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THE "MYSTER#IOUS" PSYCHIANA

A religious paper writing up this Movement recently, alluded to it as a "mysterious" Teaching. There is no mystery to "Psychiana". A reporter for the Portland Oregonian while in Moscow recently writing a feature story on us, made the statement that the most outstanding thing about this Movement is the simplicity of the Teaching. "As simple as the hump in a hair-pin" is the manner in which that reporter alluded to the philosophy in his full-page article which appeared in the Oregonian, later.

This reporter wrote correctly. ~~For~~ *While* the "Psychiana" Teaching is entirely different from other religious Teachings, and while it is diametrically opposed to them in the matter of many fundamentals, there is no religious Teaching on the face of the earth as simple as "Psychiana". Nor is there a system ~~of~~ of religion in existence which takes as little thought to grasp. Instantly the truth and the soundness of the entire philosophy appeals to everyone who hears about it. It's almost too simple. If we were to add some mysticism to it, we probably could make a more spectacular growth. But a spectacular growth is not what we want. *and the* The growth will take care of itself.

Every church in existence will agree with what "Psychiana" teaches. It cannot be accused of teaching one single thing which the other religions do not teach. There are, however, many things these other religions teach which "Psychiana" does not teach. In fact, we believe that a good many things taught by these other organizations are not true in the slightest detail, and we very plainly and repeatedly say so. But in fundamentals; the basic principles of "Psychiana" are the very same fundamentals every religious organization in existence has. For "Psychiana" is a religious Movement.

The object of any religion can ~~only~~ *only* be to reveal God to man. All agree on that point. Both "Psychiana" and the churches admit the existence of both God and man. They agree that God and man should be brought together. They agree that if the world knew God today, it would not be in the condition it is in, and they all admit that only the Power of the Spirit of God can bring a permanent peace to this war-torn earth. So you see, "Psychiana" and the churches of all denominations agree perfectly with each other on the above fundamentals.

The trouble with the rest of the religious organizations lies in the fact that along with these fundamental truths of God, these organizations have tacked onto God a lot of things which do not belong there. These appendages, we believe, were better not there. We believe they hinder the true picture of God from being grasped by the human race. And we are for the abolition of every religious appendage which makes it hard for man to find God. These old pagan philosophies which have become ingrained into the Christian religion should be removed from it. There is, there can be but one great fundamental to all true religions. That fundamental is the existence of both God and man, and their ability to get together. Religion is supposed to show man how he may get together with God. It is my contention that 90% of present-day theology is heathen or pagan in the extreme, as systems of religion which we now call "pagan" or "heathen"

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had this 90% long before Christianity was ever heard of. The other ten percent, of course, more than upsets, or it should more than upset the 90% error. For instance, the "heaven" as we now call them had the doctrines of the virgin birth, the immaculate conception, the crucifixion, the resurrection, the atonement and perfect bliss in heaven long before either Christ or Christianity were ever heard of. Then these doctrines must be "pagan" in their origin. How else can the fact be explained? And the Christian religion, as we see it, is composed of 90% pagan theory and myth, and ten percent truth. However, the churches have enough left in the ten percent truth to keep them busy for a long time, if they care to be kept busy.

Suppose these doctrines of virgin birth etc. were true. What does the story do? It just makes it harder for man to comprehend God. No level headed man can see any justice in a just God dying on a cross for an unjust man. The whole idea is repulsive to those of finer sentiments. It is not believed. And even if all these religious traditions WERE true, they could only hinder, as they do hinder, the truth in the other 90% of the Christian story. I think any right-thinking man will admit that absolutely conclusive proof of the falsity of these appendages the church has tacked on to the truths of God, ~~can be proven to be untrue~~. has been demonstrated many times by "Psychiana". And if they are untrue, and if they hinder man's finding God, they should be given to the world for what they are. Any honest thinker will admit that. It may be quite a shock to Christians to discover that much of what they have been "believing" in for a few centuries turns out to be nothing but heathen myth, but the true Christian, the true follower of God, the one whose heart breaks at the sight of this world today, will welcome any and all facts which may tend to get at the truths of God and religion.

We have been very severely criticized for our stand, many times. We have been misunderstood many times, too. But the thinker will see behind our writings that we are only anxious to get at the truth and present that truth to the world. In this, we are doing perhaps the greatest religious work of the past few thousand years. And we shall continue to tell to the religious world that much of what it offers in the name of true religion is false; until the day comes in which the church itself awakens to what is wrong with it. When that day comes, we shall see a "church triumphant" literally and actually enthused with the Power of the Spirit of God bringing to this earth every divine attribute of God. Not until that day comes shall we hold our punches. And the church, if it were wise, instead of condemning this Movement and trying to deport its Leader, would welcome with open arms our attempts to get at the truths of religion and God, for none will admit that either religion or its presentation of God are pure as they might be. Else they could not fail.

The motive behind "Psychiana" has never been other than honest. The sincerity of the Movement is not to be doubted. No man would do the things I have done unless he were either unusually sincere--or a fool. I have never been accused of being a fool. For many years I tried to find God through church teachings. I failed, and no church of my acquaintance could offer me more than "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" and I should be saved---sometime---somewhere---in some mysterious manner by the death of a just God for an unjust man. Somehow or other, I couldn't see that. I tried to blindly believe it, but no satisfaction did that story bring to me. I was in earnest---never doubt that. I went to every penitent form available. I followed every evangelist available. I did as they asked me to. And, although possessed with the average brains and intelligence-- I DID NOT FIND GOD.

All the church ever had to do was to tell me that God was instantly available to me as the greatest invisible Spiritual Force this world had ever known, and I could have, and would have accepted that statement. The other--the virgin stuff, I could not and did not accept. (Later I proved it to be false) Then, there came a day, when in exasperation I looked God in the face and told Him that if I was destined to go to hell, I should go there complete in the knowledge that I had spent my every moment in an attempt to actually and literally find Him. And then, believe it or not, the burden of sorrow and despair which I had carried round with me from childhood, instantly disappeared. I was free. It was a new sense of freedom and Power. GOD HAD SPOKEN TO ME AND I KNEW IT.

Then there followed a period of investigation to find out why I could not find God during those past many years. I looked into the teachings of these religions which had vainly attempted to show me the way to God. And I went into them deeply I assure you. The result was that I discovered that every one of their fundamentals, upon which they had asked me to depend for "salvation", was, instead of being original and true, known to a score of other systems of religion long before the Christian religion was ever heard of. I became, and still am convinced of their absolute falsity. And I see nowhere where those doctrines can ever help anyone find God. Even if they are true, they are a stumbling block to millions who, given the slightest chance to believe in God without those doctrines, will do so.

Now I ask you---should I have kept my peace regarding those pagan traditions which had been foisted off on me as being of God---or should I have done exactly what I have done? Being inherently honest in nature, I chose to tell the world what I had discovered. It has brought a lot of misery to me. If I had been looking for an easy life, I made a mistake when I chose this work. But I believe the misery is over. I don't believe there is an honest man or woman anywhere who even suspects that I am in this work for what money I derive from it. If they do they are mistaken. Of course, some "columnist" like Pegler can blow his horn in whatever newspapers will take his "stuff" but that young man doesn't even know what it's all about.

I draw from "Psychiana" the sum of \$750 a month, and I pay life insurance out of that. I am a far busier man than many suspect. My expenses are large. We save nothing from that salary, and by the way, if money were all I'm interested in,

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I ~~can~~ make very much more than I make now. I perhaps give away more than anyone in the ~~West~~ does, ~~and~~ I give it wherever I find the need, and without asking too many questions. These are not deducted from my income tax, and nobody knows very much about what I do. For it has developed that the Spirit of God was behind my wide and somewhat checkered experiences prior to finding God. It is very evident that through this Movement, the Spirit of God is bringing to mankind the fact that much of present day theology is not true. ~~And~~ *as* a result of this Movement, the organization which will benefit most is the church—the very organization that has tried so unmercifully to kill this Movement, and have its Founder put behind the bars.

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That was natural I suppose, and is but exact evidence of what I have claimed, that 90% of the teachings of the Christian church were derived from religions held by nations now called "pagan" and "heathen". However, I have weathered the storm, and I am of the opinion that the Spirit of God, whose I am and ~~\$50m~~ ~~whom~~ I humbly serve, will, through "Psychiana" bring to this world a spiritual awakening so staggering in its import, that as a result of it, THIS WHOLE WORLD WILL COME TO KNOW THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD. ~~And~~ *that*, my friend, is worth suffering for. It's worth working for. None but myself, and perhaps my family know the intent of this Movement. Those who call it "opposed" to anything, make a mis-statement. It stands for the truths of God. ~~And~~ it stands for nothing else. The Leadership of its leader is the Spirit of God, and under the supreme guidance of that Spirit of God, we shall go to great heights for God and humanity.

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God is able to bring peace to this world, and the church, as the agent of God is capable of assisting God to do that, WITHOUT RESORTING TO OLD PAGAN MYTHS AND TRADITIONS. There is enough truth in the fact of the present existence of God to keep us all busy for a long long time. ~~And~~ *these* old "virgin birth" stories, with their equally foolish "crucifixion--resurrection--atonement" stories, have ever proven to ~~be~~ more of a hindrance than a help. Let's get rid of them then. It seems ~~to~~ very evident that this world cannot be saved from horror through anything the present day churches have to offer. Their theology has been inexistence in their name for 2000 years, and, I think you will agree, has dismally failed to reveal God to this earth. The true conception of God can save this world with its humanity and will do so any time it is truthfully presented to the world. These truths will be presented. If the Christian church wishes to have a part in the regeneration of the world through the Power of the Spirit of God, it will first have to get rid of those parts of its theology which were derived from pagan religions of the past. They never should have been attached to Christianity anyway. They have hindered, as they might have been expected to, any true revelation of God to man. Dispose of them, and the simple though glorious truths of the Spirit of God can once more be made plain to the human race.

But as long as these trappings exist, this world will go down and ~~down~~ down, for, in the absence of a knowledge of the Power of God, it cannot go otherwise. Present world conditions are the result of a world without God. The picture of God presented to the world by the differing religious organizations has been more "trappings" than it has been truth. Therefore, as is only to be expected, the world has rejected the whole thing, which, of course, has mystified the church. When the simple truths of God are given to the world, regardless of who gives them, the world will accept them. It would be a wonderful thing if our churches could do that. They could---but will they? For to bring this true picture requires that they get rid of all their pagan trappings, leaving God to be revealed to the world in all His simplicity, in all His Power, and in all His great love.

I am not in a position to say whether the church denominations will purge themselves or not. They may. They may not. I do not know. I wish they would. For the church is the organization through which the things of God should be brought to the world. But whether they do or not, God is speaking to this world, and He is speaking through this Movement, "Psychiana". For this Movement IS revealing God to the multitudes and it is doing it without any religious "requirements" or pagan trappings of any sort. THAT SORT OF A RELIGION WILL WIN THIS WORLD TO GOD. It cannot help it. For whenever the spiritual truths of God ~~is~~ *are* made known to man, then man, by the very nature of him, WILL ACCEPT THOSE TRUTHS.

Here then is the story of what "Psychiana" is doing. We leave to you the verdict as to whether it is right or wrong. But there is nothing "mysterious" about it though.