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WHAT ARE WE DOING?

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Ten years ago today your Founder received a telegram from The Rev. Billy Sunday who at the time was preaching in Canton Ohio. The wire castigated us thoroughly, and wound up with these words--"FOR GOD'S SAKE WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT THERE"?

By this time the world religious knows what we are doing, but I feel the urge again today to re-state just what it is we are doing, and just what our message to the world is. Surely we do not operate this Movement without any definite aim or ambition. Surely your Leader would not, year after year operate at a financial loss just to be doing something. Surely he would not wear himself out for a mere living when he has the ability to make so much more than a living. What then is the message of this phenomenal Movement of the world? Let me re-state it, not for the benefit of our Students, but for the benefit of those who read this magazine who are not our Students.

"Psychiana" is very definitely a Movement of the Spirit of God on the earth. There is coming to the earth through this Movement, the Power of the Spirit of God. This Power comes direct from the Realm of the Spirit of God, and actually is God. It is the first time to our knowledge that the actual Spirit of God has been made known to the human race. If there have been other instances of a movement of the Spirit of God in days gone by, we know nothing of such a movement. There have been "religious" movements, but these have not been movements of the Spirit of God; rather have they been man-made movements, teaching man-made philosophies, and the results of such movements have justified the claim that they are man-made, or were man-made.

This Movement is different. No man is moving here. The Spirit of God is the controlling factor. And the two men at the helm of this Movement are natural normal human beings just like you are. They possess no strange power. They are not "saints". Just human beings through whom the Spirit of God is making its presence known on the earth. As a result of this Movement, hundreds of thousands of your fellow men and women have found out, for a positive fact, that God exists here and now, and that it is possible for each and all to talk with God, deriving from God everything which may be necessary to their complete happiness, peace, joy, and material and spiritual abundance. In other words, these good people have found God to be a living reality, a living power, a living Spirit. They have found further that by this divine Power which is God, they have conceived a totally new conception of God, one which is real, one which is powerful, and one which actually reveals the Spirit which is God to them.

What then, in a nutshell, is the message of "Psychiana"? It is this. We come to the world with the statement that God is a Living Spirit. We state further that all men may know the Power of God here and now. We make the statement, and can prove it, that at no time has God ever appeared on this earth as a man, nor could He. We make the statement that God, never having appeared on the earth as a man, never was crucified, and therefore, whatever system of theology it is which teaches that, is not teaching the truths of God as these truths are being revealed to humanity by the Spirit of God itself, through this Movement.

At no time did God ever enter into the womb of a virgin. At no time did God have a physical birth. At no time did God create a man who, from his natural environment and birth on, was, and still is, in a state of "sin".

The nativity of Jesus Christ, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the ascension of Jesus Christ, while of immense importance to major systems of religion operating on the earth today, and a vital part of their entire structures---all these--have nothing whatsoever to do with God. The story in its entirety is a man-made or church-made story, untrue, and was held #### by and taught by many major systems of religion long before Jesus Christ was ever heard of. The complete story then, according to the Spirit of God as that Spirit is being revealed to man through this Movement, is very far removed from the truths of God. Therefore, anyone depending upon that story for hope, peace, salvation and a knowledge of God, is bound to be disappointed. We believe, and can prove, and we teach that the entire story of Jesus Christ AS A GOD is completely false, heathen in its origin, and through believing in that story, the eyes and the minds of the human race have been blinded to the actual truths of God, and the actual Spirit of God as those truths and that Spirit are known to exist.

Now this is a colossal statement. Only a colossal fool or a true prophet would dare to make such a statement. Yet we dare to make it, and not only do we dare to make it, we challenge anyone to refute it. Truth needs no defense, therefore, the above statements being truths, no one can disprove them.

These statements constitute the most staggering statement of facts it is possible to denote. If these statements are true, and they are, IT MEANS THAT THIS ENTIRE WORLD IS LIVING IN TOTAL IGNORANCE OF THE VERY POWER OF GOD THE WORLD WANTS SO BADLY TO FIND. IT MEANS THAT THE FALSE STORY OF JESUS CHRIST AS GOD HAS NOT LED MEN AND WOMEN TO GOD, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND HAS TAKEN THEIR EYES OFF THE TRUE SPIRIT OF GOD AND PUT THEM ON A MAN-MADE TRADITION INSTEAD. TRUSTING IN THAT MAN-MADE TRADITION AS THE TRUTH, THIS WORLD STANDS ON THE BRINK OF TOTAL CATASTROPHE TODAY. In still other words, every church organization which preaches Jesus Christ as God, is preaching something which the Realm of the Spirit of God knows nothing about.

Now I am fully conscious of the gravity of these statements. I certainly would never make them unless I knew, AND COULD PROVE whereof I speak. But there will be those among my readers who will say--"prove it then--prove it here and now". And I believe I will do just that. I shall advance in very short space, the fundamental reasons which prove that the Christian religion, insofar as it alludes to Jesus Christ as God, is a long way from teaching the actual truths of God. Neither the story of Jesus Christ nor the stories of the score of other crucified Gods who came from heaven to save the world--none of these stories has the slightest connection with the Realm of God. The entire story is heathen in its origin, and this then makes this Movement the most staggeringly amazing Movement this world has ever seen. For through this Movement there is being revealed on the earth for the very first time--THE SPIRIT OF GOD. And as that Spirit comes in all its Power, it is easily discernible that every part of its operations are very far removed from these "crucified god" stories, of which the world has had many.

Let me give very briefly a few statements which will prove the statements to every logical mind. Space forbids my giving them in detail. "Gleams Over the Horizon" my last book does that. In the first place then, referring to other scriptures of other religions, we find every fundamental of the story of Jesus Christ contained in them too.

The only difference being that these other religions had a similar story a long time before either Jesus Christ or the Christian religion was ever heard of. If then, it can be proven that another "crucified god" came to earth from God, was God, was born of a virgin, was crucified, was resurrected from the dead, then we begin to see that what we have been asked to accept as the truths of God might very easily be nothing of the sort. History or tradition report the following cases of crucified "gods" long before the time of Jesus Christ. It is my contention that the story of Jesus Christ in its entirety is not original, not true, and was stolen bodily from the Hindu religion, which religion had every fundamental part of it 1400 years before Christianity had the story.

Now, beloved, let's think a bit here. The above statement is either true or false. If it can be proven that other, and in some instances larger systems of religion BEFORE THE SUPPOSED TIME OF CHRIST had a religious theory which contains ALL THE FUNDAMENTALS of our present system of religion, if that can be proven, then over the dam must go every claim of Christianity as an original religion. And if it be not original, and if these other system of religion are "pagan" which Christianity tells us they are, then, does not this put the whole structure of Christianity and its Jesus Christ in exactly the same category as these older systems of religion which we are told by the church are "heathen" and "pagan"? It certainly does.

When the Spirit of God first began to manifest through "Psychiana" the most amazing thing about it was that the Spirit of God began to manifest in the lives of those who had absolutely no faith or confidence in the Christian religion or in Jesus Christ. They just simply were not interested in that story. They did not believe it. They never put a foot inside of a church. YET THESE ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH WHOM THE SPIRIT OF GOD MADE ITS PRESENCE AND POWER KNOWN ON THIS EARTH TEN YEARS AGO. AND IT IS THROUGH MAN AND WOMEN OF THE SAME "UNBELIF" IN CHRISTIAN DOGMAS THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS MOVING THROUGH TODAY. This to me is absolutely conclusive evidence of the error of the story of Jesus Christ as God. One does not see the Power of the Spirit of God being manifested through members of any religious organization today. BUT ONE CAN SEE THE SPIRIT OF GOD OPERATING IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO HAVE CAST ASIDE THAT STORY AS BEING UNTRUE. And these good folks for years honestly tried to find the Spirit which is God through church theories and dogmas. Like I, they failed. Also like I, they found the Power of the Spirit of God ENTIRELY OUTSIDE OF ANY CHURCH AND WITHOUT BELIEVING IN WHAT ANY CHURCH TEACHES. That's proof that cannot be gainsaid. That's TRUTH. That's GOD. ME

Now let us see whether or not there were other "crucified gods" before the time of Jesus Christ. Here is but a partial list, and any large public library will give you the references. (See Gleams over the Horizon for very definite and conclusive proof and references).