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"Know Ye not that Ye are the Temple of God and that the Spirit of God Liveth in You?" --1 Corinthians 3:16

Introduction

During the past year a flood of questions and inquiries has been received pertaining to the operations and teachings of the Psychiana Religion. This booklet was designed especially to fill this demand and to answer many common questions concerning the Psychiana Religion.

A Brief History

"I TALKED WITH GOD"

... yes I did, actually and literally

As a result of that little talk with God, some twenty years ago, there came into my life a Power so staggering that at first I wondered about it! Then, when I realized that it was the Power of God, I discovered that I had been


Dr. Frank B. Robinson

and I drive a wonderful Cadillac.

YOU, TOO CAN TALK WITH GOD, and when you do, if there is lack in your life, this same Power which came into mine can come into yours. Fear, distrust, and all

The beginning. Many people who glanced through "Psychology" magazine back in 1928 were startled when they came across this bannerline. It was Dr. Frank B. Robinson's first advertisement, and with it the Psychiana Religion was launched; launched amid a storm of protest from all quarters. Cries of "Racketeer," "Faker," "Atheist," "Anti-Christ," and "The Devil Himself" were heard. But behind the decision of Frank B. Robinson to try to reveal to others the Power of the Living God—"here and now," lay a great story. A story of suffering and searching, a story of denial of the actual existence of God on the earth by scores of orthodox ministers. It was a great story because this man, through years of seeking the truth, finally found and contacted that great Power which is God, and chose to make the revelation of this Power to others his life work. The discovery that one could talk with God, coupled with an insatiable desire to impart this message to others was and has ever been the reason and justification for the existence of the Psychiana Religion.

The early days of Psychiana. During the embryonic days of the Psychiana Religion there was only one question in Frank Robinson's mind: "Did humanity *really* want to find God?" That question was readily answered within the first two years of operations. Letters came pouring in by the thousands, an overwhelming majority stating the same general theme: "Yes! I know what you are saying is the truth, and I *have* found the Power of the Living God in my life." Other letters told of "miraculous healings," of an abundance of peace and joy, and of freedom from material want. Yes, the question raised at the launching of the Psychiana Religion by Frank Robinson had been answered—by men and women who had suddenly found God.

As Psychiana grew. The first home of the Psychiana Religion was on the second floor of a downtown Moscow office building, and consisted of just one small room. Frank Robinson and his wife would go down at night to this tiny office and answer the letters which came in during the day and also mail out the lessons to the first students of Psychiana. Robinson was still working as a pharmacist in the Corner Drug Store, but he quickly realized that all of his attention must be devoted to Psychiana. Through the early 1930's the Psychiana headquarters were changed four times, as each preceding office became too small.

Finally, a new building was erected in downtown Moscow in 1934 which became the international headquarters of the Psychiana Religion. As this rapid growth continued, another building was acquired, and at the present time the Psychiana Religion occupies two large office buildings in downtown Moscow.

More recently. In August, 1947, three-quarters of a city block was purchased for the purpose of erecting a new building for the Psychiana Religion, consolidating all departments under one roof. It is planned that this structure be erected within the next five years.

It has been shown by the people of the world that the Psychiana Religion is needed today just as it was needed twenty years ago—even more so. With all of the chaos in the world today, the mistrust among nations, the quibbling of countries among themselves, and rampant civil wars, there is a definite need for knowledge of the Power of the Living God. With knowledge of God comes peace and joy, and it is to the achievement of this end that the Psychiana Religion dedicates itself to all mankind.

Organization

The Archbishop of Psychiana—a corporation Sole. Under the laws of the State of Idaho pertaining to religious organizations, Section 29-1201 states:

“Incorporations may be formed for acquiring, holding, and disposing of church or religious society property, for the benefit of religion, for works of charity and for public worship, in the manner hereinafter provided in this chapter.”

Section 29-1202. Execution of articles. “Any person being the archbishop, bishop, president, trustee in trust, president of stake, overseer, presiding elder, rabbi or clergyman, of any church or religious body, who shall have been duly chosen, elected or appointed, in conformity with the constitution, canons, rights, regulations or discipline of said church or religious society, may make and subscribe written articles of incorporation in duplicate, and acknowledge the same before some officer authorized to take acknowledgements, and file one of such articles in the office of the secretary of state and retain possession of the other.”

The Archbishop of Psychiana—a corporation Sole, is the name of the office of the presiding director of the Psychiana Religion. The archbishop is duly elected by the clergy of the Psychiana Religion and has the following powers under existing laws:

Section 29-1204. “Upon making and filing for record articles of incorporation as herein provided, the person subscribing the same and his successor in office, by the name or title specified in the articles, shall thereafter be deemed and is hereby created, a body politic and a corporation sole, with continual perpetual succession, and shall have power to acquire and possess,

by donation, gift, bequest, devise or purchase, and to hold and maintain, property, real, personal and mixed, and to grant, sell, convey, rent or otherwise dispose of the same as may be necessary to carry on or promote the objects of the corporation; and shall have authority to borrow money and to give written obligation therefor, and to secure the payment thereof by mortgage or other lien, upon real or personal property, when necessary to promote said objects."

It is under the religious corporation sole laws of the state of Idaho that the Psychiana Religion operates.

The office of the Archbishop.

Dr. Robinson spent many of his boyhood years in Long Crendon, England, where his father was a minister in the Congregational Church. His early life was spent in searching for the mighty Creative Intelligence behind the Universe, and his travels took him from England to Canada and finally to the United States.

Dr. Robinson holds honorary degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Divinity; the former from Reed College, San Francisco, Calif., and the latter from the Institute of Divine Metaphysics in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the past few

years universities and colleges have requested that he speak to their classes of religion, and wherever he speaks he is warmly received.

The Clergy of the Psychiana Religion. Dr. Henry J. Kleefish of San Francisco, Calif., was engaged in welfare work in that state for 10 years before being admitted to the Bar in 1933. He is in charge of the "Mission Unity Center" in San Francisco and conducts regular weekly services. He was appointed Bishop of Alaska in the Byzantine Universal Orthodox Church of America, and is an author and lecturer on metaphysical topics. He has written the following books: "Out of the Depths," "New Lamps for Old," "The Great Initiation," "The Wise Man of the West," etc. Dr. Kleefish holds the following degrees: D.D., LL.D., M.D., D. Chr., P.C.C.E. At the present time he is actively engaged in the practice of law in San Francisco, Calif.

Bishop Aneed. His Beatitude, the Most Reverend Antonius Joseph (Aneed) I, is patriarch in the United States and Canada of the Byzantine Universal Orthodox church and maintains headquarters in San Francisco, California. His home is at Arlington, California, near Riverside, where his chapel, Everest, was dedicated two years ago. He first came to the United States in 1910 as exarch, or do-



Frank B. Robinson, D. D., Ph D.
Founder of The Psychiana Religion
and Archbishop of Psychiana

mestic representative, of the archbishop of Beirut, Lebanon. In 1944 he was elevated to the post of archbishop and in January, 1946, in San Francisco, became head of the first American patriarchate.

Mr. B. E. Bentley. Mr. Bentley spent most of his early days on a farm in the state of Kansas. At the age of thirteen he began his travels, making his way by begging handouts, sleeping in box cars, and nearly freezing in the cold mid-west winters. Mr. Bentley states that, through ignorance and an inadequate home life, he became a confirmed drunkard at the age of sixteen, and continued along the path of alcoholism for many years. Mr. Bentley and his wife finally settled in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, starting their own little bakery shop in this lakeside town. Mr. Bentley retired from this business in 1942, and his present hobby of raising gorgeous roses satisfies not only him and his wife, but provides much scenic beauty for all who visit them.

Mr. Bentley was one of the first students of The Psychiana Religion over eighteen years ago, and he himself is a living testimonial of the philosophies of The Psychiana Religion. Mr. Bentley states that he would, in all probability, still be an alcoholic if he hadn't have seen the advertisement "I Talked With God" some eighteen years ago.

Dr. Robinson's Son.

Mr. Robinson has been connected with the Psychiana Religion indirectly for some time, but joined it last spring in his present capacity. He has attended the University of Idaho, Oberlin College, and graduated from Stanford University in June, 1947.

Much of the work and responsibility which Dr. Robinson has shouldered for so long is now being borne by Mr. Robinson, leaving Dr. Robinson more additional time for writing and lecturing.



Alfred B. Robinson, B. A.
Assistant to the Founder

Operations

The use of the U. S. Mails. The Psychiana Religion operates exclusively by mail, and has been called "the only mail-order religion in the world." All inquiries concerning this religion come via the mails, and all of the circulars, lessons, periodicals, and books reach Psychiana members and the public through this same medium.

General Mechanics of Operations. In order to check and tabulate inquiries, enrollments, and mailing schedules it is necessary that the Accounting department be geared to handle the many intricacies which develop from operating exclusively by mail. It is neces-

sary, therefore, that the Psychiana Religion maintain highly trained personnel, a personal interest in each and every inquirer and enrollee, and a comprehensive and complete filing system.

Enrollments. Enrollments in the Psychiana Religion average 3,000 a month at this writing, and approximately 35,000 students are mailed one lesson every two weeks making the monthly total for lessons mailed about 70,000, or close to 1,000,000 a year. One can readily see that in order to meet this heavy schedule it is necessary to have a large and efficient mailing department. The students who enroll in the Psychiana Religion are automatically Associate Members for life. All students of the Psychiana Religion help defray the operating expenses as this is its sole means of support.

Volume of Operations. The Psychiana Religion mails approximately 500,000 individual pieces of mail per month; the postage cost alone is a very large and important factor in the operations.

Personal Mail. Personal mail is answered by Dr. Robinson, Mr. Alfred Robinson, or their very capable assistants. However, numerous speaking engagements throughout the past year have necessarily kept Dr. Robinson away from Moscow.

What Psychiana Teaches

The Psychiana Religion affirms that there is, unquestionably, a dynamic, vital, invisible life Force *within each one of us* which, when understood and applied properly, can and does perform so-called "miracles." Psychiana calls this power the God-Law or the Power of the Living God.

Through Psychiana, men and women are taught the relationship which exists between this Creative Intelligence and the Cosmos. Every living organism intrinsically lives and exists because of the existence of the Living God-Law within that organism. Psychiana members are shown that this great Law can be contacted and recognized; and that this Law can, since It is the source of intelligence from which all creation resulted, solve any and all problems of this mundane life. Conscious recognition and application of this Living God-Law is the cornerstone upon which the Psychiana Religion is founded.

Modern man has attained a certain degree of culture. He builds great and massive buildings, creates fine music and masterful paintings, manufactures weapons of war, and pries into the secrets which surround life on this earth; but is he happy and satisfied with the culture he sees about him? Isn't too much stress laid on the material and physical side of life, leaving the spiritual and moral phase of his development neglected? The art of introspection and the discovery of the hidden Power and peace *within* is neglected today, and this is one of the most important aspects of character to be developed. The Law is *within* us and awaits only our conscious awareness to be of everlasting benefit to all mankind.

