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HOLINESS

There lies before me a letter from a good Student. I do not know why this good lady ever became a Member of "Psychiana" for she evidently believes in many things we do not believe in, and certainly she holds tenaciously to very much which is most assuredly not in the Realm of the Spirit of God, although it is in the realm of fanatical theology. This good sister asked this question:—"I have never yet seen you write anything on the subject of holiness unto the Lord, do you not believe in holiness unto the Lord?"

Now to answer this question, I must first look at the term "holiness unto the Lord" and see just what it is and what it is not. The term is used in this country by a certain religious sect which publishes the fact that it specializes in "holiness" whatever that may be. In Portland Oregon there is a big sign over a large mission which says "holiness unto the Lord". Naturally, as Founder of the fastest growing religious movement on the face of the earth today, your Founder is most assuredly for everything which is connected with the Realm of the Spirit of God, and at the same time he is against anything which smacks of pagan superstition masquerading under the name of God. And there is very much in the realm religious today which certainly is not of the Spirit of God. Most of what we have offered to us today in the name of God, is, as you well know, nothing but remnants of a system of theology which has been proven to be nothing more than a pagan theory of God, told once more.

There is no man alive who believes in purity and Godliness any more than I do, but I must first be sure that it is purity and Godliness before I believe in it. It has been established very abundantly that a lot of so-called "religion" contains many things which are neither pure nor Godly. Still, we are told that we must believe in these things if we are ever to know God. Naturally, knowing what the truths of God are, we vigorously oppose paganism masquerading in the name of God wherever we find it, and we shall continue to do this until the pure simple renovating truths of God are known to the entire world.

This thing called "holiness" is a dogma of certain sects of the Christian religion, and while the sects which specialize in "holiness" make a lot of noise about it, we have never yet met either a man or a woman who could live up to what this "holiness" is supposed to be. I have heard their claims. I have listened to their sermons. I have watched them away from their missions and churches, and I have never yet seen the slightest sign which would lead me to believe that these good honest folks knew any more about the Kingdom of God or the Power of the Spirit of God than I know. Maybe they do—I'm not saying that they don't. I am saying however, that if these good "holiness" souls were as close to God as they think they are, they would be doing far more than they are doing to bring to this earth the priceless liberating truths of God as we, here in Moscow Idaho, are able to bring them. And we know nothing whatsoever about "holiness".

This "holiness" proposition is a teaching of these sects. The Christian plan of "salvation" begins with the theory that man was born in sin—hopelessly lost—doomed to an eternal hell—to fray and frizzle and roast throughout countless eons of eternity—unless, of course, he or she should be fortunate enough to become "saved" by believing what some branch of the Christian church asks him to believe, and tells him is the truth of God. If the poor devil who was born in sin happens to be a Hindoo, (still a creation of God) then the only difference between the plan of salvation offered to him by his church and the plan offered to the poor devil who happens to be born in sin in this country, is the identity of the "crucified god" involved. The Christian religion very plainly teaches that the only remedy for sin, that is, the sin we were all born in, is the shed blood of God, as manifested on this earth through Jesus Christ, who, we are told, was God, and as God came down from off the pearly throne in heaven to give his life's blood for these sins, in which we were all born.

The Hindoo has the same identical theory the Christian has. Only, it requires a different "crucified god" to bring "salvation" to the poor sin-cursed individual who happened to be so unfortunate as to be born on this earth at all. The Hindoo states that "the only name given under heaven whereby man can be saved" is the name of its god Krishna. The Christian religion teaches the same thing, but the "god" is different. In this case it is Jesus Christ. And before either of these two "gods" decorated the earth, there were about 35 others, all of whom came to save us all from this thing called "sin".

This thing called "salvation" is arrived at and secured by believing in the story the differing religions tell. It makes no difference that the "god" involved be different in each case--the principle is the same. You must believe that particular theory, or be damned. I think the theory of being born in "sin" is absolutely absurd. If it were not for that theory, no religion in the world would have grounds upon which to operate. Of course, if you teach a child that it is doomed to everlasting hell-fire unless it believes "this" or "that", why naturally the child is going to make an attempt to "believe" it. And, failing to be able to believe such an impossible story as that, the poor thing develops a fear complex which he carries with him through life. Sooner or later the truth dawns on such an one, and for the first time in his existence, the fetters of fear disappear. And only as these fetters disappear can man ever find God. He cannot find God so long as those insane fear thoughts are rampant in his life. For one cannot entertain two theories of God.

So we find the honest seeker after God, "getting religion" by kneeling at the "foot of the cross" or by walking down the sawdust trail which Billy Sunday made famous. Believing in the story that particular church has told him to believe--he is "saved". His name is written in the "Lamb's Book of Life" in the sky, and, when he comes to the point at which he is compelled to shuffle off this mortal coil, he sakingly faces death with a sort of half-hope that he will, in some peculiar manner, escape from that terrible burning hell of the Christian and the Hindoo and various other religions. Whether he actually escapes from anything is a moot question. We who know the workings of the Spirit of God know that such insane theories as that never could be true of the True Spirit of God. And naturally such asinine theories are not to be found in "Psychiana", far from it.

But it seems that ever after being "saved" the godly work is still incomplete. For, now that the pilgrim is thus far on the way, he is told that he has to undergo ANOTHER experience. He cannot see the Lord without it. In other words, he was fooled when he went down the sawdust trail or knelt at the foot of the cross. For, when he made that trip, he was told that his sins would all be washed away and his name would be found written in the Big Book in the Sky. Now, after he has honestly complied with that formula, he finds there is something else he must do before he can be absolutely sure of his "salvation". Too bad they didn't tell him that on the start, isn't it.

Now it is at this point where this thing called "holiness" opens the door and comes into the religious picture. According to its advocates, the one possessing "holiness" or the "second blessing" does not "sin" at all. I suppose such an one should be put in a glass case, and if I ever find one I may see if I can't make a deal with him for exhibition purposes. For I don't believe the man or woman ever lived, religion or no religion, who never did one thing wrong, either before "holiness" or after "holiness". When I say "wrong" I mean something mean or cussed or crooked. It doesn't have to be a big thing--anything at all will do for the purpose. Yet these holiness people swear by Almighty God that they live as pure as the driven snow. And I won't say they don't, for it all depends upon what their ideas of right and wrong are.

Now to answer this Student's letter and question as to why we never write about "holiness". And the answer is quite plain and simple. We are too busy teaching men and women the plain simple truths of God, to know anything about either "conversion" or "holiness".

For both of these things are but dogmas which have been taught by a dozen different systems of theology, and none of them have the slightest bearing on the existence of the Spirit of God in a human life. Therefore, my good sister, we cannot be interested in them.

The whole story of man being "born in sin and shapen in iniquity" is wrong. It is not true. It is pagan theology. It has nothing whatsoever to do with the Power of the Spirit of God. It cannot have. It is church theology, and has been taught, altho never lived, by a score of religions of antiquity. And they have all passed out of the world picture, and what few have not passed out, are on their way out. For, in the evolution of religion, such theories and pagan myths find no place at all.

The theory of "conversion" and "salvation" and "Holiness" do not belong to the realm of the Spirit of God. Therefore, they are not necessary, and are impossibilities to attain, even if they were necessary. When the Spirit of God is made known in a human life, THAT LIFE AT ONCE SEES THE TRUTH OF THE GLORIOUS FACT THAT THE LIFE HE LIVES IS IN ITSELF, A PART OF THE GREAT LIFE WHICH IS GOD. Therefore, nothing man can ever do or believe can be necessary or even desirable in dealing with the Spirit of God. For when man realizes who God is, and where God is (in himself) there come changes, and these changes are brought about by the Spirit of God in that man. He recognizes God and his life as one and the same thing. That man never will rob his neighbor. He never will get drunk. He never will fool around with another man's wife. In short, that man cannot do any of these illegal things and, at the same time, know the Presence of the Spirit of God in him. It would be an absolute impossibility. For, with the Spirit of God as the Directing Agency in his life, he needs to care about nothing else.

There is nothing any man can do or believe which can help one iota in making the presence of the Living Spirit of God more real. This business of writing his name in a big book in the sky---well---the less said about that the better, for no thinking American believes that sort of stuff. Neither does he believe that any man or any organization can arrange things with God so that, no matter what he does while on the earth, he will be saved from either "hell-fire" or "purgatory" in the future. That's a great racket for those who practice it. But it is NOT of God I promise you. The truth of the Great Spirit of God is that when God created man, now listen to the many bibles speak--HE BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE. And when God breathes into any man the "BREATH OF LIFE" God is just simply breathing into that man---HIS OWN LIFE. Do you not see it?

And if God ever breathed into the human race (which He did) His own life--THEN THAT LIFE STILL PERSISTS AND EXISTS IN MAN AND IS IN REALITY, WHAT IT WAS WHEN IT WAS BREATHED INTO MAN---THE LIFE WHICH IS GOD ITSELF. That's simple. That is the truth as it exists. And I wish tonight the whole world could see it. Let me tell it to you again--WHEN GOD CREATED MAN IN THE FIRST PLACE, NO MATTER HOW LONG AGO THAT WAS, GOD BREATHED INTO THE NOSTRILS OF MAN---HIS OWN LIFE. THAT LIFE, WHICH IS ALL OF GOD THERE IS, EXISTS IN THAT MAN TODAY, AND THROUGH CONSCIOUS RECOGNITION OF THAT LIFE WHICH IS GOD, MAN CAN FREE HIMSELF OF THE FETTERS WHICH BIND HIM, THROUGH BEING TOLD BY THE CHURCHES THAT HE IS LOST FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. God lives in you NOW. You can find God in you NOW. And, having found the Life in you which MUST be there because God gave it in the first place--YOU HAVE FOUND ALL YOU WILL EVER FIND WHILE ON THIS EARTH OF THE POWER OF THE GREAT SPIRIT--GOD.

Digest that statement, and your's is the world and everything# that's in it. In the grasping of this statement lies the solution to the whole God proposition. It's real. It's vivid. It's Powerful And if you ever find the Power of the Spirit of God, you will find that Power in you. If you never find it in you--you will never find it at all. Holiness, repentance, salvation, and all the rest of that, are but untrue dogmas of many differing religions. They have always been the stock-in-trade of ministers and priests and churches. Yet they all were known to religions which they themselves call "pagan" and "heathen" and were known to them thousands of years before Christianity was ever heard of.

Thank Go though, Churchism, Priestism, preacherism is on the wane. And in the place of these remnants of an age of religious superstition and fear--THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS MAKING ITS PWOER KNOWN IN HUMAN LIVES. That will save the world. The churches may rave at me. They may try everything possible to close the mouths of the Leaders of this Teaching, but, this Teaching is of God. The Spirit of God is behind the Teaching. Therefore, it will last as long as time endures. It will win men and women to God, here and now, and even the church cant promise that. All it can promise is a "home in heaven" and a signature in a "Big Book" in the sky. And neither of these promises can ever be fulfilled. And if you are paying out any money, or wasting any time because you are afraid that you will "lose your soul" after you die, then for God's sake and the sake of a dying world throw such pagan superstitions as far as you can throw them. They are not true. And the sensible judgment of any man capable of thinking tells him they are not true.

This life of mine beloved is a busy one. Its a hard one. I dont have much time to be thankful for anything in this life. But there is one thing I am profoundly grateful for. That it--for being chosen by the Spirit of God to be the one through whom these precious liberating truths of God are being brought to the world. That's joy enough for any man. Every day, every week, every month and every year#, our membership grows. More than 150 men and women every day are studying our Lessons, and by this I mean 150 new people. About 50.000 new people each month receive our literature, and while many cannot enroll because of financial reasons, I am hoping soon to be able to send this Teaching into every home that needs# it--FREE OF COST. I cannot do that yet. But the proper man or woman will endow us soon, I feel sure, and then, when that day comes--THIS WORLD WILL BE ON THE WAY TO KNWOING THE LIBERATING TRUTHS OF GOD JUST AS FAST AS WE CAN PRINT AND RELEASE THOSE TRUTHS.

No, my good sister--I'm afraid you havent yet seen the great fact of the indwelling Power of the Spirit of God in you. If you had, you wuld not be writing to me about "holiness". So may I suggest that you read this article over many times, for through it you will find the Power of God in you. And when you find that Power in you--you will be supremely happy, and will do your part towards bringing to this war-mad world the only Power that can save it---THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.