

# “PSYCHIANA”

( THE NEW PSYCHOLOGICAL RELIGION )

LESSON No. 45

## SIN—WHAT IT IS—AND WHAT IT IS NOT

At the beginning of this lesson shall we pause for a moment or two and retrospect for a little while to see just where we have progressed in these important studies. One mistake many of my students make is to expect the things of God to be revealed to them instantly.

This is rather an unusual expectation, because in no other course of study does one understand the full import of it and learn all about it— instantly. If you are studying to be a Doctor of Medicine, or a Doctor of Psychology you will have to pursue a definite course of studies over a period of years—sometimes four or five—before you are able to understand all that the course of instruction teaches you.

You cannot grasp the full truth immediately. Nor can you become a competent Physician, or Psychologist, or Lawyer, or whatever it may be, without actual experience in the lessons as taught. The Doctor will serve as an interne in some hospital. The Lawyer will practice free of charge in the police court. The Psychologist will practice his Science for quite some time before he is competent to teach others.

In the study of the Living God you must not be too impatient. I realize how, when once the student begins to grasp the tremendous import of it all, he is so staggered and sometimes dumfounded by the truth of the actuality of the presence of the Living God and the immense possibilities it contains, that he immediately wants to leap into a full knowledge of the entire truth.

I understand this longing and desire—and it is perfectly natural for the student to so feel. But as in Medicine, and Psychology, and Law, only actual practice will make perfect, so it is in the study of the Living God.

It takes actual experience and the definite and unswerving practice in the actual contacting of Him to make one progress along the line of perfection. And

while it is true that the mighty immutable God we are learning about never changes, it is also true that you and I are still in the fleshly form that was made manifest when the eyes of man, by disobedience, were first opened to this same fleshly form. And just as long as this condition is in existence, then so long will there be a "sense-veil" between you and this mighty Life Spirit. He is there—but never forget that you are in the flesh—and not spirit. The hymn writer saw the truth when he penned the following beautiful lines:

"Jesus—these eyes have never seen  
That radiant form of Thine.  
The "veil of sense" lies dark between  
Thy blessed face and mine.

"I see Thee not—I hear Thee not—  
Yet Thou art oft with me,  
And earth has ne'er so dear a spot  
As where I meet with Thee.

"Like some bright dream that comes unsought  
When slumbers o'er me roll,  
Thine image ever fills my thought,  
And charms my ravished soul.

"But though I have not seen, and still  
Must rest in faith alone,  
I love Thee, dearest Lord, and will—  
UNSEEN—BUT NOT UNKNOWN."—Quoted.

The man who wrote that hymn knew the Living God.

So I desire my students always to remember that they are in a state of physical being, and as such are in a state of "enmity" towards God, being in a state of—well, shall we say?—"rebellion" towards Him.

YOUR ANCESTORS, away back, WERE THE VERY TWO WHO, WHEN THEY WERE ENJOYING THE PERFECT BLISS OF PERFECT COMMUNION WITH THE LIVING GOD, DELIBERATELY CHOSE TO THROW AWAY THAT LIBERTY, AND ALL THE JOYS ATTENDANT TO IT, AND, IN SO DOING, LOST THEIR COMMUNION WITH THIS GREAT GOD, AND BY SO DOING BROUGHT DEATH, DISEASE, SICKNESS AND POVERTY ON THEMSELVES. And not only on themselves, but on the entire human race—YOU INCLUDED.

So do not expect that you will "instantly" be able to restore that communion. It CAN be restored, and I will show you how to do it, but please always remember that you are a human, physical form, and not a spiritual, or spirit being as your two ancestors were. Away back there these two ancestors WERE spirit beings, or spiritual beings. But you and I are a long way from being that now. So just obey me as I endeavor to instruct you. I can assure you that I know the way—it's very simple when once understood. The Carpenter knew it and proclaimed it, and the Scriptures are full of it. All they need is to be understood exactly as Jesus understood and taught them.

I perchance seem to hear you say that if the way is so simple, why is it that more people have not found it. That is a reasonable question, and worthy of an intelligent answer. Here it is: THE TRUTH THAT JESUS PROCLAIMED WAS SO STAGGERING IN ITS IMMENSITY, AND SO DIFFERENT FROM THE IDEAS OF GOD HELD BY THE JEWS, THAT THEY, IN THEIR UTTER IGNORANCE OF WHAT THE CARPENTER WAS TEACHING, EVEN THOUGH HE ACCOMPANIED IT WITH MIRACLES, REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE TEACHING, AND CRUCIFIED THE CARPENTER, AND DENOUNCED THE ENTIRE MESSAGE AS BEING THE RAVINGS OF A CRAZY MAN. They said He had a devil.

There was none other manifested to continue the message Jesus came to proclaim, and so the old system of religion continued. AND ON THOSE OLD FALSE TEACHINGS HAS BEEN BUILT THE TEACHINGS AS WE HAVE HAD THEM TAUGHT TO US BY THOSE WHO CLAIM AUTHORITY AS AMBASSADORS OF GOD TODAY. OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM OF RELIGIOUS TEACHING IS FOUNDED EITHER ON THE ERROR OF OUR FOREFATHERS OR ON A MISCONCEPTION OF THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST.

In trying to give to the world the true Gospel, Jesus said: "The things that I do shall YE do also". But do we find the present day Christians doing them?

Jesus said: "These signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover; if they shall eat any deadly thing it shall not hurt them," etc., etc.; but do we find the Christians doing THIS today?

Jesus said: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name shall be done unto you"—but do we find this being done today? These, and many other signs, were to follow those who believed on him, according to Jesus. But where are they?

It is not my purpose to enter into a tirade against the present church system and its teachings.\* I have neither the time nor the inclination to do that. BUT—it is very necessary to an intelligent presentation of the facts herein contained, that I allude to this subject, and so I have done so. The truth often hurts—but it only hurts those who are in opposition to it.

As a Psychologist I am not interested in things as they seem—I am only interested in things as they ACTUALLY EXIST. And I would be untrue to the very best instincts of my nature, and I would be untrue to this great Life Spirit, were I not to speak the truth plainly, even though it may seem and sound rather cold-blooded. SHAM—we have had enough of it. HYPOCRISY—we have plenty of it. If there is anything at all in this LIVING GOD we hear so much about, then let us either find it out or explode the whole subject, and go and worship the sun, or some other material thing.

I am afraid that I have strayed a little from the subject as I intended to discuss it—the subject of SIN. So I shall go back to it now. The first thing for the student to grasp is that THERE IS ONLY ONE SIN IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE—AND THAT SIN IS UNBELIEF. Never forget that. And never forget, further, that THIS WORLD, AS A WHOLE, STILL DISBELIEVES THE SAME THING THAT ITS TWO FOREPARENTS DISBELIEVED IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN—ALTHOUGH IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

And this sin of “unbelief” is entirely responsible for all the other “sins” in the world. Well, but you say, Dr. Robinson, are there not burglaries, murders, thefts, etc., and are not these all sins”? Yes, they are all “sins”—AND EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM IS DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO THAT ONE GREAT SIN AWAY BACK YONDER IN THE BEGINNING—THE SIN OF “UNBELIEF”. I think you will be able to see that, will you not? There is no room for discussion as to whether there is any actual sin in the world or not—it’s full of it, and only one with poor eyesight or a warped understanding or a faulty education would ever deny it. But it’s real—never doubt that.

If this world believed in the actual presence of the LIVING GOD, so close to it that it could literally speak to Him and get an answer, how much sin do you think would remain in the world, and for how long? The beauties of the spiritual existence would so overwhelm the “so-called” pleasures of THIS world that the one who fooled with them would be the exception rather than the rule.

But BECAUSE THIS WORLD CANNOT ACTUALLY SEE GOD, IT

\*My books, “THE GOD NOBODY KNOWS,” and “AMERICA AWAKENING,” go fully into the present church structure.

REFUSES TO BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS, FORGETTING ENTIRELY THAT THE EYE WHICH CAN SEE GOD WAS CLOSED AGES AGO.

But if my students will only grasp the mighty fact that the LIVING GOD IS PRESENT HERE AND NOW, and is vitally interested in every man's welfare—if I can get my students to see that—then I shall have accomplished a wonderful purpose. As I write this, my little Alfred is in the next room, painting. I do not see him. But I know he is there—and if I call him he will answer, "What is it, Daddy?"

It is the same identical thing with God. In the very atmosphere in which we move, and, now that we understand why we cannot see Him, we shall be very foolish if we do not comprehend the fact that He is there. I hope I have written this lesson intelligently enough to "put over" the fact as to just why we cannot actually see that He is here. It is not HIS fault that we cannot see him, and, personally speaking, neither is it ours. It is, however, the fault of those two fore parents of ours away back yonder at the creation of man, and while you and I personally had nothing whatsoever to do with the actual "unbelieving" of God, WE ARE THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THE COUPLE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLOSING OF THE EYES THAT ONCE COULD SEE HIM.

The Bible tells us that as by one man sin, or doubt, entered the world, by one man shall it be taken away again. That is up to us to do. These lessons are showing you how to do your part.

And so we see that there is only ONE sin in the world. The moment you recognize the facts I am teaching you about the actual presence of the Living God, just that moment will you bend every effort to know all you can about Him. You will find that the "physical" part of you is in "rebellion" against the "spiritual" part, but don't let that worry you—it always has been since the fall to date, and always will be until you yourself, by actual experience and practical work, learn just a little about the beauty of the presence of the Living God. And when you know just a little about THAT, you will lose all interest in the shallower things of this material earth.

I am not in the slightest degree "religious", as the word is used today, but may I say to you that to know this mighty Life Spirit is to love Him? And when you begin to know Him, you will fall in love with Him, too—you will not be able to help yourself.

Let me repeat to you once more that I am not a preacher, nor am I a "re-

ligious" man and in making the above statement to you, I speak as a hard-headed, cold-blooded business man and Psychologist.

The most beautiful moments I have ever experienced have been, and still are, the moments when the Living God makes His presence felt in my life. These are moments of extreme happiness, which is utterly unexplainable. These are moments of POWER, utterly unexplainable, and above all, these are moments of PEACE, utterly unexplainable. Can these moments be seen by the outside world? Not at all. They are moments of communion between my REAL SELF and its God.

SIN? There is no such a thing to the man who knows the Living God, and this same God is just enough not to impute either sin or its consequences to the man who honors Him by acknowledging Him, and talking to Him. Never fear about THAT man ever committing very many of the multitude of so-called "sins" in the universe today. THAT man has learned where the real joys of life lie, and he follows them just as naturally as a duck takes to the water.

Oh, how the preachers love to discuss the subject of "sin". It is such an unknown quantity that they can talk at length about it without any fear of contradiction. But you—who now know that there is only ONE SIN IN THE WORLD, and who know what that sin is, can look upon the matter in its true light, and just as sure as you talk to the Living God and commune with Him, YOU NEED NEVER WORRY YOUR HEAD ABOUT SIN OF ANY SORT. Remember that.

The Galilean carpenter saw the truth. He came to proclaim it, and He met with failure. What a pity it is that the millions of people today that have their names on the roll of some church or other, WILL NOT BELIEVE THE VERY CHRIST THEY ARE PROFESSEDLY FOLLOWING!

A noted "divine" said to me recently that if there ever was any big religious or spiritual upheaval coming to this world, it would have to come through "the church". I did not want to hurt this brother's feelings then, but I will say to him now that Christ tried ONCE to put His message across through the "church" and God Himself has been trying for the past 6000 years to do the same thing, and without result.

And both the Galilean Carpenter and God Himself have been so unsuccessful, THAT GOD IS NOW TURNING HIS EFFORTS FROM THOSE WHO PROFESS TO BELIEVE IN HIM, TO THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER MADE ANY SUCH PROFESSION. AND THE RESPONSE IS FAR

GREATER FROM THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH THAN IT EVER WAS FROM THOSE INSIDE IT.

I shall say this very kindly, but very firmly: If there ever is to be any manifestation of God through the present day structure as we have it, and which calls itself "the church," THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A MIGHTY BIG CHANGE IN IT FIRST. A CONVERSION, I WOULD CALL IT.

At this point I shall leave you till next week. I want you now to decide what is the one thing above all others that you most NEED (not want) in your life. I can tell you the thing that will make all other things possible, and that is a fuller revelation of the presence and power of the Living God. That may not be your idea now. It will be later, however. But for the present, decide what it is that you most NEED from this great Life Spirit. Then—in your hour of quiet meditation, use the formula: THE LIVING GOD IS—and then add whatever it is that you need most. For instance, if your need is of money, say: THE LIVING GOD GOD IS BRINGING ME MONEY. If you have some disease or other, makes no difference if it has been pronounced incurable or not, say the following: THE LIVING GOD IS MAKING ME WELL.

Under no circumstances must you ever make the assertion that YOU are doing it. It would be disastrous. YOU are NOT doing it, and, furthermore, you never will be able to do it. Neither can your "subconscious mind" do it, and never will be able to do it. THE LIVING GOD HIMSELF DOES IT—NOT YOU—AND NOT YOUR THEORETICAL "SUB-CONSCIOUS MIND", EITHER.

For instance, if you were trying to be rid of some disease or other, it would be disastrous for you to say: "I'll get rid of this—or I'll fix this"—or anything on that order, because if you do—you will be disappointed. Always let your assertion be that THE LIVING GOD IS NOW DOING JUST EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT DONE. And let me assure you, my friend, that if you never will doubt, and if you keep the communication open between you and this immutable Living God, YOU WILL NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED—for God is immutable LAW.

Keep the same affirmation going till I tell you to change it, or till you receive what you need.

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My dear sir:—

I HAVE FOUND BY A LIVING DEMONSTRATION THAT ONE CAN CONTACT WITH THE LIVING GOD BY FOLLOWING THE LESSONS AND DOING AS INSTRUCTED TO DO. I AM NOW ON LESSON 5 AND HAVE STUDIED IT AS I HAVE THE OTHERS UNTIL I KNOW EVERY WORD OF THEM.

I have not written before while making a study of the Lessons because I THOROUGHLY HAVE UNDERSTOOD THEM as I went along — It was a matter of making a demonstration — and — I HAVE MADE IT — I HAVE TOUCHED THE HEM so to speak. MORE, MORE, MORE.

With gratitude,

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P. S. This man is a prominent Attorney-at-Law and practices in all State and Federal courts. Surely this experience is to be envied. But it may be found by ALL who are in earnest about finding the most dynamic power in the universe—because THE POWER IS THERE.