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Dear Friend and Student:

This Third Advanced Teaching being primarily and essentially a theological study, it will be quite necessary for me to deal with different religious systems and organizations in it. Many students who go out as ministers of this church will be called upon to make proof of their ministry, and they must be equipped to answer whatever theological questions may arise.

For this reason, I am going to pay a lot of attention to the doctrines of the Christian religion, because that seems to be the predominating religious teaching of the United States. I shall go very fully and deeply into the very foundation stone upon which this Christian teaching is founded, and I shall go into it in a very fearless yet a very fair manner. The story is either true or false, and I am going to show the Students of this Third Advanced Course what the facts are as I see them.

Now, I wish it distinctly understood that my sole object in going into this branch of the theological field is only that my Students may know what the facts are. There is absolutely no enmity or hatred of any kind in my makeup toward those who believe the story of Jesus Christ. Personally, I do not believe it, and furthermore, no man to date has seen fit to answer

the arguments and facts against its truth, which arguments and truths have been sent around the world by me. If there lives today a preacher or priest or Bible student who can convince me that my understanding of the Christ of the Christian church is wrong, I shall be very happy to change my entire religious philosophy accordingly.

The success of this Movement is due to the fearless and honest way I have taught the truth as that truth exists. Now it makes no difference to me if all the religious organizations in America decide to attack me all at once, nor does it make any difference how upset they get, because of this Teaching of mine.

The religious philosophy advanced by the Church of "PSYCHIANA" is either true or false; it is either of God or not of God. Had it not been Divinely inspired, it would have died a natural death a long time ago. If it is Divinely inspired, and if it is Spiritual Truth, then nothing any man or organization can do will ever stop this honorable Movement. It is perfectly possible for the church to use government agents and make things very uncomfortable and expensive for me for the time being, but the Christian church has always done that. I am no exception to the rule.

But, as I say, if my teaching is true, then all the so-called religious organizations of the world may combine against me and still the Truth of God, as I teach it, will emerge triumphant over them all.

Therein lies the proof of the teaching. I have repeatedly made this statement, and I am making it here once more, that no religious organization in existence can begin to show the actual results achieved in human lives that this Church of "PSYCHIANA" can show. I recall the first letter I received telling me of a healing. I went wild with joy. I knew then that the Spiritual experience I had would win its way round the world. I knew then that the philosophy I was giving to the world would accomplish that wherein it was sent, and I also knew that in spite of all religious opposition which I expected, this Teaching would sooner or later demonstrate its Divine Power to the four corners of the earth.

That was not very many years ago. Today, how vastly larger the picture is. Now, not a day passes but what anywhere from fifty to one-hundred and fifty letters come in telling me how wonderful this teaching is, and telling me also of the healing, the business successes, and the changed lives directly due to the Power of God as revealed by this Teaching of mine.

Now, I need nothing more than that to insure success. If only one per cent of the members of churches in the United States could experi-

ence what seventy-five per cent of my Students are experiencing, the church would be a mighty power for God instead of being an ornament, and not a very pleasing ornament at that. Leaving out of this Lesson entirely all reference to the bloodshed which has followed in the wake of church teachings, I maintain today that the story of Jesus Christ as taught by the present-day church is one of the rankest failures of any religious philosophy I know.

These church organizations exist tax-free. They pay no taxes on their property, nor do they pay any income tax; so they are of no use financially to the country, and every one knows how little use they are spiritually. I admit that it is a nice thing perhaps for young people to attend the church on Sunday night. It might keep them out of mischief, but it has been my experience that more devilment and mischief between young people is cooked up in church socials than perhaps in any other place now. You must remember that I speak from experience.

I know the inside of the church structure. I know exactly what it has to offer, and I know from experience how what it has to offer miserably fails to bring satisfaction to a human life.

Not long ago I published the crime records of the leading cities of the United States, and if you will remember, the city having the most churches had the most murders and crimes. The city having the least churches was the cleanest city, morally, in the United States.

Just a few weeks ago, and I refer to this once more, a certain minister of the church itself suggested a moratorium on preaching. I repeat what I said before that I hope and pray that they do that very thing, making the moratorium permanent.

Now these few statements at the beginning of Lesson 3 are explanatory of my object in going fully and deeply into the story preached and held to by religious organizations claiming to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. They have had, and still have, every opportunity to preach, teach, and broadcast their religious philosophy; but they have, by slimy, foul, underhanded methods tried to prevent me from having something to say about that same story. Now, this is supposed to be a land of free religious thought and expression. It is supposed to be a land in which anyone has the right to advance any religious philosophy of God he or she chooses to advance.

But, deeper than all that, we face here the fact that if the story of Jesus Christ is not true, its teachings cannot possibly reveal any Spiritual Truth, nor can it help one single soul. Furthermore, we have the right to know the facts concerning this teaching. If it is true--well and good, let

it go. If it's not true, let's find it out and publish the facts, because if this story is not true, then the truth must lie somewhere else.

Now to my own satisfaction at least, and to the satisfaction of hundreds of thousands of other people, I have quite definitely proven that this story of Jesus Christ is absolutely untrue. The church claims it is true and is given the free right to teach this story as the absolute truth. Furthermore, society has cooperated with the church in this belief by allowing it to hold its property tax-free. Its preachers are allowed reduced rates on railroads, and its priests cannot be compelled to testify to certain things in court of law. This puts church above country.

Now, whether these religious organizations like it or not, I am going to tell in this Third Advanced Teaching what I know about the whole story of Jesus Christ. I have that right, and I'll fight to the death for that right. Neither criminal trials nor deportation proceedings can stop me, because if there had been no "PSYCHIANA" Teaching, there would have been no grand jury indictments nor deportation proceedings.

I am perfectly willing to do something the church is not willing to do. I am perfectly willing to prove my statements. I do not ask anyone to take these statements on faith. There is no religion higher than Truth, and if these church organizations are honest, they will welcome any and all investigations concerning their philosophy.

But does it do that? No, it never has done that. It goes into a huddle and writes a letter here and sends a telegram there, and this ministerial association or that ministerial association goes into a huddle, and a few politics are employed, and they try to down opposition by that method. They care nothing about Truth. That doesn't even enter into it. It is the same old story today as two thousand years ago.

You will recall that some of the disciples of Jesus Christ once found someone teaching another doctrine. They were very much alarmed at this and came to the Master with their story. The statement Christ made to these disciples proves beyond any question that He knew the Power of God, for instead of ordering this "blasphemer" beheaded or something on that order, He staggered His disciples by telling them to leave the man alone. He told them that if what the man is teaching is of God, it will last--if not, it will fail.

I wish the church of today would be that broad, but it isn't. So in Lesson No. 3 and in the following several lessons, I am going to tell you what the facts are concerning the story of Jesus Christ. You can then formulate your own opinion of the truth or falsity of the entire story.

In the last Lesson, I gave you some very interesting facts regarding the genealogy of the Galilean Carpenter. In this Lesson, and in those immediately following it, I am going to go right to the bottom of the story. The statement that this world had seen sixteen crucified Saviors before Jesus Christ has thrown the Christian church into a panic. Its ministers tell my Students wherever they find them that this story is not true. Now, I am going to show you whether it's true or not, and furthermore, I will give you the historical or other references so that you, yourself, may make up your mind as to its truth or falsity. No harm can come from finding out what is truth.

Oh, yes, there will be consternation in the ranks of those whose entire structure is built on the theory that the story of Jesus Christ is true, but I can't help that. They have their religious philosophy, and I have mine. I think the past seven years have proven which is true.

No religious system or philosophy and no religious teaching can be better known than by its fruits, and I repeat I am perfectly willing to put the results achieved in human lives from this Teaching of mine up against any results the church can boast of through its teachings. There's no mysticism about my philosophy of God. There's no mystery connected with it. I do not take God away from off the earth and put him in some far distant scene where he can't possibly be of any assistance to us here and now.

The God I teach and preach is the great Life-Spirit which caused this entire universe to be and which moment by moment continually sustains it. This Life-Spirit is in an actual demonstration as I pace up and down my study dictating this message to you. You break the connection between myself and the Realm of the Spirit of God, and I would drop to the floor a corpse. This is entirely foreign to church philosophy, but it is putting God where He belongs and where He really is. Certainly a God above the sky can't be of any use here in this life. He may be of considerable value after we die, but I am rather of the opinion that any God who cannot manifest here and now cannot manifest beyond the sky either.

Anyway, it is not my teaching that we all die and come to life again and stand before a great judgment throne of God. That is mere pagan superstition. The Church of India taught that and believed that many millions of them, long before Jesus Christ was ever heard of. Long before the time of Christ, millions of people knew the story of Immaculate Conception, the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Vicarious Atonement. Those doctrines didn't come into vogue with Christ by any means, yet they are the fundamental key stones on which the entire Christian structure has been built.

Now, it is facts like these that I am going to give you in this

Third Advanced Teaching. Before any Student is ordained as a Minister of this Church, that Student will be given a severe examination on the religious philosophy contained in this Third Advanced Teaching. I am not conducting any church diploma mill, either. Never was I more vitally in earnest concerning the things of God than I am this morning, and no Student will be allowed to teach or preach the Truths of "PSYCHIANA" without having first satisfied me that he or she is in the position to first make full proof of his or her ministry, and secondly to be able to prove to any reasoning mind that the picture of God painted by the church to date is not a true picture. The Ministers of this Church will be attacked on every hand. They will be questioned very carefully regarding the Teachings of this Church of "PSYCHIANA," and concerning Jesus Christ, and they must be prepared beyond any question to teach and preach this doctrine.

Now, in the preceding Lesson I dealt a little while with the genealogy of Jesus Christ. I meant absolutely no disrespect in that Lesson. It was just simply a cold-blooded statement of facts and based entirely on the Bible. Surely, I cannot go wrong quoting the Bible, can I? When I left Sunday School, many years ago, the old teacher presented me with a Bible and told me that he was giving me the "Word of God, Divinely inspired and absolutely true from cover to cover."

Now, man does not climb toward the Temple of knowledge overnight. Truth makes its ingress into the human mind in the ratio by which man attains the capacity to receive and appreciate it. Hence, as we tread back the meandering pathway of human history, every step in the receding process brings us to a lower plane of intelligence and a state of mind more thoroughly encrusted with ignorance and superstition. It is, therefore, no source of surprise to learn, when we take a survey of the world two or three thousand years in the past, that every religious writer of that era committed errors on every subject involving a scientific principle, which employed his pen.

Hence, the Bible, or sacred book, to which he was a contributor, is now found to bear the mark of human imperfection. For the temple of know-ledge was but partially reared, and its chambers but dimly lighted up. The intellectual brain was in a dark, feeble, and dormant condition. Hence, the moral and religious feelings were drifted about without a pilot on the turbulent waves of superstition, and finally stranded on the shoals of bigotry. The Christian Bible, like other bibles, having been written in an age when science was but budding into life, and philosophy had attained but a feeble growth, should be expected to teach many things incompatible with the principles of modern science. And accordingly it is found to contain, like other bibles, numerous statements so obviously at war with present established scientific truths that almost any schoolboy at the present day, can demonstrate

their falsity. Let the unbiased Student examine and compare the oriental and Christian bibles together, and he will note the following facts, viz:

- 1. That the cardinal religious conceptions of all bibles are essentially the same--all running in parallel grooves.
- 2. That every chapter of every bible is but a transcript of the mental chart of the writer.
- 3. That no bible, pagan or Christian, contains anything surpassing the natural mental and moral capacity of the writer to originate. And hence, no divine aid or inspiration was necessary for its production.
- 4. That the moral and religious teachings of no bible reach a higher altitude than the intelligence and mental development of the age and country which produced it.
- 5. That the Christian bible, in some respects, is superior to some of the other bibles, but only to the extent to which the age in which it was written was superior in intelligence and natural mental capacity to the era in which the older bibles were penned; and that this superiority consists not in more exalted religious origin, the progress of mind had worn away some of the legendary rubbish of the past. Being written in a later and more enlightened age, it is consequently a little less encrusted with mythological tradition and oriental imagery. Though not free from these elements, it possesses them in less degree. And by comparing Christ's history with those of the oriental Gods, it will be found:
  - 1. That he taught no new doctrine or moral precept.
  - 2. That he inculcated the same religion and morality, which he elaborated, as other moral teachers, to great extremes.
  - 3. That Christ differs so little in his character, preaching, and practical life from some of the oriental Gods, that no person whose mind is not deplorably warped and biased by early training can call one divine while he considers the other human.
  - 4. That if Christ was a God, then all were Gods.

Now, I want my Students to note carefully the four last points I have made. At this point, I am taking the Bible and Christ off their pinnacle and placing them where they rightfully belong with the Bibles and Gods of other religions.

Now, of course, at this point, ministers of the gospel and priests will insist that their religion and their God are the only ones which are true. They will take the other Bibles and the other Gods believed in by more millions of people than ever believed in Christ or the Christian Bible, and will tell us that all those other Bibles and those Gods are false, and that theirs is the only true God.

But, an examination of the other Gods and other Bibles reveals that every religion in existence has taught that. Now, by what logic can we admit the last of a score of crucified Gods to be the true one and all the preceding Bibles and Gods are called false? Your common sense tells you that this is not even sound logic. It isn't even reasonable. Here you have a score of different crucified Gods, each having its followers, and each claiming to be the only God in human form the world has ever seen. But I want to know where those other stories came from and I also want to know how is it that the Christian Church has the same identical story that the Hindoos had 1200 years before the time of Christ. I want to know just exactly how that can be.

More than that, I want to know how it happens that whole passages from the Christian Bible are almost exact counterparts of similar passages from other Bibles; for instance, the Vedas and the Hindoo Baghavat. The "Christian Examiner" admits that "the best precepts of the Christian Bible are contained in the Hindoo Baghavat." Now, if this is a fact, and it must be or the "Christian Examiner" would not admit it, it cannot be true that Christ "spake as never man spake."

If every fundamental of the Christian religion is contained in that same Hindoo Baghavat, how can it be true that there was only one God and Mediator, the man Christ Jesus?

Now, it's also interesting to note that in the Mahabaret Bible, the God there was Chrishna Jeseus, and I want to know how it comes that 1200 years before the time of Christ we have a sin-atoning Savior, born of a Virgin, crucified on the cross, descending into Hell, rising from the dead, and now sitting on the right hand of his Father God. I am asking Christian ministers and priests all over the world to explain this to me. The "God-and-Man" combination of the Christian church was born of a Virgin called Mary. The Hindoo "God-and-Man" combination was born of a Virgin called Maia, which

means Mary.

In the birth of Jesus Christ, we are told the mother and the Baby were visited by shepherds, wise men, and the angelic hosts who joyously sang: "This day there is born unto you, a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Now, I want to know why, 1200 years before this happening, another mother of a god with her god-child was visited by shepherds, wise men, and angelic hosts who sang: "In thy delivery--oh favored among women--all nations shall have cause to exult." The Christian Bible tells us that "All men shall call him Blessed." Now, what's the difference?

Once more, I want Christian ministers and priests to tell me why, 1200 years before Herod's edict ordering all first-born males to be put to death, that another ruler, Cansa, also ordered all first-born to be put to death-and for the very same purpose, too.

Now, you will recall that the Christian Bible teaches us that the Mother, together with the young child, fled for safe-keeping. But the Hindoo Bible, 1200 years before, tells of the miraculous escape of another virgin with her virgin-born son, for the same, indentical purpose.

We are told that in the early years of the life of Christ, he retired into the desert and I am asking the Christian church to explain to me why, 1200 years before that time, another virgin-born God who came to save the world from sin also retired into the wilderness. Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, but this other God, Chrishna Jeseus, was baptized in the River Ganges.

Jesus Christ was transfigured on the Mount, but Jeseus Chrishna (note the similarity of names) was transfigured at Madura. Jesus Christ, at that time, told his disciples, "Lo, I am with you always," but Jeseus Chrishna told his disciples at his transfiguration, "Present or absent, I will be always with you."

Now, these are things I have never yet had satisfactorily explained to me by the Christian Church, and I make the statement here and now without any fear of contradiction that the entire story of Jesus Christ is the same identical story of the Jeseus Chrishna of the Hindoos.

There is no other explanation of it. It would be the most remarkable thing I have ever heard of if the great God of this universe came down in the form of a man two thousand years ago, caused a Divine history of that happening to be written, and then found when He got here that every detail of that entire history was known to many millions of people who have never

heard the Christian story.

Jesus Christ had a favorite disciple--John. Now, note here once more, please. Jeseus Chrishna also had a favorite disciple whose name was Arjoon. (Note the similarity.)

Jesus Christ, we are told was anointed with oil by women, and so was Jeseus Chrishna. The famous story of the fishing expedition which broke the nets of the fishermen when they let them down on the right side of the boat is also somewhat duplicated by a similar fishing expedition recorded in the life of Jeseus Chrishna.

Now, this Hindoo God, like Christ, taught by parables and precepts. He preached a very notable sermon which corresponds with the Sermon on the Mount.

On one occasion, Jeseus Chrishna, having returned from a ministerial journey, as he entered Madura, the people came out in crowds to meet him strewing the ground with the branches of cocoanut trees, and desiring to hear him. He addressed them in parables. Purity of life and spiritual insight, we are told, were distinguishing traits in the character of this sin-atoning Savior, and we are often told that he was moved with compassion for the downtrodden and the suffering.

There was a Buddhist dwelling in Ceylon who sent his son to a Christian school. A Christian missionary calling on this boy, asked him what he thought of Buddhism and Christianity. He replied, "I respect Christianity as a help to Buddhism."

You cannot read the life of Jeseus Chrishna without being impressed by the fact that this "God-Man" displayed a profound wisdom and depth of thought equal to any precept uttered by Jesus Christ. Now as proof of that statement, let me give you a few of the precepts of Jeseus Chrishna. Then you may compare them with a few of the statements attributed to Jesus Christ. Then ask yourself how does it happen that a virgin-born, sin-atoning Savior was on this earth and had millions and millions of followers and taught the same doctrines as the Christian Savior, Jesus Christ, only with this difference, it was 1200 years before.

- .1. Those who do not control their passions cannot act properly toward others
- 2. The evils we inflict upon others follow us as our shadows follow our bodies.

- 3. Only the humble are beloved of God.
- 4. Virtue sustains the soul as the muscles sustain the body.
- 5. When the poor man knocks at your door, take him and administer to his wants, for the poor are the chosen of God. (Christ said, "God hath chosen the poor.")
  - 6. Let your hand be always open to the unfortunate.
  - 7. Look not upon a woman with unchaste desires.
- 8. Avoid envy, covetousness, falsehood, imposture and slander, and the sexual desires.
  - 9. Above all things, cultivate love for your neighbor.
- 10. When you die you leave your worldly wealth behind you, but your virtues and vices follow you.
  - 11. Condemn riches and wordly honor.
  - 12. Seek the company of the wicked in order to reform them.
- 13. Do good for its own sake, and expect not your reward for it on earth.
- 14. The soul is immortal, but must be pure and free from all sin and stain before it can return to Him who gave it.
  - 15. The soul is inclined to good when it follows the inward light.
- 16. The soul is responsible to God for its actions, who has established rewards and punishments.
- 17. Cultivate that inward knowledge which teaches what is right and wrong.
  - 18. Never take delight in another's misfortunes.
  - 19. It is better to forgive an injury than to avenge it.
  - 20. You can accomplish by kindness what you cannot by force.

- 21. A noble spirit finds a cure for injustice by forgetting it.
- 22. Pardon the offense of others, but not your own.
- 23. What you blame in others do not practice yourself.
- 24. By forgiving an enemy you make many friends.
- 25. Do right from hatred of evil, and not from fear of punishment.
- 26. A wise man corrects his own errors by observing those of others.
- 27. He who rules his temper conquers his greatest enemy.
- 28. The wise man governs his passions, but the fool obeys them.
- 29. Be at war with men's vices, but at peace with their persons.
- 30. There should be no disagreement between your lives and your doctrine.
  - 31. Spend every day as though it were the last.
  - 32. Lead not one life in public and another in private.
  - 33. Anger in trying to torture others punishes itself.
  - 34. A disgraceful death is honorable when you die in a good cause.
  - 35. By growing familiar with vices, we learn to tolerate them easily.
  - 36. We must master our evil propensities, or they will master us.
  - 37. He who has conquered his propensities rules over a kingdom.
  - 38. Protect, love, and assist others, if you would serve God.
- 39. From thought springs the will, and from the will action, true or false, just or unjust.
- 40. As the sandal tree perfumes the axe which fells it, so the good man sheds fragrance on his enemies.
  - 41. Spend a portion of each day in pious devotion.

- 42. To love the virtues of others is to brighten your own.
- 43. He who gives to the needy loses nothing himself.
- 44. A good, wise and benevolent man cannot be rich.
- 45. Much riches is a curse to the possessor.
- 46. The wounds of the soul are more important than those of the body.
- 47. The virtuous man is like the banyan tree, which shelters and protects all around it.
  - 48. Money does not satisfy the love of gain, but only stimulates it.
  - 49. Your greatest enemy is in your own bosom.
  - 50. To flee when charged is to confess your guilt.
  - 51. The wounds of conscience leave a scar.

Compare these fifty-one precepts of Chrishna with the forty-two precepts of Christ, and you must confess they suffer nothing by the comparison. If we had space we would like to quote also from the Vedas. We will merely cite a few examples relative to woman.

- 1. He who is cursed by a woman is cursed by God.
- 2. God will punish him who laughs at woman's sufferings.
- 3. When woman is honored, God is honored.
- 4. The virtuous woman will have but one husband, and the right-minded man but one wife.
- 5. It is the highest crime to take advantage of the weakness of woman.

I am going to close this Lesson at this point, and it will be necessary for every Student to learn in detail what this Lesson has taught. I know that the Christian people and churches won't like this Lesson Number 3. I also know that many of them though are studying it.

In Lesson Number 4, I am going a little further into the Man-God

of the present day church. In closing this Lesson, however, let me once more impress upon you that my whole object in dealing with this story of Jesus Christ is to find out the truth. I am telling you facts now, and these facts are very easily ascertainable by you, yet you never heard a Christian minister or a priest ever allude to Jeseus Chrishna in your life.

They will preach Sunday after Sunday about Jesus Christ. They are telling you what will happen to you if you do not believe the story of Jesus Christ, but not a single word will they tell you about this God who was an exact counterpart and duplicate of the Christian God and who lived 1200 years before. The trouble with the religious teaching of this country today lies in the fact that the churches have not been willing to find out and teach who and what God is.

They won't do that. They know if they did do that, Spiritual Truth would condemn them, so they cook up a god of their own, clothe Him with their own Divinity, and instead of preaching the Power of the Spirit of the great God which created this universe, they tell you that this great Life-Spirit left His home in glory, coming down to this earth in the form of a Carpenter and dying the death of the cross for the entire human race. They have made a mediator between God and man. They have come between God and man. They take this Galilean Carpenter, and they say, "This Man was God." But they do not tell us that every major system of religion the world has ever known tells the same thing.

Protestant churches in America worship this man, Jesus Christ, whom I pronounce here and now to be an idol. The Catholic church in America worships a woman called Mary, and I pronounce her to be an idol also. No one but a fool will deny the existence of a creative, intelligent power behind this universe, but there never has existed any need for a go-between to explain or teach the Truths of God to the rest of the human race. However, it is the very existence of the church to have a "Man-God" of some sort. It couldn't exist if it didn't have. But let me ask you, as one thinking man to another, do you not think that the Great Creative Intelligence of this universe is abundantly able to manifest to you and me without a mediator?

I will say to you now that if the God of this universe cannot do that, there isn't any God, and we might just as well quit.

About the flimsiest excuse I have ever heard given to me in a feeble attempt to explain the existence of a score of crucified Gods before the time of Jesus Christ, I heard the other day. I was talking with a prominent preacher in the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago on this very point. I asked him to explain the similarity between the story of Jesus Christ and

the story of Jeseus Chrishna.

A school boy--yes, even my little Alfred--would have been able to make a far more intelligent reply than that great Doctor of Divinity made, for he said to me, "Well, you know, Dr. Robinson, Chrishna and all these other Gods were "ante-types" of Jesus Christ." I was too utterly disgusted even to reply to the man, but I will bring out the point here, and I will ask you as a thinking, reasoning, American man, how could an "ante-type" come before the real thing? That answer will not hold water, and yet it is the only explanation possible. The church knows no other explanation. It cannot answer my arguments, so it tries to wreck this Movement and put me in the penitentiary.

In doing this, it shows its true nature. If I were the Christian church and wanted to stay in existence, I'd come to a man like me, and if I had any argument capable of explaining these self-evident discrepancies, I would advance that argument. If, however, no argument could be found, I would frankly admit that I was right.

The church howls and squeals about moratoriums on preaching; it cannot pay its honest debts; nor can it pay its preachers salaries. More than eighty per cent of the Presbyterian churches in the United States are not even self-supporting. The drop in Sunday School attendance in all churches is astounding, and no one can be blamed but the church, itself. No one recognizes truth as fast as a little child, and if the story taught by the church can't hold the interest of children, then you can depend upon it, the story is not true.