

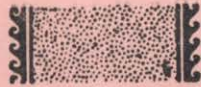
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Dear Friend and Student:

Now in Lesson No. 2, we go a little farther into the line of thought in Lesson No. 1. This new picture of God which I am giving to the world is a very different picture, as you know. As I stated in Lesson No. 1, I have not given all the truths to the world as yet, because I didn't feel the time was ripe. As we progress in our study together though, more and more spiritual knowledge will be given to you and it will be necessary for you to absorb it all so that when you are ready to open up your church of "PSYCHIANA" in your neighborhood, you will be absolutely equipped spiritually to do this work. If you are not equipped, I shall not send you out. The utmost care and caution will be used in my selection of ministers for these fifteen hundred churches. So at this point, make up your mind positively and definitely that you wish to enter this work first of all, because of the work itself, and not because of any financial benefits you will receive.

It is true that every minister of "PSYCHIANA" will be in a position to receive material and financial remuneration and this is as it should be. When you learn to apply the Law of the Realm of God, these material things quite naturally follow, but first, least and all the time, my Students will

have to be baptised with the Power of the Spirit of God or I shall not send them out. If I send them out not prepared, they would be absolute failures and it would react against this Movement, and that I shall not tolerate. Therefore, if you have not been in earnest up to this point, please get in earnest now, because I give you my word of honor that you will not be sent out in this work unless I consider you absolutely equipped Spiritually, mentally, and physically to do it. I shall, personally, see every minister before he is ordained and I shall have to be satisfied that he or she is a proper person to carry this message of the power of God to the world. I want no "softies" in this Movement. I want no one who is not filled and thrilled by the Power of God, and this must be in every case.

Now, there is no reason of any kind why your religious experience cannot be similar to mine. I bought and paid for my experience at a terrible cost and I am still paying for it, but with a faith which would not waver, and a backbone which would not bend and an iron will. I faced religious opposition and fearlessly and boldly gave out true facts concerning the Realm of God and concerning the facts or teachings of the present day church who are so far removed from the real Realm of God that they do not even live in the same country.

I want to call your attention here to one of the outstanding methods used by the "church" in its services and in its attempt to win new converts. That's the hymn book. There is that finer instinct in each of us which responds to religious sentiment and emotion and no religious movement can go very far without it. The trouble with the present day church has been that it has depended entirely on emotion and therein lies its failure. We all recall the good old days of Billy Sunday with his sawdust trails. He invariably would have a large choir singing those beautiful religious melodies. Now it made no difference whether the subject matter of the melodies was true or not true, the fact that there was music and sentiment and emotion in his meetings, he took thousands of people down the sawdust trail to the penitent form. The trouble is that after the meetings were over, the "converts" lost their religion and they lost it just simply because the atmosphere in which they found it wasn't continued. The emotional preaching, the vaudeville acting, the mass singing were gone, and with them went the religion of the convert. I remember the old Moody and Sankey days and let it be distinctly understood that not for one moment would I question the honesty or integrity of Mr. Moody or Mr. Sankey. Yet the story there is similar to the story in the "Sunday Movement" and other similar movements. A great religious emotion worked up, a few hundred people added to the church, and then when the bargain sale was over the church sponsoring the revival was worse off than it was before it started it. There are no bargain sales in the Realm of God. Nor can the Power of God be known through emotion. I would not say there is no emotion in religion for that would not be true, but I would substitute the word power and the word peace

for emotion, for I am telling my Students that the Presence of the Realm of God manifests more through a Spirit of Power and a Spirit of Peace than it does in any other way.

There is no human life ever touched by Divine Life which is not transformed into a Power-house for God and the beauty of this is that it needs no spasmodic or periodic revival meetings to keep that Divine Flame alive. The roots of a man in tune with the Infinite go deep down into the ground. They absorb their sustenance unseen. The beautiful tree, or the beautiful flower which is produced is seen by the world, but the source of strength which is the roots of that man or woman is not seen. It is for this reason among others, that I say it is a good plan to keep away from any man or any organization which sticks a label on himself telling you that he represents God. That's the worst kind of hypocrisy, it's the worst kind of superstition and it's an insult to the great Creative Intelligence which caused this universe to be.

In the old days one General Booth started a movement on the streets of London. It grew into what is known as the Salvation Army and its success was due entirely to two things. One, that Mr. Booth was smart enough to dress his followers in a uniform, and the other thing was that they had lots of band music. But that religion didn't even last. Fifty years and it is dead. In the heyday of its power, some twenty years ago, it was quite a little movement in its way, but it died a natural death and at the same time piled up millions of dollars in the Bank of England. Then came all the little family quarrels, splits, and so on and so forth, and the entire structure became commercialized. It would send solicitors around to your houses and mine begging old clothes and it would distinctly state that these old clothes were to be given to the poor, but instead of giving them to the poor, it would take them down to the second-hand store operated by itself and sell them.

You will recall that five years ago the Salvation Army stole one of my full page advertisements and stuck it on the outside cover of the Christmas issue of the "War-cry". They took my picture out of the middle and put General Booth's picture in there and they took the word "PSYCHIANA" out of the top and put the "War-cry" in there, and this was done notwithstanding the fact that a copyright notice appeared at the bottom left hand corner of that advertisement. It didn't make any difference to the Salvation Army though, they stole the advertisement bodily which makes me wonder just a little bit how much of God they really know. The Salvation Army knows who I am--it knows where I operate from and common decency and legal wariness should have dictated that they at least secure permission to do this. But they did not. They saw a very clever advertisement and just lifted it.

Now it will do us good to study a few of these religious organizations and it will help us to get the world picture as it exists today. We have looked so far at the "Sunday" campaigns and the Salvation Army, and you will agree with me that as far as accomplishing anything lasting for the Realm of God, they both have failed. Neither Sunday nor the Salvation Army gave to this world a new vision of God. They had their own movements which were for the edification of themselves and they used the name of God as a medium to put over their activities.

I have somewhere in my files a record of the amount of money paid Mr. Sunday when he was alive, for his revival campaigns. Had he been preaching anything else than God, he couldn't have gotten five per cent of that amount. Had the Salvation Army been teaching anything else than God they wouldn't have any money in the Bank of England today.

So we must beware of looking on the true religion of God in the light of any organization which has professed to be a religious organization. Sunday used the name of Jesus Christ and so did the Salvation Army, but that is no proof at all that they knew anything whatsoever of the Divine Power of the Realm of God. If I thought the story of Jesus Christ were true, I would use it also, but I know that it is not true in so far as that any natural Law of God was broken. The great Creative Intelligence behind this universe operates by Law and if this Law was broken in one single instance it may be broken again which leaves this universe hanging on chance and not on Law. So my Students must absolutely discard any belief in the Immaculate Conception of Jesus Christ.

If I didn't want to make the orthodox church too mad I could tell you about what happened in that case according to the customs of that time, but I will just simply say to you this--whenever and wherever a baby is born, you can depend upon it that a man and a woman have come together. It cannot be excused by stating that the Holy Ghost is the father of the baby. They used to try to get away with that in every ancient country and Greece passed a law inflicting a heavy penalty on any young woman who claimed that "God" was the father of her baby. So you see God has been charged with the father-ship of not only one baby, but many thousands of them. It is too bad that they cannot get away with that today, because I imagine there are lots of babies born out of wedlock, and it certainly would be a wonderful thing for some women if they could lay the blame on the Holy Ghost, but you and I being keen minded, thinking Americans just don't care to accept that explanation of child bearing.

Now since I have alluded to the Salvation Army, I am going to bring in another organization which came from the same Booth family and operated on

much the same lines. One was called the Salvation Army, so when they had a family fight in London, one of the sons pulled out and started a duplicate organization, calling it The Volunteers of America. It also dressed its followers up in uniforms and it also organized bands. It never was as strong, however, as the original Army was and like the original Army, it faded out of the picture also.

This may sound like dry reading, but I consider it absolutely essential that a true religious picture as it exists be painted at this time. It will help you to get the clear picture of God a little later on in your studies. Now both the Army, and its opposition organization, The Volunteers of America, claimed to be operating through the power of the Spirit of God, and they both claimed to be teaching the true religion of God, yet it had its inception in a family squabble, but it did depend upon the public support. A little group would get out on the street corner in the old saloon days and these "angels of mercy" would take their tambourines and go into one saloon and another saloon, up one side of the street and down the other side of the street rattling a few nickels in their tambourines and would take money from anyone who felt like donating it to them.

Now we had a Salvation Army in Moscow when I came here and I would like to tell you what happened to them. The churches of Moscow got together and decided that they didn't want any Salvation Army in Moscow. The excuse given was that all the poor people here were looked after by the Associated Charities and all the rest of it. Entirely physical. The church didn't care whether the Salvation Army was preaching a religion of God or not, they just simply didn't want them here and out they went. They would not support them, and withdrew the Community Chest support also, which makes me ask the question, How much of the Spirit of God exists in the Moscow churches?

I know them all, every one of them and I support those who ask me to support them. Quite recently I bought and paid for a complete altar with all the rest of the paraphernalia for an Episcopal Church in Orofino, Idaho. Just yesterday I received a letter from the Rev. Calvin Barkow thanking me for these gifts and stating that he is going to have engraved on this business "donated to the Glory of God by Dr. Frank B. Robinson.

Now I appreciate the earnestness of this good minister. When he came into my study soliciting help, he did it on the last day before he left Moscow, having been transferred to this other church. I asked him what he wanted and he stated that he was holding his church in Orofino in an undertaking parlor and didn't have any tools to work with. I asked him what he meant by tools and he explained in detail about the candlesticks, and the cups, and the altars and cloths, and all the rest of it, and turning to this

man I said, "You don't mean to tell me that you believe what you are preaching do you?" He got a little indignant and replied, "I certainly do believe it, it's all I ever want to know." I was only testing the man out, so I replied, "All right sir, here's a letter for the purchase of whatever you need and I'll pay the bill when it comes in," which I did.

Had this good man in an effort to secure this donation told me that he didn't believe what he was preaching, I would have ordered him out of my study and he wouldn't have gotten a five-cent piece. However, the man was absolutely honest and in earnest and I was happy to help him even though it had been necessary a few days before to borrow money at the bank myself. Now the point I make is this: The entire church structure as it operates today is entirely physical. The Salvation Army--a purely physical appeal, uniforms, brass bands, old clothes. The Volunteers of America--the same identical thing. The Episcopal Church--altars, clothes, candlesticks, altar rails, and all the rest of that, still a perfectly physical appeal. Now the Salvation Army women entering saloons soliciting money from drunks is not in the slightest degree elevating to the Realm of God and no organization who would do that knows anything about God. The poor Captains and Lieutenants and Adjutants have to make their living by bumming money from drunks in saloons and on the street and they sent the biggest percentage of it to the Salvation Army headquarters in London, England.

Now Mr. Barkow, this Episcopal preacher knows my stand on religion. He knows that I am teaching that the story of God held by the church is nothing more than an old pagan superstition. He knows that full well, yet the man has no hesitation about coming into my study, or anyone else's study for that matter, and accepting money to put into an Episcopal Church to carry on the work which I am exposing. Some people may think that I am foolish to give it to them--well maybe so, but it may be that honest people are studying that religion and attending that church and it may be that they derive some spiritual consolation through it, and I would give the shirt off my back any time to anyone who needs it. That's my nature and I can't help it, anyhow bread cast upon the waters like that always returns multiplied many fold, although this isn't the reason I do these things.

Now there is another minister who periodically drops in here whenever he needs any money and usually goes out with a check for One Hundred Dollars. He did this last week. The excuse he gives is that his salary is several months behind, yet that man will join with other preachers in an attempt to close up this Movement and at the same time will come around and solicit donations. Is that in keeping with the operations of the Realm of God, think you? In this particular church there is fight after fight. One division of the Ladies' Aid fights the other one and won't go when the other

one goes and so on and so forth. Oh, I know this is all foolish, but as I said, it is absolutely necessary that you get the picture of organized religion today, in order that you may know what a hollow sham it is as far as things pertaining to God are concerned.

About a year ago, I was holding meetings in Los Angeles, California. You couldn't get near this huge Trinity Auditorium one hour before I started to speak and the doors had to be closed and deputy sheriffs posted on the platform to keep the people from me. Yet not very many blocks away from those meetings a certain church stuck out a big canvas sign and on this sign it said: "Is Robinson sane and all the world crazy, or is Robinson crazy and all the world sane?" Then a few blocks further up the street another church had a big banner out announcing that this Baptist preacher was preaching from the subject "PSYCHIANA OR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH?"

Now you will see the same spirit which manifested just a few hundred years back when they threw the "heretics" into the spiked bathtubs. It's the same identical thing. As long as you leave it alone and do not bother it and let it fool the public with its false philosophy of God, it will leave you alone, but in the moment anyone starts to preach the true religion of God and to give Spiritual Truth to the world, then this old animal nature--this vicious murdering nature of the church immediately comes to the surface. It can't take me today and tie a rock around my neck and throw me into a deep river as it did in London a few years back, but it can file complaints with the Federal Communication Commission and with the Postoffice Department and other branches of the Federal Government; and it can use its slimy, foul, underhanded methods in an attempt to stop a Teaching which is doing more for men and women throughout the world than the organized church ever has done.

That's the church as we have it today, and that's the only thing in existence which even pretends to represent God. It's the only thing in existence a man or woman can turn to if that man or woman gets deadly in earnest about the things of God, and of course turning to that institution for bread, such a good soul would receive a stone for the church today has no bread to offer. It has an old pagan philosophy which every heathen system of religion in the world has had and it dresses it up in a nineteenth or twentieth century garb, and it changes the name of its God and says "This is what you must worship or be damned."

Now at this point, and in order to be fair to the church, I want to look for a little while into the genealogy of Jesus Christ. You don't need to take my word for it if you don't want to, I assure you that I never write or publish anything which cannot be proven, so in this Third Advanced Teaching, let's look at the record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ for just

a few moments and if you can make head or tail of it, you are the first person I ever saw who could. Personally, I can't. Now, if an act so stupendous as the Mighty Maker of this universe coming down from heaven to earth actually happened, how clear the record should be. Now lets see whether it is clear or not.

In order to exalt the dignity and character of the Christian Messiah still higher than a mere claim for a divine origin PATERNALLY would have the effect to do, two of his assumed-to-be inspired biographers have set up for him a royal lineage through the maternal line.

Hence, they tell us that he descended from and through a line of kings embracing the house of David. But in presenting the names, and the number of generations, in their attempts to make out his royal distinction, this kingly exaltation of birth, they exhibit a most egregious bungle, and the most barefaced tissue of discrepancies. For they not only differ widely with each other in this matter, but differ with the Old Testament genealogy and differ with those texts which give the maternal ancestry of Jesus.

Indeed, though varying as wide as the poles from each other, they both miss Jesus and arrive at Joseph in tracing down the generations from Abraham (unless we assume they intended to represent Joseph as being his father).

Luke, in his gospel, names and counts off forty-one generations from David to Joseph, though he had previously represented it as being forty-two; but Matthew says that "from Abraham to David are fourteen generations," but according to his own showing, and according to his own list of names, there are but thirteen. And then he tells us there are but fourteen generations from David to the carrying away into Babylon. But according to the Old Testament genealogy (see 1 Chron. iii) there were eighteen. And then the names comprised in the two genealogies of Matthew and Luke are so widely different from that found in Chronicles, as to set all analogy and agreement at defiance.

In fact, in their whole list of names, from David down to Joseph, they only come together twice. Their names are all different but two, that of Salathiel and Zorobabel, which names alone are found in both lists.

Matthew tells us that the son of David, through whom Joseph descended, was Solomon, but Luke says it was Nathan. The next name in Matthew's list is that of Roboam, but the corresponding name in Luke's list is Mattatha. Matthew's next name is Abia, which Luke gives as Abijah. Matthew says Joram begat Ozias, but Chronicles virtually declares Joram had no such son, although he had a great-great-grandson Ussiah. But Luke says, in effect, there was no such person in the genealogical tree, or family line, as either Joram, Ozias

or Uzziah. Matthew says again, "Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away in Babylon." (Matt.1 ii)

But Chronicles declares that Jechonias was Jehoiakim's son, and not Josiah's, and that Josiah was killed eleven years before the exile to Babylon, and could not well beget a son after he had been defunct a tenth of a century.

Matthew, after naming twenty-four generations as filling out the line, making it complete between David and Jacob, concludes by saying, "and Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary."

But Luke, antecedent to spinning out his list of fourteen generations more than Matthew, i.e., making it fourteen generation longer, declares that "Joseph was the son of Heli." So that Joseph either had two fathers, Jacob and Heli; or Matthew or Luke, or both, were most egregiously mistaken, with all their "inspiration."

Again Luke says that Salathiel was the son of Neri; but Chronicles says he was the son of Jechonias. And after Chronicles had registered Zorobabel as the son of Penniah, Matthew and Luke, assuming to become "wise above what was written," both declare that he was the son of Salathiel. They agree here in contradicting Chronicles, which is the only instance but one of their agreement in the whole list of progenitors from David to Joseph.

With this exception they contradict each other all the way through, and in many instances that of Chronicles, too.

This is a strange way, indeed, of proving Jesus Christ to have had two fathers!--to be both the son of God and son of David! And it is still stranger that they should trace his genealogy to Joseph, if they did not consider him Joseph's son. Otherwise, the genealogy of "Sinbad the Sailor," or "Harry Haulaway," would have been as apropos.

Such are beautiful harmony and agreement in the words "of divine inspiration" which Christians prate so much about.

And all this appears to be the result of an attempt to elevate the man Christ Jesus to a level with the demigods of antiquity, nearly all of whom claimed to be of royal or princely descent. Such continual blundering, guessing, cross-firing and clashing of names as is exhibited in the foregoing exposition, reminds us of the Hibernian's reply when asked for the number and names of his brothers: "Well, sir, I have fourteen brothers, and they are all named Bill but Bob--his name is Tom."

Matthew's and Luke's attempt to exalt and dignify the character of Christ by making out for him a pure, holy and royal lineage we find, upon a critical examination, not only proved a very signal but a very singular and ludicrous failure, for all his female ancestors who are brought to notice were persons of libidinous or licentious tendencies, according to their own biblical history.

"It is remarkable," says Dr. Alexander Walker, (a Christian writer, in his work on Woman, p. 330,) "that in the genealogy of Christ only four women are named: Thamar, who seduced the father of her late husband, and Rachel, a common prostitute, and Ruth, who, instead of marrying one of her cousins, went to bed with another of them, and Bathsheba, an adulteress, who espoused David, the murderer of her first husband."

What a pedigree for an incarnate God--a being ostensibly of spotless origin! though his impure ancestral origin, does not detract from the high moral character and distinguished moral life which marks the history of "the man Christ Jesus."

Now this may sound like sacrilege, but it is nothing of the sort. It may be sacrilege to a person who worships Jesus Christ and looks upon him as a God, but I deny the divinity of Jesus Christ and deny that he ever was God, so it is not sacrilege to me. Furthermore, there are millions of people in these United States who feel about this matter exactly as I do.

Now it must be remembered that I have taken this genealogy from the book the Christian tells us is, "The Divinely Inspired Word of God, absolutely from cover to cover." It is not something made up by me. I am taking their own record and bringing out of it points which the church wouldn't bring out of it in a thousand years.

This was done, of course, only to get to the bottom of this whole thing and find the truth. Organized religion in the United States has made up its mind that I'm not going to be allowed to tell the truth regarding the religion of the church to the world, and we'll see which of us is correct.