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My main reason for writing this course of instruction was an intense desire to pass on to those countless thousands of honest, everyday, normal human beings, whose hearts are yearning for the truth, the facts of the Living God as I believe them to exist. It is probably unnecessary to say that this course of instruction did not spring into existence over night. Nor is the question of making money the main factor. Were we living in a less material age, it would possibly be feasible to give this entire course of instruction to everyone requesting it. In this age as it is, however, that is not possible—I wish it were.

I was practically born and raised within the shadow of the "church," my father being a well-known Baptist minister, and my mother, long since gone, one of the sweetest "Christian" women that ever drew breath. From my very earliest childhood, the one predominating desire of my life was to know the truth of God as it actually existed, and as it still does exist. My idea of God, taught to me in Sunday school, was the idea so prevalent at that time, and which is still prevalent today among those who claim to believe the Bible from "cover to cover." In brief, I had been taught, and thought I believed God to be some great unknowable power seated somewhere up in the sky, and upon the winning of whose favor rested my soul's eternal salvation or damnation.

I was informed that through Adam's "sin," away back yonder in the beginning, the entire human race, myself included, was in a naturally "lost" condition, from which the only avenue of escape lay in an experience called "conversion," which experience came subsequent to another experience called "repentance." If these experiences did not come to me, then, by no possible chance could I ever enter "heaven," but was automatically doomed to live forever in a lake burning with fire and brimstone. Jesus, I was told, by being crucified on the cross of Calvary, paid the debt which God demanded of him, and when I had gone through these two experiences of "repentance" and "conversion," then by an additional quality called "faith in Jesus Christ," I might, if I did not "backslide," finally have my name written in a book which God himself was keeping up in the sky, and which was called "The Lambs Book of Life." Woe be unto me and millions of others, however, who on the "judgment day" should stand before a "great white throne" and find to their sorrow that they had not measured up to the standard required, and had failed to have their names written in this "Lambs Book of Life." Eternal fire was their portion forever and ever.

Whether I actually believed this or not I do not know. All I know is that it was what I was instructed to believe by my parents. Whether or not they actually believed it themselves, I do not know either. It is to be presumed that they did. Or thought they did. However, I began to search for God at an early age. The experience called "repentance" would not come to me. I believed myself to be, as instructed, a "guilty, lost, hell-deserving sinner" doomed to everlasting fire unless I "repented" and was "saved."

But how to go through either experience, I knew not. I was certain of one thing—that I had committed no major sin of any kind, and were I to be doomed to an everlasting hell through not being able to repent of a sin another committed, seemed to me to be an injustice. I was very severely chided and punished, however,

for voicing this thought. So I kept my thoughts to myself after that and decided to try and find God by my own methods. The formula given me by my parents and preached by their denomination was earnestly and honestly tried by me, over and over again, but IT DID NOT WORK. It may work for others—it did NOT work in my case.

The fact that "penitent forms," "altars," etc., did not reveal to me anything about God, did not deter me in my search for him, however. I instinctively KNEW that there was a God of some sort, and I seemed also to instinctively know that He was NOT THE GOD I HAD BEEN TAUGHT TO BELIEVE IN. I could not understand the silence of God, nor could I understand why my prayers for a knowledge of Him went entirely unanswered. Many and many a night, on some lonesome mountain or beside the sea, have I poured out to God my bare soul, asking only to be shown the way to find Him. I begged. I pleaded. I suffered mentally as very few men have ever suffered. And still no voice in the night. Still no response. Nothing but stygian blackness rewarded my efforts—and these efforts were absolutely honest, and were nothing more nor less than the cry of an anguished soul for its maker. I consulted preacher after preacher, evangelist after evangelist. And the more I consulted them, the farther I seemed to get into the mire of disbelief. They all had a different formula to offer me and they all had a different interpretation of the Scripture. But they all DID agree that I was a "lost soul" entirely without hope in the world, and would most assuredly go down to the tomb in an "unsaved" condition unless I found God.

The sum and substance of their formula to me was "BELIEVE." But when pressed for a definite, understandable answer to my question "What shall I believe in?"—no logical answer was forthcoming. I was advised that the crucifixion of Jesus had satisfied the wrath of an angry God, and that if I "believed" that He actually "saved" me from "sin"—right here and now—then I was saved. I never could know however, for a fact, until I got over "on the other side." I could not possibly believe that the crucifixion of one guiltless man could wipe away the sins of millions of other guiltless men and thus satisfy the demands of a "just" God. The crucified was guiltless of any sin, so were the rest of the entire human race—except Adam and Eve. They were the two, I was told, who plunged the entire human structure into death and hell. It never dawned on me until years later to inquire into the story from a scientific and historical standpoint, to discover whether or not, the record as given in the Bible, and from which my father and mother taught, WAS AN ACTUAL RECORD OF THINGS AS THEY ACTUALLY HAPPENED. So I just simply kept up my search for God, and entirely by the method of prayer. Earnest—agonizing—pulsating prayer. I looked up to the skies and pleaded with God, no matter who or what He might be, to reveal himself to me. Very few men, I believe, would have had the bull-dog determination I displayed, in not giving up the attempt to find God, but in persistently hanging on, determined to find Him at no matter what cost.

It seemed to me, however, that the more earnestly I sought the light, the further into the darkness I got. Disaster followed disaster. Calamity followed calamity. And the more I tried to do right, the more I seemed to do wrong. I could not understand. Finally, after a severe business loss, which might easily have floored most men, I found myself absolutely penniless, with a wife and baby on my hands, and not enough in our home for them to eat. Through positively no fault of my own, I found myself in this condition. Sending my wife and family home, after borrowing the money from her folks, I paced the floor of my Hollywood home, which I was soon to lose, and rebelled at the injustice of it all. No man had ever sought for the light and harder than I had. No man had more earnestly endeavored to find God, than I had. And yet—here was disaster of the worst sort, dogging my footsteps until I was almost beside myself. Surely, I thought, no just God could permit this. In my anguish, I threw myself on the bed, and, with an aching heart, UTTERED THE LAST PRAYER TO AN UNKNOWN GOD THAT I HAVE EVER UTTERED. It was as follows:—"I have done my best to find You. Human effort can do no more. And I have utterly failed. There can be no hope for me now. But I have this one satisfaction—if I go down to hell, then I shall go with the full consciousness of having tried, as honestly, persistently, and as capably as is humanly possible to find You, God. If You, God, want to hide Yourself from me, and send me down to eternal torment in the face of these facts—then there is nothing more that I can do." And then and there I made up my mind that I had finished my search for God. Forty years had been wasted in a useless attempt to discover the God I had been taught to believe and trust in. I do not begrudge these forty years—I am only glad that I had the insatiable desire to hang on as long as I did.

And then a marvelous thing happened which caused me to renew my search—but in an entirely different direction. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE—THE LOAD OF SORROW I HAD BEEN CARRYING AROUND WITH ME WAS LIFTED. It disappeared in its entirety. I could not comprehend it at all. Here I was, having just made the statement that I was through searching after God, and, instead of a feeling of remorse which I felt sure would overcome me, I was experiencing a feeling of utter freedom and peace. What could it mean? The thought came to me that I had placed myself far beyond the pale of "repentance and salvation" and to my amazement, I found myself laughing at the thought. Thinking of the years spent in my futile efforts to find God through the church, I found myself, denying that the church as I knew it, knew anything about God at all. And then I read the Bible from an entirely new angle. I read it as a book and not as any divinely inspired book. "absolutely true from cover to cover."

I spent considerable time studying some of my old books which I had used while studying for the ministry, and noted a few discrepancies in the Bible stories of the Old Testament. It wasn't very long until I had discarded the Old Testament in its entirety. I discovered certain facts, which proved absolutely that the story as enfolded therein WAS NOT TRUE—in the sense at least in which I had been taught to believe it. I shall not enter into a discourse here about what the Bible is and what it is not. I am merely relating facts as they actually happened. And the one astounding fact to this point, is the fact that WHEN I WAS READY TO DISCARD ALL I HAD BEEN TAUGHT ABOUT GOD AND THE BIBLE—THEN—AND NOT 'TIL THEN—DID THE FIRST FAINT GLIMMER OF THE TRUTH OF GOD AS HE ACTUALLY EXISTS BEGIN TO BREAK in my life. That may not be the experience of others but it was my experience.

My newly found freedom, however, was shortly added to, as by the merest chance I became interested in the New Psychology. For several months it was rather difficult to get used to the idea of not believing on the hell-fire and brimstone God, but, as my reason began to assert itself, and as I continued my studies in church and Bible history, the more and more convinced was I that tradition is a terrible thing. I had wasted 40 years of my life. The Lord only knows how many other lives have been wasted in similar futile attempts to discover the traditional God.

But the study of the New Psychology came to me as a blaze of all-illuminating light. I began to see the larger aspect of things and to see how, in essence, there need be no clash between the New Psychology and religion. There is a very big clash between it and "dogmas and tradition." BUT THERE IS NO CLASH BETWEEN THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY AND THE RELIGION THAT JESUS CAME TO PROCLAIM. It is very true, as will be shown you in this course of instruction, that the New Psychology came just one step short of revealing the Living God as he actually exists, but considering the fact that this marvelous science is still in its infancy, I say to you, whoever you may be, reading this message, that the New Psychology has done and is still doing, MORE TO REVEAL GOD THAN ALL THE RELIGIONS THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN TO DATE. Had it not been for the New Psychology, this course of instruction would not have been written. I consider the fact that the revelation came to me instead of to some of the other Psychologists who have been searching and investigating, to mean nothing at all. Probably it was my intense earnestness alone which made the important discovery you will learn about. Let me repeat once more to you, that many and many a time I was literally called upon to "tread the winepress alone" in my search after God. I WOULD NOT QUIT. My mind was made up to either FIND HIM or to DIE IN THE ATTEMPT.

I found Him—but not in the way I had expected to—and not by the "repentance and salvation" method. THE FIRST THING THAT WAS NECESSARY FOR ME TO DO TO FIND GOD, WAS THAT I UTTERLY DISCARD ALL PRECONCEIVED AND TRADITIONAL NOTIONS of Him, that I entertained. When I did that—the light began to break. Mind you—I had not come into the full knowledge of Him yet, for as the years passed, and as I progressed in my studies in Psychology, I saw many points on which I was not clear. For instance:—I could not imagine God, in any working through ANY PART OF THE PHYSICAL ANATOMY. Nor could I co-relate the difficulty encountered by nearly all the students of the New Psychology, with its statement that the Universal "mind" was God.

It was very hard for me to imagine God requiring that one "go into silence" or "stare at some object" in an endeavor to "contact the subconscious mind." The theory of the "subconscious mind" was to me, at first very plausible and attractive. And it seemed perfectly logical. But I was not after the discovery of any "mind" of any sort. By now and through the New Psychology, I WAS STILL SEARCHING FOR THE SECRET OF THE LIVING GOD. I could not imagine God being so hard to find that hours of "sitting in the silence" were necessary to find Him. Nor could I imagine certain hours of the day being better in which to find Him, than other hours. To me—God should be just as easy to "contact" at three in the afternoon as He is "early in the morning on awakening" or "just before you go to sleep." Now mind you—I accomplished many things through what, at that time I considered to be, the "subconscious mind." And the very fact that the New Psychology teaches that this marvelous "mind," does not reason but "unerringly brings into actual manifestation the things impressed upon it to do," proves very conclusively to me, that the Living God—as this course of instruction will reveal Him to you—ACTUALLY EXISTS AND CAN ACTUALLY BE CONTACTED BY ANY NORMAL BEING AT ANY HOUR OF THE DAY OR NIGHT.

I was at a loss to understand just how those thousands of folks, whose mentality could not grasp the principles involved, on account of their inability to "contact" their "subconscious mind," would fare. There seemed to me to be a discrepancy missing somewhere. I was convinced, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the New Psychology would unerringly lead me to the actual facts of God as He exists but the "universal mind" and "subconscious mind" theory, and theories is all they are, had to be either discarded or modified. I very carefully studied every theory advanced, including the theory that the "universal mind" or "god-mind" or "cosmic consciousness" or any of the other 172 names given to the so-called mind, ACTUALLY OPERATED THROUGH SOME PART OF THE HUMAN ANATOMY. I could not believe that and do not believe it. In fact, this course of instruction will plainly show the students that this could not possibly be. THE LIVING GOD DOES NOT SO OPERATE. Neither does He need to have impressed upon Him, through the "subconscious mind," whatever it may be that you desire. HE KNOWS. And furthermore, let me tell you a secret concerning this mighty immutable Living God we are shortly to learn about—THE ONLY THING WHICH PREVENTS YOU FROM OBTAINING WHATEVER YOU NEED, NO MATTER WHAT IT MAY BE, RIGHT NOW, IS YOUR INABILITY TO ACTUALLY TAKE FROM HIM WHAT IT IS YOU NEED. If you are a student of the New Psychology—you probably have been going through various exercises, destined to enable you to "get across to your subconscious" what it is you need. You probably are under the impression that in some magic way, this "subconscious" of yours, connects with the "great master mind" of the universe, and through IT, will give you your heart's desire. But you probably have failed so far, to get it.

I make the unqualified statement to you now, that the Living God CAN, AND WILL GIVE YOU WHATSOEVER THINGS YOU DESIRE IN THIS LIFE—whether HEALTH, SUCCESS, or HAPPINESS—BUT IT WILL NOT BE DONE THROUGH THE POWER OF ANY "SUBCONSCIOUS" OR "UNIVERSAL MIND." It will be done in and through a far more perfect and understandable power than that. This course of instruction will show you that God, as God, has no mind, nor is He mind, nor does He operate as mind, nor has He any connection with "mind" of any sort. From His very essence He cannot possibly have. We know that sickness, poverty and unhappiness, CAN and DO exist where "mind" is. This course of instruction will show you that neither of these three CAN POSSIBLY EXIST—where God is. And you may depend upon it—that once you learn who and what the Living God is, and how he operates, and once you actually personally FIND HIM—your every need will be supplied. Your every want will be met and your sickness will be healed.

This course of instruction will show you the fallacy of looking for God within yourself. YOU WILL NOT FIND HIM THERE—so do not look for him there. When the truth, as I see it, broke upon me I was staggered by its immensity. I could hardly realize it. And yet—there it was—there it had ever been—right under my nose, and so plainly visible, that I, expecting some mystery, had been unable to see and grasp it. And you may depend upon it, when once I realized the secret of the Living God, the poverty clamps loosened up, the sickness clamps loosened up, and the unhappiness clamps went a thousand miles into the nowhere.

I am not infallible by any means—but I am just an ordinary human being like yourself. But it would

have been impossible for any man to pursue the search for God as doggedly and persistently as I did without finding Him. Were that possible—then there would be neither God nor justice in the universe, and in closing I will ask you to believe me when I say to you that THE LIVING GOD, as He actually exists, and can be contacted today, IS, in my opinion, THE MOST DYNAMIC, INVISIBLE POWER IN THE UNIVERSE, and as one of the Bible writers said, "Is able to give us exceedingly abundantly above ALL THAT WE CAN ASK OR THINK"—and actually, LITERALLY GIVE it to us right here and now.

In this course of instruction I shall be glad to have you take up with me personally, any matter connected with the course which may not seem clear to you. Naturally, a course of instruction, as stupendous as this course is, must be very much condensed, as a book could be easily written on each lesson. I stand willing to help in any way that I may be able to, while you are studying my course and if you will do as I ask you to, you will in all probability, bless the day it was brought to your attention.

Every promise Jesus made, LITERALLY STANDS. I am not saying that I believe Him to have any immaculate conception whatsoever. The course goes fully into that. But I AM saying that his words went thousands of miles over the heads of His hearers, and that they miss His message in its entirety. I believe, that when Jesus said:—"The things that I do ye shall do also"—He meant JUST EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID. And I believe further that it is possible to duplicate every work that He ever did, EVEN TO RAISING THE DEAD—when we understand spiritual truth as HE understood.

I know it to be entirely possible for you and I to ask of God, whatsoever things we need, no matter what they may be, AND GET THEM. Students of the New Psychology by the thousands are healing sickness and diseases, and giving the credit to the power of the "subconscious mind." They are on the verge of a mighty truth, and, while still in ignorance of this truth, are so close to it that they are enabled to do the things that Jesus said they should do, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE CALLING THE POWER USED BY AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT NAME OTHER THAN WHAT IT IS. What a difference there will be, when the power, only slightly known, and spasmodically used, and alluded to as the power of the "subconscious mind," is known for what it actually is.

And what a difference there will be in the lives of men and women, when they learn the staggering truth as you are about to learn it. To be able to instantly TALK TO the Living God personally and to KNOW, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he has heard and WILL ANSWER, is one of the most stupendous happenings that can ever come to man or woman. The knowledge has to be learned somewhat slowly, however. Steeped in tradition and superstition for the past 6,000 years, it is so ingrained into our very nature, that it will not be displaced immediately. The exercises given you to do in this course of instruction are designed to give you vital, living contact with the most dynamic, invisible power in the universe, in the shortest possible time. THE POWER IS THERE. It has always been there. But because it was invisible it has NOT BEEN BELIEVED.

What a pity it is that the New Psychology did not go just ONE STEP FARTHER. Had it done so—this course never would have been written. No one man can learn the entire truth, however. One sows—another reaps. What little help I may be able to be to those whose aim is to get the very most out of life—I am glad to give, and in this course of instruction, as the marvelous truths dawn upon you, you will wonder why you did not grasp it before. I believe that if the instructions, as given in this course of instruction are implicitly obeyed, exactly as I prescribe them, that they are more than sufficient to revolutionize your whole life, and to give you "whatsoever things ye desire."

Cordially yours,

DR. FRANK B. ROBINSON.

P. S.—"PSYCHIANA" is chartered by the State of Idaho, and has the express authority to investigate the Science of Psychology. This course of instruction is the result of our investigation.—F. B. R.