless of our religious affiliation, our race, or nationality.

Let me try to give you a rather simple example of what I mean when I say, as I do say so many times, that God Almighty, as an Infinite Spirit, lives in every human soul. Because we are living in a Christian nation, we will take the Christian story of creation. While, of course, we know that God Almighty did not hold any conversation with any human being in any garden, the fact remains that He did create the human race. And then what did He do? He breathed into man's nostrils the Breath of Life. Now, Beloved, this means one thing and one thing only. It means that Almighty God breathed the Live of Spirit, which is God, into the human race. And may I say that just as long as you live, you are a living manifestation of the Spirit of God, primarily and essentially.

Beautiful flowers are a manifestation of one phase of life which is God, because God made all creation. Nothing was made without God. Into man, however, He breathed His own Life, His own Spirit, to such a degree that man is the only created thing on the face of the earth that is capable of recognizing the existence of its Creator. Now think of that! Man is the only creation of God which is capable of understanding the fact that God breathed into man His own Life.

Let me give you another illustration which will separate man from the rest of creation. We will suppose I have on this platform two barrels: one full of sawdust, one full of soil. I drop into each barrel a handful of seeds. In a few weeks the barrel containing the soil will show little green shoots coming up, but in the barrel of sawdust we don't

see anything like that. May I ask, is it the soil, the sawdust, or the seed which causes the shoots to grow? Neither. But when I put the grains of wheat into the soil, I have complied with the Law of Almighty God governing the wheat.

Let us take another illustration of a duck's egg. It is a simple thing. It has no ability to think itself into a duck, but if the proper degree of heat is applied, that is exactly what happens. But with man, something entirely different happens. Let us consider the birth of a human soul, a human being. One hundred years ago, none of us were here. Our parents fell in love with each other and were married according to the laws of the land and the Laws of Almighty God. As a result of that union a physical union was made whereby the seeds of the male was joined to the seed of the female. That, I repeat, was in compliance with the laws of the land the the Laws of Almighty God. That is God's method of propogating the human race. Now mark this: after that operation was completed that is as far as our parents could possibly go. That is all they could do-- form a physical union whereby the Law of God governing childbirth was complied with. And then what happens? At that very point another Power stepped into the picture, a far higher Power, and It took complete charge of those building operations from that point on. It promoted physiological and patheological problems which no chemist on the face of the earth could duplicate, and nine months later presented to the parents a living child.

Let me ask you this question. Do you believe that when you were born, the Power of the Spirit of God, the Power of Life which He gave you and that Intelligence which made you took its departure? Did It say to our parents, "There you are--there is your baby. I made it, but let it paddle its own canoe from now on," or does that Spirit of the eternal God still abide in you? If that Power which created you still abides in you, then have you not within you the Power of the Spirit of God? And just exactly what does this mean? It means that there lives in you the

the invisible Spirit which must be because It is God, the Infinite of Wisdom, the Infinity of Power, it must be the Infinitude of creative Genius. Why? Because that Power is the invisible Spirit of God. And if it were not for the abiding presence of that Spirit in you, you would fall to the floor; you could not live one minute without the Spirit of the Creator of this universe. Now, Beloved, that is Almighty God.

There are many things that Almighty God is, but first, last, and all the time, God is the invisible Spirit of Life. Without Him was not made anything that was made. Can I drive this home, into your consciousness, that that Spirit still abides in you? How many believe that? It will not take many people actually believing and knowing the Power of the Spirit of God in them to straighten this world out.

There is one thing that I thank God for--that is that He gave me a consuming confidence and faith in Him. There is another thing that I thank God for--that He placed in me from early childhood as strong a love as I am capable of containing, for God. There is not a thing in this world that I would be afraid to do, that I would not do, if by doing it I could drive home to the consciousness of the American people the fact that the Spirit of Almighty God abides and lives in them.

Will you pardon me if I speak personally? I very seldom do this, but let me tell you what that Power means to me, or what It did mean to me a few months ago. I only tell this to demonstrate and prove to you that the Spirit of God in you may be used by you for the fulfillment of whatever right desire or purpose you may have. I think it was about four months ago that Mrs. Robinson and I had gone to Portland, Oregon for a week-end rest. For fourteen years I have worked hard trying to make God real to the human race, and I will work a lot harder the next fourteen years because I know no work could be higher than to try to make God real to this world. We went out and when we came back I dropped to the floor.

The doctor was called and they put me to bed and made arrangements for me to be taken to the hospital where they engaged three nurses. The doctor informed Mrs. Robinson, "I am awfully sorry, but you had better telegraph your relatives. You love this man so much I would not wish you to be alone when he passes away." Another doctor was called in, a heart specialist, and a cardiograph was taken. He shook his head and said, "I am sorry--he has gone." I remember lying on that bed with the big oxygen tank beside it. (By the way, don't misunderstand me. If you are ill and don't understand the Law of God, get the best doctor you can get and follow his advice. If you know the Spirit of God in you, you have a far greater vision.) Mrs. Robinson sent for her relatives, and she stayed at my bedside all night. She asked the doctor why he didn't go home and rest and that she would call him if needed. But he said he would stay as he might be able to prolong my life for a short time. While all of this was going on I knew I was very ill, but I also knew something else. Mrs. Robinson called the doctor outside and asked him, "Did you tell Robbie that he is going to die?" The doctor said, "No, we never tell this to a patient." She said, "I believe I would tell him that, he may have ideas of his own." My wife came to me and asked, "Robbie, are you going to die?" I put my arm around her and said, "Listen, Funny Face, I have work to do. I shall be here on this earth until that work is finished." The next morning I was still in that hospital, lying on that bed, with two nurses, my wife, the oxygen tent, my wife's brother and sister outside the door. I turned my thoughts inward to the Spirit of God in me, and like a flash came the consciousness that I would be here for a long time yet. The next morning I said to Mrs. Robinson, "Let's get an apartment. Get me out of this hospital." So she did, as I asked, and moved me there. I stayed in for about two weeks, and that is about all I could stand. Shortly after that I left for the East with my family. We went to New York, over to Washington,

and back to Chicago, where I climbed up sixty-three steps. (I had been told that if I attempted to climb up a flight of stairs I would drop dead.) Why didn't this happen to me? Because I knew, as you may know that the very life impulse which is God put into me when I was born still existed within me, and that, Beloved, is the impulse I am depending upon to stop this war.

I can't do that alone, but if I did not believe that it could be done, I should not be here, because there is not a man or woman in this audience who could hire me to come to Los Angeles and give a month of my time, if I did not believe the Power of God was greater than the power of any individual.

There has been a lot of talk about bringing Hitler to his knees. I don't believe the Power of the manifestation of Almighty God on this earth is depending upon the elimination of anyone. What we want to do is to bring to the American people a clear cut consciousness of God in them, and then bind ourselves together to prove to this world that the Power of Almighty God is far superior to any brute force of a Hitler, a Mussolini, or a Stalin. I don't know exactly how this can be done, and yet I do know. Did not the Spirit of Infinite Wisdom and Intelligence come to me? What is it that drives me up the mountain-side where I spend night after night alone pleading with God to reveal Himself to me? Let me tell you how I found God. That happened in Los Angeles, too. It happened in a little house on Laurel Avenue in North Hollywood. I was working for Horton and Converse at the time in the Pacific Mutual Building as a prescription clerk. I was a member of the Baptist church. (By the way, I was baptized five times and that didn't even reveal God to me). I had tried to find God from childhood up to that day. I was not the type of chap who would accept any substitute because I believed, and still believe, that when man recognizes the Spirit of God within him, he knows that something has happened. He knows there is a Power in there that he never knew he had. On this

particular evening I was absolutely alone--my family had gone visiting-- I looked up into the face of the Almighty God and said, "Oh, God, if I have to go to hell, if I can't find you, then I will go to hell with the consciousness that I went there trying to find you." At once I knew that something had happened, for this burden I had been carrying around with me, this sorrow, this hungering for God was almost instantly satisfied. This is the strange thing about it--just at the moment that I gave up all hope, this came to me. I spent a good many years after that studying every history of religion--I bought every book on it that I could find, and as a result of this study I discovered that Almighty God has never been separated from the human race from the first day that He created it.

Now I travel pretty widely, and I want to say to you that if I were to ask ninety-nine Americans out of one hundred, "What do you believe in?" They would say, "Isn't there some Power somewhere?" I believe that through the Power of the Spirit of God in us we can bind ourselves together, and if the Creator of this universe is All Wisdom, if He is all Power, and if He is all Intelligence, then why can't we band ourselves together? First of all getting the conscious experience of God and then after that, why can't we start a movement that will go around the earth? It can be done, because when a group of people decide to call upon Almighty God for help, there is no possibility of those people failing, if there be a God, and we know there is. So, what then shall we do? I wonder how many there are in this audience who would like to know the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God in their lives tonight. I believe everyone wants to be conscious of the Power of the Spirit of God in his life. You all mentally sense the fact that the Spirit is there, and might deposit \$1000 in the bank to your credit, but if I or the bank didn't notify you, you wouldn't know that you had it. So what we must do from this moment on is to make ourselves conscious of this Power because from that moment on you won't be able to hold yourself back.



What is God? The Spirit of Creation. What has happened to creation? Look at the world today. There is the answer to that. And the only reason this earth is in the condition it is in today is because, in spite of the eleven major systems of religion, this world still does not know God.

Now, to become conscious of this Spirit of God is a very easy thing. It takes only two simple things. It takes the desire. You have that. It takes a little work, just a little bit of work and not hard work. It takes that desire coupled with an intelligent effort to bring to the surface the Power that you know is hidden in you..

The statement, "I believe in the Power of the Living God," has been used, to my knowledge, by a good many million people in the United States, and it has been effective in revealing the Power of the Spirit of God to those people. I can produce one quarter of a million letters which have been sent to me in the past fourteen years, from all over the world, telling me of men and women who, through this simple statement, have had God made a reality in their lives. Because I possess any power? Oh, no, but because Almighty God lives in each one, and all you need to do, Beloved, is to get Almighty God to the surface and then let that Power be the dynamic driving force behind you.

I believe the Power of God is more powerful than a Hitler or what he stands for. (Repeat the statement three times.) We don't want to sell you anything--we want to find out how many people we can get to form a nucleus around which to start this movement.

I have much more work to do for God in the future than I have ever been able to do in the past, not because I possess any power, but because I am fool enough, and have been fool enough, to fight through to God. In God is all you will ever need in the way of satisfaction, health, happiness, or anything else. If there is poverty in your home, the consciousness of the Power of the Spirit of God will drive it out. I am

not so much concerned about that as I am concerned right now in getting together to throw the Power of God against the most ungodly situation the world has ever known.

MAIN ADDRESS, September 24, 1941:

This is the last time I shall have an opportunity to speak to you in this campaign, so naturally I want to say something which will make the Spirit of God more real to you than it has ever been before in your life. That is my only object. I am going to try to come back among you, if you will have me, in about four weeks' time.

One of the most dynamic statements, in fact the most dynamic statement, in all sacred literature is the statement made in a letter which the Apostle Paul is presumed to have written to the Corinthians, a long time ago. But let me explain that each major system of religion on the face of the earth has its sacred writings or Bibles, as they are called. This is the first time in my public experience that I have ever spoken from a text written in any Bible.

Running through all the Bibles there is the same chain of thought. Running through all religions there is the same chain of thought. The only object of religion of all kinds is to reveal God to man. The statement I want to direct your attention to is found in the first of St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians, the third chapter, sixteenth verse. The statement has been read by millions. Probably tens of thousands, or hundreds of thousands, of sermons have been preached on it, yet if you and I, Beloved, grasp the dynamic significance of that statement this night, this war could be brought to an end, and what is more important, this world as a whole would know God.

Recently I was discussing this statement with a noted Catholic dignitary who said, "Dr. Robinson, that statement cannot be taken literally." I said it was not meant to be taken literally, but he begged to differ with my version that any statement of fact, any statement of truth, no matter where it is found, is meant to be taken literally.

I can show you five thousand truths in any Bible you wish to give me, and if you will take any one of them literally you will experience a most soul shaking experience. It has been a great joy to know that Almighty God reveals His Spirit to this world in Truth, no matter in what form that Truth may be presented and no matter who presents it. No one, ladies and gentlemen, has a monopoly on God. No one has a monopoly on Truth.

Now here is the statement: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Don't you know that you are the temple of God and the Spirit of God lives in you? I say to you that is the most dynamic statement that you have ever listened to in your life. Yet it was addressed to people like you and me--it was not addressed to some santimonious crowd who figured they had a mortgage on all spiritual Truth. It was addressed to the man on the street.

Now let us look together in to that statement, because in that statement there lies enough power, enough spiritual truth to completely revolutionize your life and the life of everyone else. Now when I come to you and say to you, as the Christian Bible has done, that the Spirit of God lives in you and that you are the temple of God, I say to you that you have never recognized that before.

Riding on the train not long ago, a steward came up and asked if I was Dr. Robinson. Upon telling him that I was, he said he was one of my students. I said, "You carry a lot of people on this train, can you tell me what is uppermost in the minds of these people?" He said, "Doc, they want to know where God is and what God is."

Beloved, this world tonight wants to know that. It has made the fatal mistake of looking for God everywhere except where God can be found. This statement--and you have almost a duplicate statement written fifteen hundred years before in another Bible--states that God, the Spirit

God, lives in you now. That is the staggering fact of existence. You have not known that before. Very few know that, and those who mentally assent to it do not do so whole-heartedly. For, to have the Spirit of God in you, Beloved, means to have in you that Living, Vital Power which, out of nothingness, calls this universe, with you celestial universe, into existence. You did not know that you had that Power in you. What else does that mean? It means that any search for God outside yourself will be just so much wasted energy. If you never find the Power of God in yourself, you will never find it. But if you do find the Power of the Spirit of God in you, do you not see what a dynamic Power you have? Is there anything the Power of the Spirit of God cannot do?

I say to you that mortal pen never wrote a more dynamic statement than that; and I also say to you that mortal tongue never gave utterance to a more dynamic statement than that. You are the temple of God and the Spirit of God lives in you. Now this statement is a religious statement, and as I explained before, it is also a scientific statement of Truth.

When you recognize the fact that the Spirit of God, with all the Power of God, lives in you, your only problem, then, is how to contact and use that Power. For if the Spirit of God lives in you, then there lives in you the very Infinite of Power, the Infinite of Wisdom, the Infinite of Peace, the Infinite of everything you should be, and you and I did not know that. Now it means this: It means that regardless of what there may be in your life which is not as it should be, you yourself possess the power to get it out of there. Let us suppose, for instance, there is poverty in your life. You are having quite a time to make both ends meet, and yet this statement says, the Power of the Spirit of God, the Creator of this universe lives in you. They just don't go together. And, Beloved, there may be illness in your home, curable or incurable, and yet in that home and also in you, according to this statement, there lives the Power of the Spirit of God, because Almighty God Himself lives in you.

Now, I don't believe I say this advisably and with no thought whatsoever of talking about myself, but I say to you I think I have seen more instances of the Power of God manifest in human life than any other man on the face of the earth. I know of two hundred and fifty thousand. I have that many letters, and there are probably that many more. These people I have never seen, but they have recognized this statement. In all my work, regardless of what phase of it you may inquire into, I use this one statement, "I believe in the Power of the Living God." What are you believing in? You are believing in the Power of the Living God, and yet this statement says the Spirit which is God lives in you.

I say to you, beloved, that is a dynamic statement. Paul said to these Corinthians, "Don't you know?" They came to him asking for this, that, and the other thing, and he said, "Don't you know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?" That makes you, beloved, a mighty valuable individual.

Now there are two things you can do. You are now a combination of a physical being and God. Let's put it this way. What you really are is the Spirit of God manifesting through a physical body. Flowers represent the Spirit of God, or the Spirit of Life, manifesting as flowers. Thus flowers automatically grow--they produce their seeds--they go into the ground and produce more flowers. But man is the only creation of God capable of recognizing the Power of the Spirit of God in his own life, and I say to you with all the earnestness I have, that the best thing you can do to help bring peace to this universe in every line, is to begin to recognize the fact that the Spirit of the Eternal God lives in you.

That will change your outlook on life. It will make the main objective of your life a search for that connection, because if God Almighty saw fit to live in you, He did that for a purpose. When God created this universe, He wasn't playing a game of chance for His own amusement. You know what Almighty God was doing? He was demonstrating

Himself in a million different ways. Demonstrating how the Power of the Spirit of God was brought into manifestation.

Now there is something wrong with the universe--something radically wrong. Just before I came over here I heard this statement over the radion, "Germany says that Leningrad is becoming a human slaughter house." I would hate to have that statement go over the world as my statement, and I would hate to be the cause of this condition. I don't think that permanent peace, permanent justice will come to this earth by that method. That is the most terrible slaughter that history records, and, beloved, if those nations knew that they were the Temple of God with the Spirit of God living in them, how could they do what they are doing?

I sum up world conditions like this. I know there is something wrong. You know the same thing. And yet, deep down in the nature of each one of us the most consuming desire is to know God. But too many of us make the mistake of looking in the sky and waiting for some demonstration, but this statement says the Spirit of God lives in me. Beloved, there was a duty given to me in that hour. I am sure that this duty was given to me in that moment when I recognized the Indwelling Spirit of God, to pass that message to this world. And walking out of a little drug store, fourteen years ago, with less than \$500.00, thank God, I have been able to bring that message to over eight hundred thousand people alone.

Now, if I recognize and understand my duty, and if you recognize and understand your duty, there is nothing you will not do to make that experience real to this world, because one little bit of the Power of the Spirit of God will go a long way in this horrible holocaust we are witnessing today. It won't take very much I assure you.

Now we want to make God real. That is what we want to do. We know that we are the temples of God and that the Spirit of God lives in

us. What is the Spirit of God? The answer to that, beloved, is quite simple. Almighty God is the Spirit that gave life to every created thing, that has life. And because you are--because you live--because you have the Spirit of God in you, there must be a direct connection with all of the Spirit of God. You cannot contain all of God, but this statement says the Spirit of God lives in you.

Now, let me tell you how to find the Spirit of God in you, and let me say something else. When you find it, you know it. At the time I found the Power of God, I was perhaps the most impotent, useless man in the United States. But that experience of finding God showed me that I had Power to do whatever I wanted to do which was in the interest of the human race as a whole. People say to me, "Dr. Robinson, how come that you are in this work?" I couldn't be in any other work, because to know God is to find your proper place in the scheme of things, and in a world that is fraught with the Truth that this world is, my chief thought is, "What can I do to make God real to the human race?"

Now the first thing to do to recognize the Spirit of God is to get quiet. I am talking about serious things. I am bringing to you the knowledge that can answer every problem, and if this audience tonight were conscious of the Spirit of God in each one, I should not be afraid to prove to you through this audience that the spectre of this world's economic life could be changed in thirty days, for I have the supreme confidence in God. So, when we are quiet we recognize that we are entering a new life, we still live on earth, but we are going to find the source of hidden power. We are quiet--we are alone--and then what do we do? Let me ask you, how do you think the hidden Power of God in you can be made to manifest, materially, and spiritually? You have the Power, but you have not been conscious of it. You are going to become conscious of it. How? You are going to speak the Power of the Spirit of God in you into existence, along any line that you desire. If there should be in



your home tonight a condition which is not as it should be--it may be limitation, it may be illness, it may be domestic discord--I defy you to do what I am going to suggest and not have that trouble clear up. Let three people in that home, recognizing the Power of the Spirit of God in them, speak that Spirit into existence and that condition will go, because that Power of the Spirit of God lives in them.

Paul said, "Don't you know (haven't you yet discovered) that the Spirit of God lives in you?" I can't repeat that too many times, because it is the most dynamic thing I can say to you. Two or three people recognizing that fact, can speak into existence the Power of the Spirit of God in any undesirable circumstance in their life or affairs.

Now, we have a problem that we are trying to solve. I am not primarily interested in stopping any wars. My primary fundamental interest is to tell men and women that the Spirit of God lives in them. Once that fact is recognized, war automatically disappears. It cannot continue to exist, because that Spirit completely blocks out at once any other power. Now, in our efforts to make God real to humanity, we shall accomplish more by making Him real to ourselves. I would like to see everyone set aside a definite time--say fifteen minutes a day--to recognize the Spirit of God within himself, because it is there, whether you recognize it or not. This recognition means to find peace, to find power. It means to turn loose in this universe the most dynamic power the world has ever known.

We must have, in the present world conditions, to send armies against the despots. There is no question but that it has to be done, if we wish to live and remain in safety in this country. I don't know of any other physical way, but I do know a better way, and that is to recognize within each one of us the Spirit of God and to throw that Power into play. How? By speaking it into play, because Paul said, "The Spirit of God lives in you."

MAIN ADDRESS: October 12, 1941:

I am going to ask for two full minutes of absolute silence, because out of the silence is born the Power of the Spirit of God. Be absolutely silent for two minutes giving God the opportunity to reveal Himself to you.

In launching this American Spiritual Awakening, it is very necessary that we know just exactly what we are doing, just exactly how we are going to do it, and, most important of all, just exactly what the Power is that is behind us.

Every religious faith in the world at the present time is looking for a manifestation from the realm of Almighty God. The Christian is looking for the return of Jesus, the Moslem is looking for the return of his warrior prophet who shall bring peace and prosperity to the Moslem; the Buddhist is looking for the speedy return of Buddha, who, he claims, shall bring this earth universal peace, prosperity, and happiness. In all the lands of the Far East; among all the great faiths, there is that subconscious feeling that a manifestation from the realm of the Spirit of God must be.

The most significant thing of all, however, is happening here in the United States. For entirely outside the religious organizations, among the men on the street, there is a deep-rooted consciousness that the Spirit of Almighty God will have to manifest its Power on this earth for peace and for safety. That is very significant. When the man on the street begins to question the future and to question his own ability to regulate himself, and when he begins to turn his eyes toward the realm of Almighty God--that, I say, is the healthiest sign American has ever seen. So deepseated is this belief that it is causing a blind groping for God. Men and women are searching here, there, and everywhere. They seem to

know that there is a Power which not only can but must manifest, and they know not where to look for that Power.

The significant thing about this is that it is the first time in the history of the world that this desire for an understanding of God has so universally manifested itself in every country in the world. At a football game in Detroit recently, before the conversion points were kicked, the entire Alumni got down on their knees and prayed that the kick would be successful. This is a definite sign that men and women are looking for, and beginning to think of, the existence of Almighty God.

Now, when everything was going well on this earth, before this frightful carnage happened, we didn't care much about Almighty God. We were making good wages. We were happy, so we thought, and the thoughts of Almighty God were very far from our consciousness. But now this picture is changed. The whole world wonders what is coming next. There is no doubt in my mind but that something of a stupendous nature is going to happen on this earth; nor is there any doubt that it should have happened a long time ago. But it seems to have taken this crises to drive home to man that without God he is a very ineffective piece of machinery.

Without Almighty God in the life, man is incomplete, and so long as he remains incomplete, just so long will he make a muddle of everything he attempts to do. As a matter of fact, world conditions today exist because the human race does not know God. It knows many theories of God, but as far as the actual consciousness of the Power of the Spirit of God in human life goes, this world as a whole, does not know God. And until it finds that it will continue to flounder around in the mess of its own error, and every time it extricates itself, it will sink deeper into the mire.

When Almighty God created this universe and man, He did not do it for his own edification, He created it that we may be perfect. In other worlds, that we might know the fullness of the existence of God in

us. That, ladies and gentlemen, is something we do not know. It is something we may know. It is something we should know. But if there were more of the Power of the Spirit of God on this earth today, conditions as they exist could not exist, unless you believe that the power of brute force is a greater power than the Power of the Spirit of the Living God-- and I know you don't agree to that.

Now, I asked you to be silent for two minutes. Let me tell you why. This Spiritual Awakening, no matter what form, shape, or size it takes, was born in a great silence. It was born in the silence of the soul, knowing God and desiring to bring the knowledge of God to the human race.

Those who are looking for the return of Buddha, or Mohammed or Krishna, or Jesus, or any of the other of the world's great prophets, will be disappointed, for the Kingdom of God will not come to the world in this manner. Let me point out to you, beloved, when it will come, how it will come, and why it will come. It will come, first of all, because it is absolutely necessary. It will come when the human race becomes so desperate that collectively, as a whole, it raises its eyes to Almighty God and says, "We can't stop this God, but you can." It will not come with a blare of trumpets; no horns will be sounded in the skies; no beams will descend from the clouds of heaven, but, beloved, the coming of the Spirit of God to this earth only means the awakening of the human consciousness to that Power which is God. And let me say to you that that awakening will be in the stillness of your own soul, for that is exactly where the Spirit of God has taken up its residence and no where else.

Now, I am not speaking to you as an individual. I am not so very much interested in advocating any personal ideas I may have, but I am speaking to you as a messenger bringing you a message from the realm of this Spirit of God. I speak to you as a signpost along life's highway, pointing the way to Light, to Truth, and to Peace. Back of this appearance

here on this platform are fifty-five years of intense searching for Almighty God. I was born with that longing to know God. I was born with the firm conviction that before I departed from this scene, through my humble life the Power of the Spirit of God might be made known to hundreds of thousands, and perhaps millions of people. Now that is not because of any peculiar theories of my own. It is because this life discovered some years ago that it could be very easily and very effectively joined to the Great Life which is God. And as a result of that junction and that linking with God, there is in here a great compelling and impelling urge to tell the world the truth, that there is existing the Power of the Spirit of God in each one of them.

To look to the sky or to some far distant place to find God, or to go upon the assumption that Almighty God created this universe and then left it alone, is an insult to the Intelligence which created us. When the Spirit of Life, or the Spirit of God, put human life on this earth in the first place--in the beginning--regardless of when that beginning might be, He breathed His Spirit in to that life. And, beloved, that Spirit has not been withdrawn from that day to this. It still abides there. Then, that being a fact, cannot all of earth's problems be solved by the discovery of that Power in us? Is not the Creator of this universe a far greater Power than the power which manufactures bombs, submarines, tanks, airplanes, etc.? Undoubtedly so--undoubtedly so, and I have not the faintest doubt, no doubts whatsoever but that if we can instill into this audience alone, the full meaning of the consciousness of the Presence of the Spirit of God, in this two thousand people there is enough power to bring all the world despots to their knees. Until that Power is universally discovered we shall have to go after them with the weapons they use. I see no other way to save the greatest country on the face of the earth--the United States of America--but, ladies and gentlemen, if, by coming into the fullness of the consciousness of the Power of God in us, we can throw

the Spiritual Power against that spirit of hate and destruction, we are lacking in our duty if we do not do that.

Now as far as I am concerned, this war is only a war of the total scheme of things. The fundamental thing to do, is to first find, know, and use the Power of the Invisible Spirit of God in you. Now, what does that mean when I say to you that the Spirit of God lives in you? Well it means just this; it means that you are living in ignorance of the greatest power this world has ever known, the Power of the Creator. You say, "Well, Dr. Robinson, you mean to tell me that the Power lives in me and is at my disposal?" and I reply, "I mean to tell you just that." Well, Dr. Robinson, why is it that I can't use this Power?" There are two reasons--first you don't want it, and second the seriousness of the condition of the human race has not yet fully dawned upon you. When it does, beloved, you will, before this thing is over, be crying aloud to Almighty God to stop this brutal thing and bring peace to the world.

But let us not overlook the fact that all the Power of the Spirit of God this world can ever need, exists now, in you, and in me. There is no experience necessary to bring to you the fullness of the consciousness of the Power of Almighty God in your life. No creed, no ritual, no dogma, can do that, because the Power existed in you long before any of those things were brought into existence.

I do not know how, when, nor why Almighty God put human life on this earth, but I do know that when He did it, in that human life He implanted His own Spirit, and, therefore, because of that Spirit in you and in me we have at our disposal all of the Power of the Almighty God.

Now you can do one of two things in this American Spiritual Awakening campaign. You can completely ignore the fact, you can disregard it, or you can say, "I have confidence enough in Almighty God to believe that He did not make a half-finished-creation."

Some years ago I was standing on the upper deck of an ocean

liner as it was pounding its way through the China Sea. The night was dark, the ocean was rough, and it was two o'clock in the morning. Suddenly I heard a voice say, "Lights on the port bow, Sir." Rising to my feet, I looked and saw little tiny lights along the shore. I asked the officer on deck what they were, and he told me they were the lights that came from the cabins of the fishermen on the Island of Formosa. He said they were wax candles and they always looked for these lights along the shore, because these were dangerous waters, and when they saw the lights they were sure they were on the right course. Now, beloved, in this spiritual awakening attempt, it is lead by two little lights, two small lights, but those two lights have the Power, and the whole Power, of the Spirit of Almighty God behind them. And just as long as they consciously know that and keep quiet, and be directed by that Higher Light, they will succeed.

I went back into the stern, in the bowels of the ship, and the verse of a hymn came to my mind:

"Brightly gleams our Father's mercy,  
From the lights, forevermore.  
But to us he gives the keeping  
Of the lights along the shore."

And those little lights guided that huge vessel safely away from the rocks. There is no question but that the Father's Light is still burning. There is no question but that we derive our little light from the Great Light of the God-Head.

Now then, I ask you, in our campaign to make God a reality to this world, what will you do with your light? You can put a candle snuffer over it if you wish, or you can let it burn if you wish. It doesn't have to be a big light. This ship was three miles from the Island of Formosa, and yet the man in the crow's nest saw the little lights and transmitted the information to the Captain, and he knew that eight hundred people on that ship were safe because the little lights were shining.

Now let me say something else to you, beloved. It is your duty first as Americans, and second as men and women, to believe in the Power of the Spirit of God; to give your all in this, the darkest hour the world has ever known; to make God a living Reality to the whole of the United States of America.

Some years ago I was walking through the bowery of New York City. I had on a suit of overalls. I went down into the slums, into the dirtiest tenement house possible. I wanted to get the answer--I wanted to know how most effectively I could make God real, not to the highbrows, but to all men. I went back to the hotel that night, and dropping on the bed with tears streaming down my face, I said, "Oh take this vision away from me and give it to someone more capable of putting it across than I am." Mrs. Robinson put her arms around my neck and said, "Robby, if you did not have the Power, the Spirit of God would not have called you." And from that night to this day the vision has been clear. I know what is wrong with this world. I know what can stop this war. I know what can stop strikes. I know what can unite man to the Almighty God, and that is, for man to find the Spirit of Almighty God where it ever was--in you, and in me.

Little lights--yes--little lights. Over the radio just before I came down here, came a story that fire had destroyed a rubber plant in some city in the East. It was completely destroyed, and eleven million dollars worth of war materials burned up. One little match probably started that fire, and one little group like this with the conscious knowledge of the Spirit of God can use that Power to unite man and God. This world is hungry for God. All religious faiths are hungry for God. The only reason they do not find God is because God exists in the very last place they expect to find Him, and that is within themselves.

The last time I spoke to you, I spoke from this text: "Know ye not that your bodies are the temples of God, and that the Spirit of God liveth in you?" I repeat that statement now. Now, to be definite



and concrete, how can you and I make a contact with the Power of the Spirit of God so that we can do something definite and tangible toward manifesting the Power of God on this earth now? Because I want to say to you that when the American people wake up to the potency of the Power of the Spirit of God, they will never rest until they have gone all the way. And at the end of the trail, a seeking man and a waiting God always meet. And when the American people, and every other race on the face of the earth, find God, all their troubles will be over.

Now, back to the little lights. Ernest Holmes and I are giving everything we have. I am not talking about money--that means nothing--we are giving all of our spiritual experience, all our past experience. I am putting my complete facilities behind this Movement so that we can try to tell others.

You are bound to ask this question, "Well, Dr. Robinson, I know that God and I are One, we know that, but how am I going to use the knowledge of that Power. In other words, how am I going to consciously use the Power of the Spirit of God in me against world conditions?" Listen very carefully. You will never be conscious of the Source of your spiritual power. The only thing you will be conscious of are its effects. Now, there is one secret about using the Spirit of God in you. There is only one way that Power can be manifest. You are a union of Almighty God and man. You are a physical being with all the Power of the God-Head in you. Now to demonstrate or manifest the Power of God in your life, you speak that Power into existence. Please never forget those words, if you forget everything else I have said to you. Don't forget the method whereby the Spirit of God will be manifest in your life is the Power of the spoken word. You can speak It into existence. Let me give you a humble illustration. A few years ago I received a telegram in Moscow to the effect that a certain woman was dying in Chicago, I looked her up and

found that she was a student, and I left that night for Chicago by plane. Arriving there I went to the address she had given. It was in the colored quarter of Chicago. I went into the house where I found an old lady repeating, "I believe in the Power of the Living God," "I believe in the Power of the Living God." On the bed was another old lady. I said, "Sister, just how much do you believe in that Power?" She exclaimed, "My God, it's Dr. Robinson." I said, "Answer my question." She answered, "I dun believe It is All-Powerful!" Taking the sick woman by the hand, I said, "Get up off that bed, now." The Power of the Spirit of God in me backed up by the ocean of Power, raised that dying woman from that bed. I have seen hundreds of thousands of cases like that.

Now, I am asking you to make this Spiritual Awakening a personal matter. I am asking you to speak the Power of God into existence. Before I close, I want another moment of absolute silence. You will catch, if you listen, the Power of the Spirit of God.

**BENEDICTION:** Now in this silence I open up my complete life, body and soul to the incoming of the Power of the Spirit of Almighty God. I am going to keep quiet enough so that I may recognize that Power and I am going to speak it into existence, that at long last this world may be drawn back to the Spirit that created it. There can be no higher Power than the Power of the Spirit of God. Lead Kindly Light amid the encircling gloom of a world gone mad, lead Thou me on. The night is dark and we are all far from home, but the Spirit of God will lead us on. Keep Thou my feet, I don't want to see the distant scene, one little step is enough for me.

MAIN ADDRESS, September 22, 1941:

I do not come to you as a great religious leader; I come to you as an ordinary, everyday American. Not so very many years ago I was working <sup>for</sup> in the Sun Drug Company here in Los Angeles, and from there I went to Horton and Converse--all the time searching for the truths of God. In my early days, my father, who is a Baptist minister, used to cram the hell-fire doctrine down my throat until I was afraid, not only of Almighty God, but of the man who was supposed to be preaching Almighty God.

As a result of that honest attempt to make me swallow that story, I made up my mind to try to search for Almighty God alone. For, <sup>beloved</sup>, I have never doubted from childhood the existence of Almighty God, and believe today more definitely than ever I have believed before, and the most precious thing in my experience is my communion with Almighty God.

It is possible for every one to know the presence of God in their lives. It will be necessary to find out first who and what God is. I want to try to take you directly to the answer to that question. If I say anything which you might call "plain speaking" kindly don't misunderstand, for I would rather lose an arm than to say one thing which would hurt any one here. I don't want to do that, so while I may speak plainly, understand it will also be kindly.

Now there are on earth today eleven major systems of religion. Each of these systems presents a different God to humanity. Some present one, some another. They are all honest. They are all earnest. Two hundred million Mohammedans, five hundred ~~thousand~~ <sup>million</sup> Hindus, and so it goes, until we have today eleven systems of religious teaching--eleven different Gods.

Now, Beloved, when the Almighty created the human race, He created black, white, yellow, and every other color which exists on earth, in one creation. He did not make three or four special jobs of creation, nor did he make several different attributes, one for each nation. He made them all flesh and blood--every human soul that has ever lived on the face of this earth. We are all brothers, regardless of our religious affiliation, our race, or nationality.

Let me try to give you a rather simple example of what I mean when I say, as I do say so many times, that God Almighty, as an Infinite Spirit, lives in every human soul. Because we are living in a Christian nation, we will take the Christian story of creation. While, of course, we know that God Almighty did not hold ~~any~~ <sup>a</sup> conversation with ~~any human~~ <sup>a talking</sup> ~~being~~ <sup>male</sup> in any garden, the fact remains that He did create the human race. And then what did He do? He breathed into man's nostrils the Breath of Life. Now, Beloved, this means one thing and one thing only. It means that Almighty God breathed the Life of Spirit, which is God, into the human race. And may I say that just as long as you live, you are a living manifestation of the Spirit of God, primarily and essentially.

Beautiful flowers are a manifestation of one phase of life which is God, because God made all creation. Nothing was made without God. Into man, however, He breathed His own life, His own Spirit, to such a degree that man is the only created thing on the face of the earth that is capable of recognizing the existence of its Creator. Now think of that! Man is the only creation of God which is capable of understanding the fact that God breathed into man His own Life.

Let me give you another illustration which will separate man from the rest of creation. We will suppose I have on this platform two barrels: one full of sawdust, one full of soil. I drop into each barrel a handful of ~~seeds~~ <sup>wheat</sup>. In a few weeks the barrel containing the soil will show little green shoots coming up, but in the barrel of sawdust we don't

see anything like that. May I ask, is it the soil, the sawdust, or the seed which causes the shoots to grow? Neither. But when I put the grains of wheat into the soil, I have complied with the Law of Almighty God governing the wheat.

Let us take another illustration of a duck's egg. It is a simple thing. It has no ability to think itself into a duck, but if the proper degree of heat is applied, that is exactly what happens. But with man, something entirely different happens. Let us consider the birth of a human soul, a human being. One hundred years ago, none of us were here. Our parents fell in love with each other and were married according to the laws of the land and the Laws of Almighty God. As a result of that ~~union~~ <sup>marriage</sup> a physical union was made whereby the seed of the male was joined to the seed of the female. That, I repeat, was in compliance with the laws of the land the the Laws of Almighty God. That is God's method of propogating the human race. Now mark this: after that operation was completed that is as far as our parents could possibly go. That is all they could do-- form a physical union whereby the Law of God governing childbirth was complied with. And then what happens? At that very point another Power stepped into the picture, a far higher Power, and it took complete charge of those building operations from that point on. It promoted physiological and path~~h~~ological problems which no chemist on the face of the earth could duplicate, and nine months later presented to the parents, a living child.

Let me ask you this question. Do you believe that when you were born, the Power of the Spirit of God, the Power of Life which He gave you and that Intelligence which made you took its departure? Did it say to our parents, "There you are--there is your baby. I made it, but let it paddle its own canoe from now on," or does that Spirit of the eternal God still abide in you? If that Power which created you still abides in you, then have you not within you the Power of the Spirit of God? And just exactly what does this mean? It means that there lives in you the

the invisible Spirit which must be because it is God, the Infinite of Wisdom, the Infinity of Power, it must be the Infinitude of creative Genius. Why? Because that Power is the invisible Spirit of God. And if it were not for the abiding presence of that Spirit in you, you would fall to the floor; you could not live one minute without the Spirit of the Creator of this universe. Now, Beloved, that is Almighty God.

There are many things that Almighty God is, but first, last, and all the time, God is the invisible Spirit of Life. Without Him was not made anything that was made. Can I drive this home, into your consciousness, that that Spirit still abides in you? How many believe that? It will not take many people actually believing and knowing the Power of the Spirit of God in them to straighten this world out.

There is one thing that I thank God for--that is that He gave me a consuming confidence and faith in Him. There is another thing that I thank God for--that He placed in me from early childhood as strong a love as I am capable of containing, for God. There is not a thing in this world that I would be afraid to do, that I would not do, if by doing it I could drive home to the consciousness of the American people the fact that the Spirit of Almighty God abides and lives in them.

Will you pardon me if I speak personally? I very seldom do this, but let me tell you what that Power means to me, or what it did mean to me a few months ago. I only tell this to demonstrate and prove to you that the Spirit of God in you may be used by you for the fulfillment of whatever right desire or purpose you may have. I think it was about four months ago that Mrs. Robinson and I had gone to Portland, Oregon for a week-end rest. For fourteen years I have worked hard trying to make God real to the human race, and I will work a lot harder the next fourteen years because I have no work could be higher than to try to make God real to this world. We went out and when we came back I dropped to the floor.

The doctor was called and they put me to bed and made arrangements for me to be taken to the hospital where they engaged three nurses. The doctor informed Mrs. Robinson, "I am awfully sorry, but you had better telegraph your relatives. You love this man so much I would not wish you to be alone when he passes away." Another doctor was called in, a heart specialist, and a cardiograph was taken. He shook his head and said, "I am sorry--he has gone." I remember lying on that bed with the big oxygen tank beside it. (By the way, don't misunderstand me. If you are ill and don't understand the Law of God, get the best doctor you can get and follow his advice. If you know the Spirit of God in you, you have a far greater vision.) Mrs. Robinson sent for her relatives, and she stayed at my bedside all night. She asked the doctor why he didn't go home and rest and that she would call him if needed. But he said he would stay as he might be able to prolong my life for a short time. While all of this was going on I knew I was very ill, but I also knew something else. Mrs. Robinson called the doctor outside and asked him, "Did you tell Robbie that he is going to die?" The doctor said, "No, we never tell this to a patient." She said, "I believe I would tell him that, he may have ideas of his own." My wife came to me and asked, "Robbie, are you going to die?" I put my arm around her and said, "Listen, Funny Face, I have work to do. I shall be here on this earth until that work is finished." The next morning I was still in that hospital, lying on that bed, with two nurses, my wife, the oxygen tent, my wife's brother and sister outside the door. I turned my thoughts inward to the Spirit of God in me, and like a flash came the consciousness that I would be here for a long time yet. The next morning I said to Mrs. Robinson, "Let's get an apartment. Get me out of this hospital." So she did, as I asked, and moved me there. I stayed in for about two weeks, and that is about all I could stand. Shortly after that I left for the East with my family. We went to New York, over to Washington,

and back to Chicago, where I climbed up sixty-three steps. (I had been told that if I attempted to climb up a flight of stairs I would stop dead.) Why didn't this happen to me? Because I knew, as you may know that the very life impulse which is God put into me when I was born still existed within me, and that, Beloved, is the impulse I am depending upon to stop this war.

I can't do that alone, but if I did not believe that it could be done, I should not be here, because there is not a man or woman in this audience who could hire me to come to Los Angeles and give a month of my time, if I did not believe the Power of God was greater than the power of any individual.

There has been a lot of talk about bringing Hitler to his knees. I don't believe the Power of the manifestation of Almighty God on this earth is depending upon the elimination of anyone. What we want to do is to bring to the American people a clear cut consciousness of God in them, and then bind ourselves together to prove to this world that the Power of Almighty God is far superior to any brute force of a Hitler, a Mussolini, or a Stalin. I don't know exactly how this can be done, and yet I do know. Did not the Spirit of Infinite Wisdom and Intelligence come to me? What is it that drives me up the mountain-side where I spend night after night alone pleading with God to reveal Himself to me? Let me tell you how I found God. That happened in Los Angeles, too. It happened in a little house on Laurel Avenue in North Hollywood. I was working for Horton and Converse at the time in the Pacific Mutual Building as a prescription clerk. I was a member of the Baptist church. (By the way, I was baptized five times and that didn't even reveal God to me). I had tried to find God from childhood up to that day. I was not the type of chap who would accept any substitute because I believed, and still believe, that when man recognizes the Spirit of God within him, he knows that something has happened. He knows there is a Power in there that he never knew he had. On this



particular evening I was absolutely alone--my family had gone visiting-- I looked up into the face of the Almighty God and said, "Oh, God, if I have to go to hell, if I can't find you, then I will go to hell with the consciousness that I went there trying to find you." At once I knew that something had happened, for this burden I had been carrying around with me, this sorrow, this hungering for God was almost instantly satisfied. This is the strange thing about it--just at the moment that I gave up all hope, this came to me. I spent a good many years after that studying every history of religion--I bought every book on it that I could find, and as a result of this study I discovered that Almighty God has never been separated from the human race from the first day that He created it.

Now I travel pretty widely, and I want to say to you that if I were to ask ninety-nine Americans out of one hundred, "What do you believe in?" They would say, "Isn't there some Power somewhere?" I believe that through the Power of the Spirit of God in us we can bind ourselves together, and if the Creator of this universe is All Wisdom, if He is all Power, and if He is all Intelligence, then why can't we band ourselves together? First of all getting the conscious experience of God and then after that, why can't we start a movement that will go around the earth? It can be done, because when a group of people decide to call upon Almighty God for help, there is no possibility of those people failing, if there be a God, and we know there is. So, what then shall we do? I wonder how many there are in this audience who would like to know the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God in their lives tonight. I believe everyone wants to be conscious of the Power of the Spirit of God in his life. You all mentally sense the fact that the Spirit is there, and might deposit \$1000 in the bank to your credit, but if I or the bank didn't notify you, you wouldn't know that you had it. So what we must do from this moment on is to make ourselves conscious of this Power because from that moment on you won't be able to hold yourself back.

What is God? The Spirit of Creation. What has happened to creation? Look at the world today. There is the answer to that. And the only reason this earth is in the condition it is in today is because, in spite of the eleven major systems of religion, this world still does not know God.

Now, to become conscious of this Spirit of God is a very easy thing. It takes only two simple things. It takes the desire. You have that. It takes a little work, just a little bit of work and not hard work. It takes that desire coupled with an intelligent effort to bring to the surface the Power that you know is hidden in you..

The statement, "I believe in the Power of the Living God," has been used, to my knowledge, by a good many million people in the United States, and it has been effective in revealing the Power of the Spirit of God to those people. I can produce one quarter of a million letters which have been sent to me in the past fourteen years, from all over the world, telling me of men and women who, through this simple statement, have had God made a reality in their lives. Because I possess any power? Oh, no, but because Almighty God lives in each one, and all you need to do, Beloved, is to get Almighty God to the surface and then let that Power be the dynamic driving force behind you.

I believe the Power of God is more powerful than a Hitler or what he stands for. (Repeat the statement three times.) We don't want to sell you anything--we want to find out how many people we can get to form a nucleus around which to start this movement.

I have much more work to do for God in the future than I have ever been able to do in the past, not because I possess any power, but because I am fool enough, and have been fool enough, to fight through to God. In God is all you will ever need in the way of satisfaction, health, happiness, or anything else. If there is poverty in your home, the consciousness of the Power of the Spirit of God will drive it out. I am

not so much concerned about that as I am concerned right now in getting together to throw the Power of God against the most ungodly situation the world has ever known.

MAIN ADDRESS, September 24, 1941:

This is the last time I shall have an opportunity to speak to you in this campaign, so naturally I want to say something which will make the Spirit of God more real to you than it has ever been before in your life. That is my only object. I am going to try to come back among you, if you will have me, in about four weeks' time.

One of the most dynamic statements, in fact the most dynamic statement, in all sacred literature is the statement made in a letter which the Apostle Paul is presumed to have written to the Corinthians, a long time ago. But let me explain that each major system of religion on the face of the earth has its sacred writings or Bibles, as they are called. This is the first time in my public experience that I have ever spoken from a text written in any Bible.

Running through all the Bibles there is the same chain of thought. Running through all religions there is the same chain of thought. The only object of religion of all kinds is to reveal God to man. The statement I want to direct your attention to is found in the first of St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians, the third chapter, sixteenth verse. The statement has been read by millions. Probably tens of thousands, or hundreds of thousands, of sermons have been preached on it, yet if you and I, Beloved, grasp the dynamic significance of that statement this night, this war could be brought to an end, and what is more important, this world as a whole would know God.

Recently I was discussing this statement with a noted Catholic dignitary who said, "Dr. Robinson, that statement cannot be taken literally." I said it was not meant to be taken literally, but he begged to differ with my version that any statement of fact, any statement of truth, no matter where it is found, is meant to be taken literally.

I can show you five thousand truths in any Bible you wish to give me, and if you will take any one of them literally you will experience a most soul shaking experience. It has been a great joy to know that Almighty God reveals His Spirit to this world in Truth, no matter in what form that Truth may be presented and no matter who presents it. No one, ladies and gentlemen, has a monopoly on God. No one has a monopoly on Truth.

Now here is the statement: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Don't you know that you are the temple of God and the Spirit of God lives in you? I say to you that is the most dynamic statement that you have ever listened to in your life. Yet it was addressed to people like you and me--it was not addressed to some sanctimonious crowd who figured they had a mortgage on all spiritual Truth. It was addressed to the man on the street.

Now let us look together in to that statement, because in that statement there lies enough power, enough spiritual truth to completely revolutionize your life and the life of everyone else. Now when I come to you and say to you, as the Christian Bible has done, that the Spirit of God lives in you and that you are the temple of God, I say to you that you have never recognized that before.

Riding on the train not long ago, a steward came up and asked if I was Dr. Robinson. Upon telling him that I was, he said he was one of my students. I said, "You carry a lot of people on this train, can you tell me what is uppermost in the minds of these people?" He said, "Doc, they want to know where God is and what God is."

Beloved, this world tonight wants to know that. It has made the fatal mistake of looking for God everywhere except where God can be found. This statement--and you have almost a duplicate statement written fifteen hundred years before in another Bible--states that God, the Spirit

God, lives in you now. That is the staggering fact of existence. You have not known that before. Very few know that, and those who mentally assent to it do not do so whole-heartedly. For, to have the Spirit of God in you, Beloved, means to have in you that Living, Vital Power which, out of nothingness, calls this universe, with you celestial universe, into existence. You did not know that you had that Power in you. What else does that mean? It means that any search for God outside yourself will be just so much wasted energy. If you never find the Power of God in yourself, you will never find it. But if you do find the Power of the Spirit of God in you, do you not see what a dynamic Power you have? Is there anything the Power of the Spirit of God cannot do?

I say to you that mortal pen never wrote a more dynamic statement than that; and I also say to you that mortal tongue never gave utterance to a more dynamic statement than that. You are the temple of God and the Spirit of God lives in you. Now this statement is a religious statement, and as I explained before, it is also a scientific statement of Truth.

When you recognize the fact that the Spirit of God, with all the Power of God, lives in you, your only problem, then, is how to contact and use that Power. For if the Spirit of God lives in you, then there lives in you the very Infinite of Power, the Infinite of Wisdom, the Infinite of Peace, the Infinite of everything you should be, and you and I did not know that. Now it means this: It means that regardless of what there may be in your life which is not as it should be, you yourself possess the power to get it out of there. Let us suppose, for instance, there is poverty in your life. You are having quite a time to make both ends meet, and yet this statement says, the Power of the Spirit of God, the Creator of this universe lives in you. They just don't go together. And, Beloved, there may be illness in your home, curable or incurable, and yet in that home and also in you, according to this statement, there lives the Power of the Spirit of God, because Almighty God Himself lives in you.

Now, I don't believe I say this advisably and with no thought whatsoever of talking about myself, but I say to you I think I have seen more instances of the Power of God manifest in human life than any other man on the face of the earth. I know of two hundred and fifty thousand. I have that many letters, and there are probably that many more. These people I have never seen, but they have recognized this statement. In all my work, regardless of what phase of it you may inquire into, I use this one statement, "I believe in the Power of the Living God." What are you believing in? You are believing in the Power of the Living God, and yet this statement says the Spirit which is God lives in you.

I say to you, beloved, that is a dynamic statement. Paul said to these Corinthians, "Don't you know?" They came to him asking for this, that, and the other thing, and he said, "Don't you know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?" That makes you, beloved, a mighty valuable individual.

Now there are two things you can do. You are now a combination of a physical being and God. Let's put it this way. What you really are is the Spirit of God manifesting through a physical body. Flowers represent the Spirit of God, or the Spirit of Life, manifesting as flowers. Thus flowers automatically grow--they produce their seeds--they go into the ground and produce more flowers. But man is the only creation of God capable of recognizing the Power of the Spirit of God in his own life, and I say to you with all the earnestness I have, that the best thing you can do to help bring peace to this universe in every line, is to begin to recognize the fact that the Spirit of the Eternal God lives in you.

That will change your outlook on life. It will make the main objective of your life a search for that connection, because if God Almighty saw fit to live in you, He did that for a purpose. When God created this universe, He wasn't playing a game of chance for His own amusement. You know what Almighty God was doing? He was demonstrating

Himself in a million different ways. Demonstrating how the Power of the Spirit of God was brought into manifestation.

Now there is something wrong with the universe--something radically wrong. Just before I came over here I heard this statement over the radio, "Germany says that Leningrad is becoming a human slaughter house." I would hate to have that statement go over the world as my statement, and I would hate to be the cause of this condition. I don't think that permanent peace, permanent justice will come to this earth by that method. That is the most terrible slaughter that history records, and, beloved, if those nations knew that they were the Temple of God with the Spirit of God living in them, how could they do what they are doing?

I sum up world conditions like this. I know there is something wrong. You know the same thing. And yet, deep down in the nature of each one of us the most consuming desire is to know God. But too many of us make the mistake of looking in the sky and waiting for some demonstration, but this statement says the Spirit of God lives in me. Beloved, there was a duty given to me in that hour. I am sure that this duty was given to me in that moment when I recognized the Indwelling Spirit of God, to pass that message to this world. And walking out of a little drug store fourteen years ago, with less than \$500.00, thank God, I have been able to bring that message to over eight hundred thousand people alone.

Now, if I recognize and understand my duty, and if you recognize and understand your duty, there is nothing you will not do to make that experience real to this world, because one little bit of the Power of the Spirit of God will go a long way in this horrible holocaust we are witnessing today. It won't take very much I assure you.

Now we want to make God real. That is what we want to do. We know that we are the temples of God and that the Spirit of God lives in



us. What is the Spirit of God? The answer to that, beloved, is quite simple. Almighty God is the Spirit that gave life to every created thing, that has life. And because you are--because you live--because you have the Spirit of God in you, there must be a direct connection with all of the Spirit of God. You cannot contain all of God, but this statement says the Spirit of God lives in you.

Now, let me tell you how to find the Spirit of God in you, and let me say something else. When you find it, you know it. At the time I found the Power of God, I was perhaps the most impotent, useless man in the United States. But that experience of finding God showed me that I had Power to do whatever I wanted to do which was in the interest of the human race as a whole. People say to me, "Dr. Robinson, how come that you are in this work?" I couldn't be in any other work, because to know God is to find your proper place in the scheme of things, and in a world that is fraught with the Truth that this world is, my chief thought is, "What can I do to make God real to the human race?"

Now the first thing to do to recognize the Spirit of God is to get quiet. I am talking about serious things. I am bringing to you the knowledge that can answer every problem, and if this audience tonight were conscious of the Spirit of God in each one, I should not be afraid to prove to you through this audience that the spectre of this world's economic life could be changed in thirty days, for I have the supreme confidence in God. So, when we are quiet we recognize that we are entering a new life, we still live on earth, but we are going to find the source of hidden power. We are quiet--we are alone--and then what do we do? Let me ask you, how do you think the hidden Power of God in you can be made to manifest, materially, and spiritually? You have the Power, but you have not been conscious of it. You are going to become conscious of it. How? You are going to speak the Power of the Spirit of God in you into existence, along any line that you desire. If there should be in

your home tonight a condition which is not as it should be--it may be limitation, it may be illness, it may be domestic discord--I defy you to do what I am going to suggest and not have that trouble clear up. Let three people in that home, recognizing the Power of the Spirit of God in them, speak that Spirit into existence and that condition will go, because that Power of the Spirit of God lives in them.

Paul said, "Don't you know (haven't you yet discovered) that the Spirit of God lives in you?" I can't repeat that too many times, because it is the most dynamic thing I can say to you. Two or three people recognizing that fact, can speak into existence the Power of the Spirit of God in any undesirable circumstance in their life or affairs.

Now, we have a problem that we are trying to solve. I am not primarily interested in stopping any wars. My primary fundamental interest is to tell men and women that the Spirit of God lives in them. Once that fact is recognized, war automatically disappears. It cannot continue to exist, because that Spirit completely blocks out at once any other power. Now, in our efforts to make God real to humanity, we shall accomplish more by making Him real to ourselves. I would like to see everyone set aside a definite time--say fifteen minutes a day--to recognize the Spirit of God within himself, because it is ~~just~~ there, whether you recognize it or not. This recognition means to find peace, to find power. It means to turn loose in this universe the most dynamic power the world has ever known.

We must have, in the present world conditions, to send armies against the despots. There is no question but that it has to be done, if we wish to live and remain in safety in this country. I don't know of any other physical way, but I do know a better way, and that is to recognize within each one of us the Spirit of God and to throw that Power into play. How? By speaking it into play, because Paul said, "The Spirit of God lives in you."

MAIN ADDRESS: October 12, 1941:

I am going to ask for two full minutes of absolute silence, because out of the silence is born the Power of the Spirit of God. Be absolutely silent for two minutes giving God the opportunity to reveal Himself to you.

In launching this American Spiritual Awakening, it is very necessary that we know just exactly what we are doing, just exactly how we are going to do it, and, most important of all, just exactly what the Power is that is behind us.

Every religious faith in the world at the present time is looking for a manifestation from the realm of Almighty God. The Christian is looking for the return of Jesus, the Moslem is looking for the return of his warrior prophet who shall bring peace and prosperity to the Moslem; the Buddhist is looking for the speedy return of Buddha, who, he claims, shall bring this earth universal peace, prosperity, and happiness. In all the lands of the Far East; among all the great faiths, there is that subconscious feeling that a manifestation from the realm of the Spirit of God must be.

The most significant thing of all, however, is happening here in the United States. For entirely outside the religious organizations, among the men on the street, there is a deep-rooted consciousness that the Spirit of Almighty God will have to manifest its Power on this earth for peace and for safety. That is very significant. When the man on the street begins to question the future and to question his own ability to regulate himself, and when he begins to turn his eyes toward the realm of Almighty God--that, I say, is the healthiest sign American has ever seen. So deepseated is this belief that it is causing a blind groping for God. Men and women are searching here, there, and everywhere. They seem to

know that there is a Power which not only can but must manifest, and they know not where to look for that Power.

The significant thing about this is that it is the first time in the history of the world that this desire for an understanding of God has so universally manifested itself in every country in the world. At a football game in Detroit recently, before the conversion points were kicked, the entire Alumni got down on their knees and prayed that the kick would be successful. This is a definite sign that men and women are looking for, and beginning to think of, the existence of Almighty God.

Now, when everything was going well on this earth, before this frightful carnage happened, we didn't care much about Almighty God. We were making good wages. We were happy, so we thought, and the thoughts of Almighty God were very far from our consciousness. But now this picture is changed. The whole world wonders what is coming next. There is no doubt in my mind but that something of a stupendous nature is going to happen on this earth; nor is there any doubt that it should have happened a long time ago. But it seems to have taken this crises to drive home to man that without God he is a very ineffective piece of machinery.

Without Almighty God in the life, man is incomplete, and so long as he remains incomplete, just so long will he make a muddle of everything he attempts to do. As a matter of fact, world conditions today exist because the human race does not know God. It knows many theories of God, but as far as the actual consciousness of the Power of the Spirit of God in human life goes, this world as a whole, does not know God. And until it finds that it will continue to flounder around in the mess of its own error, and every time it extricates itself, it will sink deeper into the mire.

When Almighty God created this universe and man, He did not do it for his own edification, He created it that we may be perfect. In other worlds, that we might know the fullness of the existence of God in

us. That, ladies and gentlemen, is something we do not know. It is something we may know. It is something we should know. But if there were more of the Power of the Spirit of God on this earth today, conditions as they exist could not exist, unless you believe that the power of brute force is a greater power than the Power of the Spirit of the Living God-- and I know you don't agree to that.

Now, I asked you to be silent for two minutes. Let me tell you why. This Spiritual Awakening, no matter what form, shape, or size it takes, was born in a great silence. It was born in the silence of the soul, knowing God and desiring to bring the knowledge of God to the human race.

Those who are looking for the return of Buddha, or Mohammed or Krishna, or Jesus, or any of the other of the world's great prophets, will be disappointed, for the Kingdom of God will not come to the world in this manner. Let me point out to you, beloved, when it will come, how it will come, and why it will come. It will come, first of all, because it is absolutely necessary. It will come when the human race becomes so desperate that collectively, as a whole, it raises its eyes to Almighty God and says, "We can't stop this God, but you can." It will not come with a blare of trumpets; no horns will be sounded in the skies; no beams will descend from the clouds of heaven, but, beloved, the coming of the Spirit of God to this earth only means the awakening of the human consciousness to that Power which is God. And let me say to you that that awakening will be in the stillness of your own soul, for that is exactly where the Spirit of God has taken up its residence and no where else.

Now, I am not speaking to you as an individual. I am not so very much interested in advocating any personal ideas I may have, but I am speaking to you as a messenger bringing you a message from the realm of this Spirit of God. I speak to you as a signpost along life's highway, pointing the way to Light, to Truth, and to Peace. Back of this appearance

here on this platform are fifty-five years of intense searching for Almighty God. I was born with that longing to know God. I was born with the firm conviction that before I departed from this scene, through my humble life the Power of the Spirit of God might be made known to hundreds of thousands, and perhaps millions of people. Now that is not because of any peculiar theories of my own. It is because this life discovered some years ago that it could be very easily and very effectively joined to the Great Life which is God. And as a result of that junction and that linking with God, there is in here a great compelling and impelling urge to tell the world the truth, that there is existing the Power of the Spirit of God in each one of them.

To look to the sky or to some far distant place to find God, or to go upon the assumption that Almighty God created this universe and then left it alone, is an insult to the Intelligence which created us. When the Spirit of Life, or the Spirit of God, put human life on this earth in the first place--in the beginning--regardless of when that beginning might be, He breathed His Spirit in to that life. And, beloved, that Spirit has not been withdrawn from that day to this. It still abides there. Then, that being a fact, cannot all of earth's problems be solved by the discovery of that Power in us? Is not the Creator of this universe a far greater Power than the power which manufactures bombs, submarines, tanks, airplanes, etc.? Undoubtedly so--undoubtedly so, and I have not the faintest doubt, no doubts whatsoever but that if we can instill into this audience alone, the full meaning of the consciousness of the Presence of the Spirit of God, in this two thousand people there is enough power to bring all the world despots to their knees. Until that Power is universally discovered we shall have to go after them with the weapons they use. I see no other way to save the greatest country on the face of the earth--the United States of America--but, ladies and gentlemen, if, by coming into the fullness of the consciousness of the Power of God in us, we can throw

the Spiritual Power against that spirit of hate and destruction, we are lacking in our duty if we do not do that.

Now as far as I am concerned, this war is only a war of the total scheme of things. The fundamental thing to do, is to first find, know, and use the Power of the Invisible Spirit of God in you. Now, what does that mean when I say to you that the Spirit of God lives in you? Well it means just this; it means that you are living in ignorance of the greatest power this world has ever known, the Power of the Creator. You say, "Well, Dr. Robinson, you mean to tell me that the Power lives in me and is at my disposal?" and I reply, "I mean to tell you just that." Well, Dr. Robinson, why is it that I can't use this Power?" There are two reasons--first you don't want it, and second the seriousness of the condition of the human race has not yet fully dawned upon you. When it does, beloved, you will, before this thing is over, be crying aloud to Almighty God to stop this brutal thing and bring peace to the world.

But let us not overlook the fact that all the Power of the Spirit of God this world can ever need, exists now, in you, and in me. There is no experience necessary to bring to you the fullness of the consciousness of the Power of Almighty God in your life. No creed, no ritual, no dogma, can do that, because the Power existed in you long before any of those things were brought into existence.

I do not know how, when, nor why Almighty God put human life on this earth, but I do know that when He did it, in that human life He implanted His own Spirit, and, therefore, because of that Spirit in you and in me we have at our disposal all of the Power of the Almighty God.

Now you can do one of two things in this American Spiritual Awakening campaign. You can completely ignore the fact, you can disregard it, or you can say, "I have confidence enough in Almighty God to believe that He did not make a half-finished-creation."

Some years ago I was standing on the upper deck of an ocean

liner as it was pounding its way through the China Sea. The night was dark, the ocean was rough, and it was two o'clock in the morning. Suddenly I heard a voice say, "Lights on the port bow, Sir." Rising to my feet, I looked and saw little tiny lights along the shore. I asked the officer on deck what they were, and he told me they were the lights that came from the cabins of the fishermen on the Island of Formosa. He said they were wax candles and they always looked for these lights along the shore, because these were dangerous waters, and when they saw the lights they were sure they were on the right course. Now, beloved, in this spiritual awakening attempt, it is lead by two little lights, two small lights, but those two lights have the Power, and the whole Power, of the Spirit of Almighty God behind them. And just as long as they consciously know that and keep quiet, and be directed by that Higher Light, they will succeed.

I went back into the stern, in the bowels of the ship, and the verse of a hymn came to my mind:

"Brightly gleams our Father's mercy,  
From the lights, forevermore.  
But to us he gives the keeping  
Of the lights along the shore."

And those little lights guided that huge vessel safely away from the rocks. There is no question but that the Father's Light is still burning. There is no question but that we derive our little light from the Great Light of the God-Head.

Now then, I ask you, in our campaign to make God a reality to this world, what will you do with your light? You can put a candle snuffer over it if you wish, or you can let it burn if you wish. It doesn't have to be a big light. This ship was three miles from the Island of Formosa, and yet the man in the crow's nest saw the little lights and transmitted the information to the Captain, and he knew that eight hundred people on that ship were safe because the little lights were shining.



Now let me say something else to you, beloved. It is your duty first as Americans, and second as men and women, to believe in the Power of the Spirit of God; to give your all in this, the darkest hour the world has ever known; to make God a living Reality to the whole of the United States of America.

Some years ago I was walking through the bowery of New York City. I had on a suit of overalls. I went down into the slums, into the dirtiest tenement house possible. I wanted to get the answer--I wanted to know how most effectively I could make God real, not to the highbrows, but to all men. I went back to the hotel that night, and dropping on the bed with tears streaming down my face, I said, "Oh take this vision away from me and give it to someone more capable of putting it across than I am." Mrs. Robinson put her arms around my neck and said, "Robby, if you did not have the Power, the Spirit of God would not have called you." And from that night to this day the vision has been clear. I know what is wrong with this world. I know what can stop this war. I know what can stop strikes. I know what can unite man to the Almighty God, and that is, for man to find the Spirit of Almighty God where it ever was--in you, and in me.

Little lights--yes--little lights. Over the radio just before I came down here, came a story that fire had destroyed a rubber plant in some city in the East. It was completely destroyed, and eleven million dollars worth of war materials burned up. One little match probably started that fire, and one little group like this with the conscious knowledge of the Spirit of God can use that Power to unite man and God. This world is hungry for God. All religious faiths are hungry for God. The only reason they do not find God is because God exists in the very last place they expect to find Him, and that is within themselves.

The last time I spoke to you, I spoke from this text: "Know ye not that your bodies are the temples of God, and that the Spirit of God liveth in you?" I repeat that statement now. Now, to be definite

and concrete, how can you and I make a contact with the Power of the Spirit of God so that we can do something definite and tangible toward manifesting the Power of God on this earth now? Because I want to say to you that when the American people wake up to the potency of the Power of the Spirit of God, they will never rest until they have gone all the way. And at the end of the trail, a seeking man and a waiting God always meet. And when the American people, and every other race on the face of the earth, find God, all their troubles will be over.

Now, back to the little lights. Ernest Holmes and I are giving everything we have. I am not talking about money--that means nothing--we are giving all of our spiritual experience, all our past experience. I am putting my complete facilities behind this Movement so that we can try to tell others.

You are bound to ask this question, "Well, Dr. Robinson, I know that God and I are One, we know that, but how am I going to use the knowledge of that Power. In other words, how am I going to consciously use the Power of the Spirit of God in me against world conditions?" Listen very carefully. You will never be conscious of the Source of your spiritual power. The only thing you will be conscious of are its effects. Now, there is one secret about using the Spirit of God in you. There is only one way that Power can be manifest. You are a union of Almighty God and man. You are a physical being with all the Power of the God-Head in you. Now to demonstrate or manifest the Power of God in your life, you speak that Power into existence. Please never forget those words, if you forget everything else I have said to you. Don't forget the method whereby the Spirit of God will be manifest in your life is the Power of the spoken word. You can speak it into existence. Let me give you a humble illustration. A few years ago I received a telegram in Moscow to the effect that a certain woman was dying in Chicago, I looked her up and

found that she was a student, and I left that night for Chicago by plane. Arriving there I went to the address she had given. It was in the colored quarter of Chicago. I went into the house where I found an old lady repeating, "I believe in the Power of the Living God," "I believe in the Power of the Living God." On the bed was another old lady. I said, "Sister, just how much do you believe in that Power?" She exclaimed, "My God, it's Dr. Robinson." I said, "Answer my question." She answered, "I dun believe it is All-Powerful!" Taking the sick woman by the hand, I said, "Get up off that bed, now." The Power of the Spirit of God in me backed up by the ocean of Power, raised that dying woman from that bed. I have seen hundreds of thousands of cases like that.

Now, I am asking you to make this Spiritual Awakening a personal matter. I am asking you to speak the Power of God into existence. Before I close, I want another moment of absolute silence. You will catch, if you listen, the Power of the Spirit of God.

**BENEDICTION:** Now in this silence I open up my complete life, body and soul to the Incoming of the Power of the Spirit of Almighty God. I am going to keep quiet enough so that I may recognize that Power and I am going to speak it into existence, that at long last this world may be drawn back to the Spirit that created it. There can be no higher Power than the Power of the Spirit of God. Lead Kindly Light amid the encircling gloom of a world gone mad, lead Thou me on. The night is dark and we are all far from home, but the Spirit of God will lead us on. Keep Thou my feet, I don't want to see the distant scene, one little step is enough for me.