

WHAT RIGHT?

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A very self-opinionated Episcopal preacher stopped the Founder of "Psychiana" on the street recently and said to him--"by what right do you challenge the story of Jesus Christ and the bible"? Like a flash Dr. Robinson replied--"by the same right you teach it". And that was that.

Herein lies the beauty of democracy--especially American democracy. The church has the right to come to man with any sort of story it cares to. It can give the world any sort of a book it cares to and it can tell the world that book is the "divinely inspired word of God" and no will deny the churches that right. It IS their right, or at least, it has been their right, and, if they are honest, it should still be their right.

By this same right, I, too, can come to the American people with my definition of God, and if what I believe to be true is diametrically opposed to what the churches bring, I have the same right they have to bring it. In many countries they are being very unfair. They are denying churches the right to teach their theology, and at the same time are giving free unbridled right to everyone who chooses to deny that theology. That is not as it should be. I am all for allowing any religious organization all the freedom it needs, just as long as it keeps its activities out of our school system and out of our government. For government should always come before any system of theology. If some system of theology were to be so universally accepted that all men wanted it, then it would be all right to make that system of theology a part of the government. But that day has not come yet.

If these varying systems of religion are given a free hand, they will prove either their truth or their falsity. So it is a mistake to try to tie their hands. Let them alone--let them go--if there's anything in their philosophies the world will soon find it out, as it did in the case of "Psychiana". If you attempt to stop them, they thrive on that.

Now no one asked any system of religion to come to this world with its theology. They had the right, and they did come to the world with a bible in one hand, and in a good many cases in foreign countries with a whiskey bottle in the other hand, and they said to the people--"This is of God---you must believe it or be damned". That is exactly what they said and what they now teach. YOU MUST BELIEVE WHAT WE TEACH OR YOU CANNOT KNOW GOD. But into this picture comes a man who states, by the same right they have, that the story they bring to the world is not true. That man then, has that right, and especially has he that right when it is in the public interests that the truth should be known. For these old systems of religion originated so long ago, and there is no actual evidence of the truth of any of them, that it is high time someone came into the picture with a conception of God which can actually and literally do something constructive for the human race here and now.

Certainly no system of religion we have today can do anything towards driving these war-mad men from off the face of the earth, and certainly no theory of God offered to the world today has proven its ability to do one single thing towards bringing to this earth a conception of God all men will accept.

Of course, the church says--"our story of God and Jesus Christ is true but we can't get men and women to accept it". Well if it were true they would accept it. You cannot blame the failure of the church on the world. If it has failed, and it certainly has if their own records are true, the blame must be placed right squarely on the head of the church itself. Its philosophies and teachings must be blamed. For don't tell me that men and women don't want to know the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God, for they do. Of course they do. But they do not want, and they will not have the story the present day church comes to them with. They know the story backwards, and they do not want it. It has nothing in it which can do anything to appeal to their reason. And unless religion appeals to the reason of the human race, the human race will reject the religion. And the human race should reject it.

For the Creative Intelligence behind this created scheme of things LIVES NOW. And if this Power LIVES NOW, then it is abundantly able and willing to manifest its Power in the life of every man and woman--not in just a few who say they believe a lot of impossible theological absurdities. And you may depend upon it, the sole reason for the staggering growth and acceptance of "Psychiana" lies in the fact that it presents to mankind a conception of God which APPEALS TO THE REASON. Then, men and women begin to be interested and they put the Spirit of God to the test and find that what we have told them about God is true. From that moment on, they live in the presence of God and they use this unseen God-Spirit for everything they need. It is a very real Spirit to them.

The church has to have some impossible theory or some system of inexplicable mysticism. It has to tell the world---"not now--you will know all about God after you die". Well that apart of a philosophy as far as "Psychiana" is concerned is not a true philosophy of God. And we have the right, nay, it is our duty to God, our Country, our fellow-men and ourselves to tell abroad that God lives and operates, even though the telling of it means the exposing as false of all church philosophies. That, we say, is our right.

We love the church---all churches. We do not quarrel with them as organizations or as individuals. Where we do quarrel is with their religious philosophies. They have come to this world with a story of God which I know is not true, and which I can prove is not true. I am coming to the world with a conception of God which IS true, and the world is fast finding out that it is true. These various religious organizations, if they had any intelligence at all should know what the record reads "failure". Many of them do, and about half the preachers in the United States are denying the very fundamentals they were taught to believe in theological school. As a matter of fact, three-quarters of the theological seminaries do not either believe or teach the story the church asks the world to hang its present and future hopes upon. No wonder the world is in the miasma in which we find it today.

Let me repeat once more, and oh, how often have I said it--the story of Jesus Christ as God IS NOT TRUE. It is, in my opinion, nothing more nor less than an old "pagan" religious superstition which has no merit in it whatsoever, and the teaching of which has so dismally failed that it is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT SOME NEW CONCEPTION OF GOD BE BROUGHT TO THE WORLD, OR CIVILIZATION MAY PERISH.

I am writing this to you on Xmas day 1939. When you will read it I do not know. Perhaps in a few weeks or months as I always keep well ahead with my writing. In a few hours, for its very early in the morning, I am going to take the family to church. I shall do that because it is the CUSTOM to do that, and not because I shall there find the peace or the Power of the Spirit of God. I shall listen to the story of how there were "shepherds in the fields abiding, keeping watch o'er their flocks at night". I shall hear all about the birth of Jesus Christ. But that story can mean nothing to me, for I know, and anyone who cares to can find out that 1400 years before, other shepherds were abiding in THEIR fields keeping watch over THEIR flocks. I shall recall that 1400 years before this scene I am listening to was enacted, another baby boy was born in a manger. His name was not Jesus Christ, but was very, very similar--Jeseus Chrishna. *watch*

I shall recall that his mother too was a virgin called Maia or Mary. I shall further recall, on this same day December 25th, this Chrishna came to earth to bring his message of peace and good-will to men. And as I think of world conditions today, I shall have to admit that both of these "gods born in a manger" failed to bring that peace. Then, I shall recall that later on, like the Jesus we are celebrating today, this other little fellow grew up to manhood--about 33 when he died, and he too preached that he was the son of God and as such he has more followers today than the Jesus I shall be hearing about has. Then, I shall remember how this other little fellow too, at manhood, was crucified on a cross for the sins of the world. I shall recall how he was dead, buried for three days, and then rose from the tomb. All these things will flash into my mind, so you can readily see how I shall obtain very little spiritual satisfaction from the church service we shall attend, cant you?

And then, if I go back some more, I shall remember about 25 more "crucified gods" who also came to save the world from sin and bring in "peace on earth good-will to men". And I shall leave that church utterly disgusted. Oh how my heart yearns to tell them the truth of the present existence of the Great Spirit of God--but they wont let me. I am taboo in every church-house in America. So then, thanks to our American system of democracy, I must tell my story by mail. I must advertise to attract the attention of my fellow men, and I must do it as effectively as I can. It handicaps me a bit, but just the same we are doing pretty well. Our growth exceeds the growth of all orthodox churches combined, and I'm only one man, too.

But the fallacy of the whole thing hurts me. The great hope I see for the Power of God to be known on this earth lies in the decay of the present religious structure. It has decayed because its story is not true, and sooner or later the story will have to be discarded. Never think it takes a small man to do the work I am doing. It takes a true prophet who KNOWS the Power of the Living God-Spirit. None other dare attempt what I am doing. None other could do what I am doing. This Movement is the greatest outpouring of the Spirit of God this world has ever known. It is bringing to the earth for the very first time--THE ACTUAL TRUTHS OF GOD, AND IT IS EXPOSING THE FALSEHOOD WHICH THE CHURCH HAS ATTACHED TO THE NAME OF GOD. This Movement will win. It will be known long after I am out of the picture for what it is, and it will write its name in letters of gold across the pages of religious history. Please be true, beloved. *ent*