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A NEW AND REVOLUTIONARY TEACHING, FOUNDED ON THE WORDS OF THE GALILEAN CARPENTER, AND DESIGNED TO SHOW ITS FOLLOWERS HOW TO ACTUALLY FIND AND USE THE MOST POTENT, DYNAMIC POWER IN THE UNIVERSE—THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD.

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(FOREWORD)

In presenting this Lecture, we ask you to be quiet and thoughtful while reading it. Get away from everybody. Be alone. The great truths of God are almost invariably revealed to us when we are “quiet.” It is the “still” small voice that speaks to us—and if you are to draw from this Lecture some of the truth it contains, then it is essential that you quieten yourself and concentrate on the truths herein contained.

We presume that you are very much in earnest in your search for the actual truth as it exists—otherwise you would not be reading this. It will pay you to stay in earnest, and to quietly absorb the staggering truths that this Lecture, and the course following it, reveal. The Lecture has been written very simply, so that it may be read easily, but nevertheless—the truths it contains are pulsating with power—pregnant with possibilities, and scriptural in their entirety. Some of the statements made herein may seem “uncharitable” and somewhat “cold-blooded” but let it be remembered that Dr. Robinson hews to the line—letting the chips fall where they may. The truth as it exists has been so clouded and befuddled by dogma and superstition that gloves cannot be used in unmasking the erroneous beliefs existent today. They must be torn from their throne. So read this quietly, earnestly, sincerely, and if it so be that you study the entire course with us—we shall be happy, and believe you will be repaid a thousand times.

There is nothing supernatural in the entire universe. All is governed by immutable, inviolable, and never-changing Law. There are many things which at first sight appear to be supernatural, but on examining these things we find that they are not supernatural at all. Only our inability to comprehend them—or our ignorance of the principles involved—makes these things appear to belong to the “supernatural realm.”

By “universe” I mean the entire creation both seen and unseen, from the farthest planet, millions and billions and trillions of miles away, whirling through space at a speed inconceivable to mortal consciousness, to the lowliest little bug that clings to the underside of a half buried rock, scampering to darkness at the first approach of the light.

I include in the term “universe” every living thing, including the human race, and every animate and inanimate object of every sort and kind. The same immutable Law governs them all. Nothing of any kind CAN exist without this mighty, invulnerable, and little understood “Law.”

While walking in my yard recently, my attention was attracted to a flock of wild geese flying high in the sky, and filling the air below with their “honks.” It was the spring of the year, and the geese were flying in their well-known “V-shaped” formation, so familiar to most of us.

Wintering among the rice-fields of sunny Southern California, at the first signs of spring these feathered creatures, true to the "instinct" within them, were on their way thousands of miles north to the golden grain-fields of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Their flight was governed by the same immutable law of the universe, about which I am speaking, and from the moment of their taking to the air, their arrival at their destination was a foregone conclusion.

If I were to ask the question: "What was it that guided these supposedly senseless creatures with such unerring accuracy over the thousands of miles of earth straight to their destination?"—I should, in all probability be informed, by the average man or woman, that it was their own "instinct" which guided them. But it was more than that.

The truth of the matter is this:—In leaving their winter home among the rice fields and heading toward their summer home in the grain-fields these geese were guided by the same immutable, unchanging Law which we are here discussing.

BY NO CHAIN OF CIRCUMSTANCES COULD THIS MIGHTY LAW MISDIRECT OR MISLEAD THESE GEESE, AND BY NO "CHANCE HAPPENING" COULD IT DIRECT THEM ASTRAY. NEVER COULD THIS LAW SEND THESE GEESE IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, AND BY NO CHANCE COULD THEY FIND THEMSELVES LOST, A THOUSAND MILES OUT OVER THE OCEAN, OR HUNGRY IN THE ICY WASTES OF LABRADOR.

They were, unconsciously 'tis true, complying with the Law governing their existence—AND THE LAW COULD NOT FOOL THEM.

A few weeks ago, my little six-year-old boy came running in to me so excited he could hardly speak coherently. His dirty little face radiated the happiness and joy that can only be radiated from the face of a child. He informed that two robins were building their nest in a tree in our back yard, and, taking me by the hand, he pulled me out into the yard to see them.

There were the two little robins tugging at a piece of string and trying to break it so that they might use it in the building of their half-completed nest in the tree overhead. Finally their combined efforts parted the piece of string, and away they flew with it to the nest.

It was a foregone conclusion that in due time the nest would be finished, the little blue eggs appear, and, a little later, the tiny baby robins themselves would break through the fragile shells of the eggs, bringing gladness and happiness to the hearts of the parent couple who had worked so hard to sever the string in my back yard.

From the very first moment, when the robins decided to mate, all their operations and functions had been guided, controlled, and directed by the same mighty law that directs all the activities of the universe.

Not for one moment did that parent couple doubt that their efforts to raise their tiny family would be successful. Not for one moment did it enter their heads that anything other than baby robins would appear. The universal, immutable Law could not "fool" them, and by no chain of circumstances could there appear, instead of the expected baby robins, A NEST FULL OF SCORPIONS.

This morning from my study window, among the beautiful hills and grain fields of Northern Idaho, I watched the farmers planting their grain. After the fields have been planted, these Idaho farmers will rest secure in the assurance that in the fall, the ripe ears of golden grain will appear.

Nothing further remains for them to do with the grain. They have done their part by planting it. Should they be foolish enough to dig it up, to see whether it was growing or not, their efforts to raise a harvest would come to naught. There would be no harvest. But—resting securely in the absolute knowledge that in

due season the ripened ears of golden grain WILL appear, they are at liberty to direct their effort to whatsoever they will.

The same immutable LAW governing this entire universe, has taken complete charge of operations at this point, and THIS GREAT, MIGHTY, IMMUTABLE LAW WILL NOT "FOOL" THE FARMER. BY NO CHAIN OF CIRCUMSTANCES CAN HE, HAVING PLANTED GRAIN, EVER REAP A HARVEST OF JACK-PINES OR CACTUS.

It would be useless for you or I to try to catch a glimpse of what was happening to that grain while in the earth. I do not know what happens to it—neither do you. And all the farmer knows about it is that if he will till the soil, plant the seed, and LEAVE IT ALONE, it will bring forth an abundant harvest—later.

If I were to take two barrels, one filled with soil and the other filled with sawdust, and plant in each of them a few grains of wheat, it is not hard to predict what would happen. Within a few weeks, in the barrel containing the soil, the little green shoots would appear, and, in time, the ripened ears of grain would appear also.

I could watch the barrel containing the sawdust a long time, however, before any little green shoots would appear in it. Are we to infer then that the grain of wheat knows the difference between soil and sawdust? I do not think so. Neither can we infer that either the soil or the sawdust even KNOW that grains of wheat have been placed in them, for neither wheat, soil, nor sawdust, of themselves have any thinking ability, or intelligence of any sort.

Some Psychologists would have us believe that the fact of the matter is, that each grain of wheat was "in tune with the universal mind"—and that because of this fact, the wheat just naturally grows.

That, however, IS NOT THE ANSWER. "Mind"—whatever that unknown quantity may or may not be, does not enter into the growth of the grain of wheat. Rest assured of that fact. The explanation of the entire transition of one grain of wheat into 100 or 1,000 grains is very simple.

Let it suffice for the present to say that the same natural Law governing the entire created scheme of things is entirely responsible for it all. "Mind"—has nothing whatever to do with it. IT IS LAW—AND LAW CANNOT BE MIND.

We now come to an important, and extremely vital part of our discussion. Here, I want to state that THE SAME NATURAL LAW WHICH GOVERNED THE FLIGHT OF THE GEESE—WHICH GOVERNED, AND STILL GOVERNS THE BIRTH OF THE ROBINS, AND WHICH CHANGES ONE GRAIN OF WHEAT INTO A FULL EAR, OPERATES WITH UNERRING ACCURACY AND CERTAINTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE AFFAIRS OF YOUR HUMAN LIFE.

This Law is responsible for every business success and for every failure. It is responsible for health and it is responsible for sickness. Now here please mark me well. WERE THERE NO SUCH LAW, THERE COULD BE NO SUCH THING AS SUCCESS OR FAILURE, NOR COULD THERE BE SUCH A THING AS SICKNESS OR HEALTH.

Wherever you see a successful man or woman, there you see a man or woman who has used this mighty Law. The probability is that they UNCONSCIOUSLY used it, but that they DID use it, is a fact, proven by their success. And so it is in the case of failure. This man or woman is conducting his or her affairs CONTRARY TO THE GREAT LAW, and failure manifests.

It cannot do otherwise. Please remember once more that "mind" has nothing whatsoever to do with it.

When Mr. Andrew Carnegie was a poor boy, and working for a dollar a day, he made the statement to some of his poor friends that before he died he would be the richest man in the world. Now if I were to ask Mr.

Carnegie if he ever consciously used the immutable Law of the universe governing the accumulation of wealth, his reply would probably be that he did not.

But he did. The chances are that he used it unknowingly, but that he DID use it there can be no doubt. The trained Psychologist knows that in making the statement he did make, Mr. Carnegie WAS using this mighty Law.

If it is a fact then that there is in operation, in all of your affairs, and mine, the mighty Law that governs the universe, directing either for success or failure—directing either for health or illness—(according to how it is used) then it is obvious that an understanding of this Law is necessary in order for us to manifest health, success, or happiness—or the reverse.

And you may rest assured of THIS fact:—viz, neither success, health, nor happiness can possibly manifest if the Law governing them is not rightly understood, and rightly used. It would be foolish to expect them to. So also it is manifestly impossible for failure, sickness and poverty to manifest, where the Law is used for the manifestation of their very opposites.

As you progress in these studies, and as you comprehend just what this marvelous Law is, you will know that you must do either one of two things. Either you use the Law for the manifestation of the things you desire, or you neglect to use the Law—probably through ignorance of its presence—and in which latter case, sickness, poverty, and failure, with all the other allied inconveniences, will automatically manifest themselves in spite of anything you can do to prevent it.

This Law is a far mightier power than you probably realize at this time. It is invulnerable—it is inviolate—it is immutable—and it is UNCHANGEABLE. I have stated this before and I shall state it over and over again throughout this course of instruction. It has stood through uncounted ages, and will stand through uncounted ages more. It will stand till the end of time—and time has no end.

Your weak efforts to evade it or to escape from it were they not so tragic, would be pitiable. There is no escape from it—because IT IS A LAW. Many a man and woman has vainly imagined that he or she could thwart this Law, and, when the futility of such efforts has finally been realized—they have committed suicide.

When, however, we intelligently learn of this Law, and make use of it for our own good, you will see as you progress in your studies, that YOU, through the immutability of this Law, may bring into existence whatever conditions and things you desire. And let me say to you further that before you finish your studies you will find out that the entire universe was brought into existence by THE VERY SAME MEANS YOU WILL USE TO BRING INTO EXISTENCE THE THINGS YOU DESIRE.

You will, of course, understand here, that by no possibility could you ever manifest in your own affairs, through the use of this great Law, something contrary to the Law itself. It is in endeavoring to do just this that so many have brought tragedy and disaster into their lives. For I have stated that this Law is invulnerable. IT CANNOT BE OVERCOME.

Perhaps the greatest single factor in bringing to light in recent years many marvelous discoveries concerning this great Law has been the New Psychology—and please do not confound the New Psychology with the old materialistic Psychology. They are as far removed from each other as are the stars.

Men of unquestioned integrity and ability have fearlessly tackled the great unseen realm, and, by dint of hard work and untiring effort and scientific research, have wrested from it at least a few of its secrets. And truly marvelous they are. Of course—there is much to be discovered yet, but the efforts of these daring Psychologists have left us a sign-post along the highway, and the sign-post has led us unerringly toward the end of the trail.

These noble fellows have not labored in vain—their efforts have been crowned with success—and only

those keeping pace with the remarkable scientific and psychological discoveries of the past 10 years have the faintest conception of the masterly work accomplished by these daring pioneers, or of the staggering discoveries made. They have fought—they have dared—they have won.

True it is that none of them to date have been able to present to the world the actual revelation of the LIVING GOD as he exists and operates—but that was only to be expected. No man can present or discover the entire truth. One sows—and another reaps.

I am, however, convinced of one thing. Had not these brilliant pioneers of the Spiritual Realm discovered the mighty facts they have discovered, no one could have learned of them. And had they never been learned, the chances are many to one that this revelation of the Living God as he exists and operates—could not have been given to the world anxiously awaiting to receive it.

I accept no credit for their discoveries. The credit is due to the men who made them. And in presenting the facts of this Living God, as they have been revealed or disclosed to me, I am merely being "obedient to the Heavenly vision"—that is all.

I am merely passing on that which I have received of the truth and as it goes out—I bid it "God-speed."

Were I, because of the publicity entailed, or for any other reason, to refuse to pass along to the world these mighty truths as they have been received by me—the world would not suffer. I should probably lose the vision—and someone else would catch it and would present it, probably far more capably than I am able to do it.

For this immutable Law cannot be swerved from its purpose by any puny man—and I pity the man or woman who entertains for one moment the idea that he or she is necessary in the eternal plan of things—or who consider themselves superior to, or outside of the influence of this mighty immutable Law.

It will ruthlessly brush aside those who should attempt to thwart its purpose. It will handsomely reward those who recognize it, and rely upon it for help.

At this point I shall tarry for a little while, and review the main findings of the New Psychology.

Three great outstanding theories have been developed and advanced. They have also been accepted as the truth. They are as follows:—First—that man has a "conscious mind." This "conscious mind" is supposed to control all the voluntary functions of the body, and is supposed to operate through the "senses"—sight, touch, smell, hearing, speaking, etc.

Everything connected with our material existence, i. e., our homes, our business, and all the "conscious" functions of our bodies, is all considered to be under the direct control of our "conscious mind." There are other functions attributed to this "conscious mind," but we will not discuss any of them here.

There may be an element of truth in the claim that there is such a thing as a conscious "mind"—but in the absence of an understandable definition of just what "mind" is, we are all at sea. There is a "something" that has been alluded to as the "conscious mind," which performs the functions of this so-called "conscious mind," but it is not within the province of these lessons here to discuss it.

What I am after now, is to review the findings of the New Psychology, and to arrive at a definite statement of what it has and has not discovered. So we shall pass over, for the time being, any further allusions to this "mind."

Then there is presumed to be a "subconscious mind" also. The functions of this mind, however, are not quite as easily understood as may be the functions of the "conscious mind." It is much more ethereal in its nature, and while the words "subconscious mind" seem to be on every other tongue nowadays, no one seems to be able to give a definition of what this so-called "subconscious mind" actually is.

Every writer has a different name for it, and every Psychologist, while agreed in the main as to its activities, lays at its door many vague and to me, very questionable activities. One Psychologist of note makes the plain statement that there is no such thing as a "subconscious mind." And considering the standing of this one man, his words automatically demand very serious attention. I refer to the former Dean of Psychology at Harvard University—Dr. Hugo Munsterberg.

We are informed, however, that this "great subconscious mind," be it what it may, takes complete charge of all bodily functions not under the direct control of the "conscious mind." Such functions as the digestion and assimilation of food, the repairing and restoring of the body in case of illness, and such other involuntary functions, are all supposed to be under the direct charge and supervision of this remarkable "mind."

It is very interesting to read the various claims which are made for this "mind," and if in reality it actually does what is claimed for it, then indeed it is a truly remarkable "mind." One of the greatest claims made for this "mind is the claim that once an idea or desire is registered in it, it will leave no stone unturned to bring into actual manifestation the things laid upon it to do.

It is presumed to be no respecter of persons, and, we are told, it has no "conscience." According to its proponents, it takes ideas and thoughts sent down to it from the "conscious mind," and, unless hindered, actually brings these things into manifestation. Many miracles of healing, wealth, happiness, etc., are laid directly at the door of this "subconscious mind," and we are informed that there is nothing that it cannot and will not do, once its wisdom and power are invoked.

(IT IS HERE THAT THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY ALMOST FINDS OUT THE STAGGERING TRUTH, AS YOU ARE ABOUT TO LEARN IT.)

There are on record too many authentic cases of "miraculous" healings both of "mind" and body, to deny the existence, either of this "subconscious mind," OR OF SOME OTHER POWER WHICH HAS, FOR WANT OF A BETTER NAME, BEEN CALLED THE "SUBCONSCIOUS MIND."

The phenomena connected with it are too many for the trained Psychologist to lightly brush them aside and close his eyes to them. In fact the trained Psychologist will not do that, as he is vitally interested in FACTS AS THEY EXIST. Too many scientific Psychologists have gone on record as believing in the actuality of this "subconscious mind" to haphazardly deny its existence.

(At this point I shall ask you to please remember that the entire Science of the New Psychology is still "new" and still in its infancy.)

I must refrain from going into detail as to just what this mind is supposed to do, and just as to how it is supposed to operate. Suffice it to say, that I will simply repeat a former statement and re-iterate that at this point the Psychologists came FAR CLOSER TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE ACTUAL "SECRET" OF THE LIVING GOD THAN THEY IMAGINED.

(It was at this point that my actual work and research, which has led to the marvelous discovery this course of study will reveal, began.)

How some of the other Psychologists missed it, is a mystery to me. Men with far more ability than I possess, have worked all around the solution and the facts connected with life's so-called "secret," and to date, so far as I know, none of them have ever grasped it. I know for a fact that some have suspected the truth, but to date it has never been published or given to the world. If it has, then I am in ignorance of the fact.

Deeper down than the "subconscious mind," according to the New Psychology, there is still another, and far greater "mind." This "mind" is called the "universal mind" and has been variously alluded to as the "COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS"—"THE OVER SOUL"—The "SUBLIMINAL MIND," etc., etc. To date I have found one hundred and seventy-six different names which have been applied to this "universal mind."

It is supposed to be the "GREAT MASTER MIND" that sustains all life whether it be vegetable, animal or human. Some Psychologists tell us that all nature is but an expression of some phase or other of this "universal mind." One of my old instructors holds and teaches that view and it seems to be very popular among those teaching the New Psychology.

It is from THIS "mind," we are told, that the "subconscious mind" draws its great wisdom. It is presumed to be able to know and manifest everything that this "universal mind" knows or can manifest. The ramifications of this "universal mind" are many and varied, and the subject itself is an immense one. I cannot take the time to discuss it now—much as I would like to.

Suffice it to say that ONCE MORE THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY CAME WONDERFULLY CLOSE TO THE LIVING TRUTH.

What a pity it seems, that someone far more capable than I am did not see the solution of the "riddle of the universe." To me it shines forth in remarkable beauty and simplicity, and how anyone, as capable as many of our great Psychologists are, should have missed the glorious truth, is past my comprehension.

And now to "sum up" a little. We have then according to the New Psychology—the "conscious mind"—the "subconscious mind"—and the "universal mind." BUT—WHEN PRESSED FOR A PLAIN, UNDERSTANDABLE DEFINITION OF THESE "MINDS" THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY DOES NOT, AND INDEED CANNOT GIVE IT. And neither can anyone else dealing in the term of "mind."

The word itself is too intangible. The truths of this universe and its God are so plain, when once understood, that the commonest, most uneducated man, can understand and use them. The inability of the exponents of the New Psychology to define the results of their discoveries in any other term than "mind," robs these discoveries, marvelous though they may be, of their power. It does not reveal the secret of the source of things as they are, or as they have happened. And if it does not do this—then one is just where he started.

He finds himself in a somewhat similar maze to that in which he finds himself when he attempts to discover who and what GOD is through the quagmire into which the many diversifications of religious teachings in the world today have plunged him.

One has nothing tangible nor definite on which to go. I defy any man to glean one single solitary scientific fact about GOD from the thousands of different sects, creeds and denominations, masquerading as teachers of religion in the present age. About all one can get is—believe, and when PRESSED FOR A DEFINITE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO BELIEVE IN—no answer is forthcoming.

BLIND BELIEF IS UNSCIENTIFIC, AND CANNOT POSSIBLY LEAD ANYONE ANYWHERE—EXCEPT PERHAPS INTO MORE DOUBT. AND TO ASK A MAN TO BELIEVE SOMETHING THAT HIS MENTALITY CANNOT GRASP, IS ASKING THAT MAN TO DO A PHYSICAL AND MENTAL IMPOSSIBILITY.

For this reason the statement of the New Psychology that the "universal mind" is the great creative power of the universe, and the power from which we all obtain our existence is a statement which means—NOTHING AT ALL.

From this point on will you please follow me closely. If you read wisely, you may find the answer to the "riddle of the universe" in the following sentences. I shall make some very definite statements at this point, and first of all I shall take my stand with Dr. Hugo Munsterberg, and DENY THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SUCH A THING AS A "SUBCONSCIOUS MIND."

I DENY FURTHER THAT THERE IS ANY SUCH THING AS A "UNIVERSAL MIND" EITHER.

Now listen:—A UNIVERSAL GOD IS WHAT IT IS—NOT A UNIVERSAL MIND.

Ponder over this statement for a while, and watch the light begin to break. The chances are, many to one that you will begin to realize, in some little degree at least, the tremendous import of all that this statement carries with it. You will begin to realize the staggering fact that YOU YOURSELF are definitely and inseparably joined, not through the "subconscious mind" to the "universal mind" BUT TO THE LIVING GOD. AND I SAID *LIVING GOD*.

And as you realize more and more the truth of this statement—and you WILL realize the truth of it—you will probably stand in utter awe and amazement, as this stupendous revelation begins to make its power known to you. AND IT WILL—just as surely as you are reading this piece of paper.

Naturally, it will take a little time for this marvelous truth of the actual presence of this mighty Power—GOD, the Law that made this universe—to make itself known to you and throughout the world. Steeped in superstition and false teaching for the past 2,000 years, it has become a part of man's very nature to believe himself to be a "guilty, lost, hell-deserving sinner." Hereditary beliefs of 2,000 years' standing and duration, cannot be eradicated from the race over night.

(Unless, of course, expert advice is given as to how to cast those false beliefs in their entirety, completely out of one's life.)

This course of study will attempt to do just that. The truth stands. It always has stood—it always will. Whether we have realized it or not makes no difference to the truth. FOR TRUTH IS TRUTH, and will endure to the end of the ages—whether believed or not.

The course will teach you, step by step, the mighty truths that cannot be gone into here, and this mighty LIVING GOD (to which I first referred as Law) will begin to actually manifest himself IN YOUR DAILY LIFE AND AFFAIRS through the exercises you will be given to do. The time will come when actual practical work in discovering the LIVING GOD will not be necessary. But it is necessary now.

As you advance in your studies you will find the knowledge completely revolutionizing all your previous ideas of God. You will find that he is NOT some great unknown personage seated on a throne in the sky, directing operations down here as he sees fit. THE LIVING GOD DOES NOT OPERATE IN THAT MANNER, NOR DOES HE OPERATE FROM "WITHIN" YOU.

He is always the same, and is the same to EVERY LIVING CREATURE. Some were not foreordained to eternal punishment and others to eternal bliss—do not for a moment believe such statements as this. Neither is there a supreme being who is watching us to see whether or not we do the "wrong" thing or the "right" thing.

GOD IS LAW. A mighty operating LAW, and will be to you JUST EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE. It will give you exactly what you want it to give you—in fact—everything you can possibly need for your comfort and well-being HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED FOR YOU, whether HEALTH, WEALTH, or DOMESTIC HAPPINESS.

It only remains for you to take it, and this course of study will show you the Law of how to take it. Let me say to you here, that sooner will the heavens fall than that you be disappointed in obtaining WHATSOEVER YOU DESIRE TO BE MADE MANIFEST IN YOUR LIFE—provided that you comply with this mighty Law. IF THE DESIRE FOR THESE GOOD THINGS IS THERE—THE FULFILLMENT IS ALSO THERE.

THE WILD GEESE WERE NOT "FOOLED"—THE LITTLE ROBINS ARE NOT "FOOLED"—THE IDAHO FARMERS ARE NOT "FOOLED"—AND NEITHER WILL YOU BE. Rest assured of that.

No man ever lived who saw and understood the mighty truths that will be presented to you, as did the Galilean Carpenter 2,000 years ago. But because those to whom He preached had other ideas as to what God should be, they refused to accept the truth as He presented it. These same truths, which you will learn through this course of study, were preached by that Carpenter with all the earnestness at His command.

BUT THEY WENT A MILLION MILES OVER THE HEADS OF HIS HEARERS. And those who did attempt to follow Him, after His death immediately began to place their own interpretations on them. until today, nearly 2,000 years later, we have almost 300 different systems of religion in the world.

They cannot all have the truth, and if any one of them had the truth as it actually exists, and as the Carpenter of Galilee preached it, **THE REST OF THEM WOULD FALL BY THE WEIGHT OF THEIR OWN ERROR.** In the effort that has been made to put a "human" interpretation on truths too great for that, we have had 2,000 years of tragedy, error, bloodshed and strife—and most of it in the name of GOD. What a blasphemy.

The human race, however, seems to be somewhat nauseated with these efforts to interpret the things pertaining to God and the universe, and mark well what I now say to you—it will turn to the truth, as presented now, and people by the thousands will accept and **KNOW** this wonderful **LIVING GOD**—when they are taught who and what he really is.

And so we find ourselves once more back to the same teachings that Jesus taught. It has been hard for the race to "kick against the pricks." But our forefathers evidently did just that—and we have had to suffer for it. Now that the true light is beginning to break, and now that the "common people" can learn just how to **KNOW** this mighty **GOD-LAW**, things will be different.

Let the human race once realize that the **LIVING GOD, THOUGH INVISIBLE, IS EVER PRESENT AS THE MOST DYNAMIC FORCE IN THE WORLD, AND LET THEM REALIZE FURTHER THAT IT IS AN IMMUTABLE LAW THAT THIS MIGHTY INVISIBLE DYNAMIC FORCE CAN AND WILL GIVE THEM WHATSOEVER THINGS THEY DESIRE—YOU MAY SAFELY DEPEND UPON IT THAT THEY WILL BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO KNOW THIS MIGHTY GOD-LAW WHEN THE TRUTH ABOUT IT AS IT ACTUALLY IS, IS EXPLAINED.**

As you progress in your studies, you will find that there is only one "sin" in the world. That sin is the sin of "unbelief." It is only found in the human race. It is responsible for all other sins in the world, and is responsible for all the sickness and poverty in the world as well.

Where the **LIVING GOD** is, or, in other words, where this mighty dynamic Law operates, there can be neither sin, sickness, nor poverty. It is inconceivable that there could be. This unbelief, however, is a subtle thing, and was well likened to a serpent ages ago.

This is the message of this course on instruction in finding the **LIVING GOD**. Its author and teacher makes the unqualified statement that the **LIVING GOD IS THE MOST DYNAMIC FORCE IN THIS UNIVERSE TODAY, AND FOR THAT MATTER HAS ALWAYS BEEN.** But because this mighty power was invisible it has not been believed. **THIS COURSE OF LESSONS, HOWEVER, WILL PROVE TO YOU THAT THERE ACTUALLY IS THIS LIVING FORCE, ACTUALLY WORKING FOR YOU IF YOU WILL LET IT.**

What you do with it is your lookout. I can show you how to use it but I cannot make you. I believe, however, that you are ready and anxious to be shown something about this mighty power—so let us hasten to our studies and start our journey together along the road which will lead you to the realization of your desires.