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There's an old hymn which starts off something like this--"ABIDE WITH ME, FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE". Its a great old hymn. But its that word "abiding" I am interested in. The word really means "to live". In other words, if one "abides with" another, they live together. In the Christian bible is a statement which has the word "abide" in it, and I want to look at that statement for a bit. Here is the statement---"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you". A similar passage may be found in the bible of the Hindu.

What the passage actually means is what I have been trying to impress on people for more than ten years. Let's look at the statement. The speaker was a man of unquestioned spirituality. He was a man who, although not God (man can never be God) unquestionably knew the Power of the Spirit of God. This man was trying to teach the very same spiritual truths I am trying to teach. I shall have more success than he had because the world was not ready for those words then. It IS ready now.

Now what were the "my words" alluded to in this statement? They were the words he spoke. And the whole life of that man, as far as we have any knowledge of it, and we havent much, ##### was given up, as mine is given up to teaching the presence of the Spirit of God in the human life. So then, what was actually meant was--"If you realize that the Spirit of God actually dwells in you, anything you want may be yours". There is the statement without any frills on it. And it was just as true then as it is today. But the world has gone through many things by rejecting that statement.

Thousands of years have gone by since it was made, and rejected. Then, it didn't make so much difference whether it was accepted or not. Today, it makes a lot of difference. For civilization today is threatened. Liberty and justice hang in the balance. The Power of God is at stake. Either that Power exists and can save civilization, or it does not exist. We shall soon find out. There can be no fiddling about conditions on this earth today. Civilization will either be wiped out, and all that goes with it, or GOD WILL BE KNOWN FOR WHAT HE IS, NOT WHAT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PAINTED HIM.

For this reason then, the Spirit of God has seen fit to come to this earth through this Movement. But to go back again to this statement we are considering. The promise is that if we abide or "live" with the Spirit of God, and we could not do otherwise if we wanted to (and live), ~~if we do that,~~ we shall ask what we will and it shall be given to us. Now, why is that? How does it happen that if we live with the Spirit of God we shall have whatever things we want? Well, the answer is very simple my friend. ITS SIMPLY BECAUSE THE SPIRIT OF GOD DOES LIVE WITH YOU. And you cannot desire or need or want any "good" thing without getting it, through the Spirit of God which has taken up its abode with you. It is "abiding" with you. It lives in you. It gives you your life every moment of the day. Then, that being the case, how can you possibly lack anything with that great providing Presence ABIDING IN YOU? You cant. And you know you cant. So then, why not recognize that God-Spirit every moment of the day, and through it, hold God to His promise. Not that you ever need fear about God not fulfilling that which he came to do--not that--for the trouble does not lie there. There is only one trouble which may be encountered here, and upon this one piece of trouble hinges the future safety of the world. The trouble with the world today lies in the fact that it has not yet recognized the staggering fact that GOD EXISTS IN THE WORLD. This Movement of ours exists for the express purpose of bringing that fact to the attention of the world.

For only a knowledge of that fact can save the world. It's a simple message is it not? Yet how dynamic it really is---THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN LIFE. Therein lies the answer to life's every problem. The church cannot find anything to kick at in that teaching certainly. What it will do though, is tell me that I cannot possibly know anything God and not recognize Jesus Christ as God. I, in turn, shall say to them that they cannot possibly know anything about God through Jesus Christ--and there you are. The proof of the two philosophies then, is the only proof left, and certainly we know which teaching must be true if left to actual results in human lives.

There has never been any spiritual Movement on the face of the earth which has accomplished so much in human lives in so short a time as "Psychiana". In writing the Movement up, it is frequently alluded to as "a story which puts Horatio Alger into the shade". Then another has called it--"the world's most fantastic success story". And it is. And the reason it is lies in the fact that, instead of being a human Movement, it is a divinely inspired Movement, inspired by the Spirit of God and carried forward through the Power of the Spirit of God. No other explanation can suffice. So then, "by their fruits ye know them". The one is a system of theology which hasn't power enough in it to keep it alive. The other, is very definitely an out-pouring of the Spirit of God on the earth. These results could not manifest under any other power.

Certainly your Leader has no power of his own. Certainly he proved himself to be, without the Spirit of God, the greatest human blunder that ever lived. But look at that life after the Spirit of God got hold of it. Certainly something happened. For men just don't spring up overnight and lead a Movement as large as this is unless the Spirit of God be with them and be in them. This Movement mystifies all who see it. It need not. All we are doing is proving the existence of the Spirit of God in human lives--that's all. Anyone could have done that through the years. But they did not. They were too busy fooling round with an old religious tradition to even try to learn what the actual truths of God really are. Now that someone else has discovered what they are, these good folks are perfectly welcome to come and partake of these truths, if they care. I predict they will not care to. They might, however.

Somewhere there is a statement that God does not need buildings made with hands in which to "worship" Him, and that day is coming. When the whole world knows the Power of the Spirit of God, and when that Spirit is recognized as an inherent part of civilization, then, I suppose, it will be all right to have places to go in which to "talk with God". But I am of the opinion that when knowledge of the Spirit of God becomes as common as it is not today, then there will be no churches or other buildings. For the churches of today are little more than social organizations, and poor ones at that. For I have never seen the church yet which was not full of "fights" and petty jealousies etc. There may be some which are not, I just simply state that I have never seen one.

It's a very significant thing where the old "revivalists" have gone to. Did you ever notice that? The good old Moody, and Sankey, then Crossley and Hunter, then Torrey and Alexander and Billy Sunday. We don't have that sort of thing with us any more, do we? No--we are getting farther and farther away from a God who only operates through someone's "blood". The most ghastly hymn I know ~~says~~ "there is a fountain filled with blood". If there is,

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I dont believe we would want it standing flowing on the corner of the two main streets here in Moscow, Idaho. But the whole idea of God being connected with the shedding of anyones blood, even his own, is too preposterous to be believed.

That is not the truth, beloved. The truth lies in the fact of one's "ABIDING" IN GOD. Just simply recognize the fact that the invisible Spirit of God which lives and operates in you AS YOUR VERY LIFE, is abundantly able to reveal itself to you. When you recognize that amazingly simple fact, then, "ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you". That's a simple yet ever-blessed gospel. It brings to every man and woman all the Power of God, and keeps that Power there where it is most needed. Any conception of God which separates God from His finest creation, is a false conception. We had better get rid of all such conceptions whether Catholic or Protestant. They are not true.