

"PSYCHIANA" FOR CHRISTIANS  
Lesson #1

"THE SKY IS RED"--YES, VERY RED. Danger signals and storm warnings are evident everywhere. The very existence of the Christian Protestant Church is at stake. I am trying to stem the tide which has set in against the Christian Church and which, if not stemmed will spiral it downward to ultimate defeat and disaster.

It was a God-inspired picture the present church had at its inception. The Man around whom our present Protestant Church has been woven, had a divine vision. By divine I mean "God-given" vision. Whether the vision has ever been understood and whether the stupendous utterances have ever been literally believed, is a question. But there is no question about the closeness of the life of the great Man of Sorrows being lived in the same Realm in which God lives. 'Twas a life full of dynamic Power. 'Twas a life which saw the end from the beginning and 'twas a life which demonstrated its nearness and closeness to the great Realm of the Spirit of God.

Pathetic and understanding in the extreme, this life left with either a picture, a prophesy, and a warning. All the stupendous, invisible Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God was at the instant command of that Man of Galilee, and He knew it. Not once did He hesitate to draw upon that Power, he put it to the test. He was a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief to be sure, and His was a life full of apprehension, persecution and ultimate physical death. That has usually been the case where spirit-filled, God-inspired man have attempted to bring to a doubting world something of the staggering truths of the invisible Realm of the Spirit of God.

Yet, underneath all his sufferings, underneath all his apprehension, far down below every heartache lay a latent Power. He stands watching a funeral procession in the little city of Nain and was moved with compassion. An only son of a poor widow had passed away and with the passing had gone the means of support of that widowed mother. So, knowing the latent Power inherent in his very nature, he stopped the funeral procession and pulling back the shroud, we hear the voice of God speaking through that Man of Sorrows as He utters words which in themselves, have enough Power to raise the dead; "Young man, I say unto thee, arise." And what happened? You know what happened--he that was dead, arose and continued to work for and support the widowed mother. It took dynamic Power to do that. It wasn't the words He uttered which caused the dead boy to receive the Life-Spirit again, it was the Power behind them. In other words, He, through His human effort and action, and through the spoken word, spake life into a dead body. That I say, took Power.

It took a Power the church of today knows nothing about. I say this kindly because the object of these Lessons is to bring back to the Christian people, the Power they had two thousand years ago, but lost. They may possess it again for the Power of the Spirit of God is eternal. We may live in utter oblivion of it; nevertheless, it exists; dynamic, potent, life-giving, invisible God-Power. That's what I am talking about. That is the object of my ministry to the Christian people.

See Him again--this time He stands before the tomb of another dead man. The multitude thronged Him. This time the one who died was his friend. So great is the faith in this Man that they send for Him. They knew this Man knew God and they knew that anyone who knew God could do anything, even to raising the dead.

At the time of his earthly life, I don't think he was considered God, that came later. For so superstitious were the Jews of that



day, that they considered anyone who preached a great message or did unusual deeds, to be a god. Divinity however, was not added to the magnetic life or personality of Christ, until after his decease. One religious organization deifies people even today--it makes Saints out of them.

But, here He stands ~~once more~~ before the tomb of Lazarus. They were a little bit afraid to tell this Man with the broken heart, that Lazarus was dead, so they told Him he was sick; "He whom Thou lovest, is sick." So up to the grave, where he had lain four days, went this Man who knew the Power of the Spirit of God.

It is an interesting conversation which took place between Martha and Jesus--"If Thou hadst been here my brother would not have died, but I know even now whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it Thee." Now let me point out here, that Martha could not have possibly considered Jesus Christ to be God and make a statement like that. "Whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it to Thee"--would she have spoken that way to God, think you?

His parents did not consider Him God when He ran away from them and was found in the temple; "Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing." Would they have addressed God in that manner? ~~Now-note-the-reply~~

Now note the reply to Martha of this greatest of all Spiritual Teachers; "Thy brother shall rise again." Then Martha said that she knew he would arise again in the resurrection day. Now please note very specifically and carefully, in its proper setting, the reply made by Jesus to her; "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE AND WHOSOEVER LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. BELIEVEST THOU THIS?" There is a lot more wrapped up in this reply of the Carpenter of Nazareth than appears on the surface. There is so much wrapped up in it that the magnetic beauty and transcending Power of what He said, has been utterly and entirely missed by the church of today, as it was utterly missed by the Jews of that day. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE." And he ~~was~~ the resurrection and the life and so will you be, when you grasp what He meant when He made that statement.

There has been a lot of argument and discussion regarding the miraculous birth of this man, Jesus. I cannot clutter up these Lessons with argument, so we will leave those who have no message for this world, to do that--we shall study Him as we find Him after that birth.

Here He was, and He had known from childhood that His mission in life was to bring to the world a picture of the Power of the Spirit of God. He probably knew what the end would be too, as all religious prophets and revolutionists have known, yet that deterred Him not, as it never defers anyone motivated and impelled with the surging, irresistible Power of the Spirit of the invisible Realm of God.

At a tender age He leaves His parents. They search high and low for Him. They find Him in the temple. When they chided Him for running away, He evidenced that He knew even at that tender age what His business was and what the Father's business was too--"Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" In other words, don't you know what My mission in life is? Don't you know that I must do the work I have to do, while I may do it?

There has been no religious leader, worthy of the name, since time began, who has not known first of all, what his mission in life was, and secondly, the conscious Power of the Spirit of God in his life, to fulfill



that mission. Speaking to an ignorant and superstitious group of Jews in a very small part of the earth, which was at that time supposed to be flat, He, conscious of the God-Power in His life, told them that He was the resurrection and the life, and that whosoever believeth in the dynamic God-Power which motivated Him, though that one might be dead, yet should he live. He knew the God He served and in whose Power He daily operated was, first of all, a Spirit—and secondly, ~~also~~, the Spirit which is eternal life; therefore He spake truly when He said that He was the resurrection and the life. For he was the life of God then, not at some future time, for God is Life and life is life and not death, in any sense of the word. The physical habiliment may change, it may decay—but this thing which is life and which is you, can neither change nor decay. Who cares about the habiliment anyhow.

Once again we find Him in a little ship sailing on Lake Galilee. A storm arose, as storms do arise on that lake, and fear and consternation were throughout that boat. He, however, was asleep, even though the boat was filled with water and all of them were in jeopardy. Naturally the rest of the crew awakened Him and with fear and consternation pulsing through every fibre of their being, they said, "Master, Master, we perish!" You know what happened then. He got to His feet, rebuked the wind and the raging of the water and there was a great calm.

There is always a great calm in human lives when the Power of the Spirit of God rebukes the waves and the waters of fear and doubt and adversity. There can be nothing else for at its very essence the Realm of the Spirit of God is a Realm of infinite peace. It is a Realm of infinite Power, it is a Realm of infinite calm. And when, a little later on in your studies, you discover the actual Power of this Realm of God, as I bring it to you, deep down in this consciousness will be that great peace which nothing can destroy. That will be one evidence of the presence of the Spirit of God in your life.

You may be the busiest man or woman in seven states. You may live a life of dynamic effort and activity year in and year out. You may sway the multitudes with your oratory and yet, the secret of that activity will be found in the great calm which is the Spirit of God in your life. The wind and the waves were rebuked and there was a great calm.

You may say, "Well of course, that was a great miracle." But was it? Note what He said to those fear-stricken sailors who awakened Him out of a peaceful sleep. He didn't say, "Boy, I'm glad you awakened me or we'd all have gone to the bottom," no, not that. Turning on them He looked at them and said, "Where is YOUR Power faith?" Let me repeat that; "Where is YOUR faith?" In other words, He definitely stated here that had they had the same faith He had, they could have done the same thing. More than that, He definitely inferred and practically said that they could have, and not only could have, but should have the same identical faith which could do the very same things He did. That is the gist of my message to you. You will discover that as you travel along the path with me.

"WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?" I am asking that question of every Christian organization in America and of every man and woman who belongs to these organizations. Could you go out and still a tempest? The Man you are presumed to be following said you could. Could you sleep peacefully with a storm raging and the wind howling, with the little boat half-full of water? The Man you are supposed to be following said you could. I wonder if He knew what He was talking about.

No wonder they communed among themselves and said, "What manner



of Man is this for even the winds and the waves obey Him?" Let me point out once more that these fishermen did not say, "What sort of a god is this?" They said, "What sort of a Man is this," and had they considered him God in any sense of the word, they would not have made that statement.

Then when the little ship had reached the other side safely, they got out and met a man who had devils. Now of course, this statement "having devils" is phrased in the colorful language of that time. He probably was either an insane man or an epileptic or perhaps a paralytic; that we do not know. It makes no difference anyhow. We know that he ran around naked and lived in the catacombs or the tombs, ~~of that day~~. Now note that on seeing this man Jesus, instantly he fell down before Him and in a loud voice shouted, "What have I ~~done~~ with Thee, Thou Son of the most High God. I beseech Thee torment me not." *To do*

Now get your Bibles and turn to Luke's Gospel, the eighth chapter as you study this Lesson with me. Here is a remarkable situation and one fraught with terrible, terrible meaning. Please understand it.

Here was an afflicted one. We will say for the moment, that he was violently insane, because we are told they had to chain him up. And yet, though he recognized his own condition, he begged the only one who could help him, to go away and leave him alone. In other words, there must have been in that afflicted man, that which recognized the Spirit-Power in the Man who had just stilled the tempest. And mark carefully here, it must have been a Spirit-Power of some sort or other, for only such a Power could make the recognition.

A little later in these Lessons we will go into that phase of our discussion and see if we can't find out why murders, crimes, insanity, and other like menaces, infest this earth.

The point I want to demonstrate here, is that as a result of this encounter between the "unclean spirits" and the "clean spirit of God" there was defeat, for the unclean spirits, **EVEN AGAINST THEIR WILL**. For there were a lot of pigs feeding on the mountain-side and they, we are told, received the evil spirits in this afflicted man, and ran down the steep slopes into the sea, where they were destroyed.

Note something else here. When they who took care of the pigs, saw what had happened, they went and broadcasted the happenings in city and in country, and when the Christian Church repossesses itself, or possesses itself of that latent, dynamic Power, which is the Spirit of God, it will be told in city and country. All the Christian Church needs today, is one man, in tune with the Realm of the Spirit of God, and able to transmit the message of Power from that world, and news of the new life which would automatically come to the church, ~~and it~~ would spread like wild-fire.

I have given you three so called miracles. In none of them was Christ even alluded to as God. In all three of them He was specifically alluded to as a man. Now mind you, I am not arguing wither for or against the godship of Jesus Christ. I am taking your own record as it reads. Who and what God actually is, will appear a little later. This is the revolutionary message the present church will absorb and practice or, as Dr. Milner says, "She will be repudiated by the whole earth."

I shall mince no words in these studies whatsoever, ~~but~~ every word I say to you though, will be said regardless of how hard they may seem.

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It is only because of a surging, impelling desire to bring into the present American Church-structure and through it, into individual lives, the Power of the Spirit of God, as this dynamic Realm of Invisible Spirit-Law exists.

Now, back for a moment to this afflicted one out of whom the devils went, into the pigs. You will recall on first contact with this magnetic Character, he asked Him to leave him alone. First he instantly recognized the Power in Christ. Afterwards, he wanted to travel with Him. Now note here another thing. Had certain religious leaders today, witnessed an experience of that type, they would have exhibited him <sup>this man</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>every</sup> from the platform in every city in which they visited. Did Christ do that? He even refused to have him along with Him but rather told him to go home and show how great things God had done unto him.

<sup>growl</sup> Now put your finger on verse thirty-nine, of the eighth chapter of Luke, and I will show you here the greatest mistake that that early bunch of followers of Christ ever made. It is a mistake which has been responsible for 90% of all the misery of this earth today. I wish that man, who had so much to be thankful for, had done as the one who healed him, told him to do--but he did not do it and the world has suffered for it, ever since. ~~4To-God-a-few-thousand-hears-mean-nothing~~ (Thank God, a few thousand years mean nothing to the Realm of the Spirit of God, for time doesn't exist there, and although we have been held back for a couple of thousand years through this, and other mistakes, the knowledge of the presence of the Spirit of God will come back to the Christian Church, and all will once more be well. Either that, or the Spirit of God will operate through some other organization, as it has been doing through mine for the past few years now.)

Now look at verse thirty-nine--here is what the great Spiritual Teacher said, "Return to thine own house and show how great things GOD hath done unto thee." Let me repeat that--"Return to thine own house and show how great things GOD hath done unto thee." Now that is what he was commanded to do. Let's see what he actually did--"And he went his way and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him." Do you see what I am driving at? He was specifically commanded to give the credit to the invisible, unseen Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God which pulsed through the life of Jesus Christ. Instead of that, he gave credit to the vehicle or object, through which this Power had been manifested.

If I wanted to here, I could say that a series of incidents of this kind gave the false impression that Jesus Christ was different from any other created man. But I won't say that, for some folks might say that I am denying/divinity of Jesus Christ. I am doing nothing of the sort as you will discover before your studies with me are ended. Let me give you this thought here though, if it should be that the life of the great Galilean was essentially different from your life and my life, there is not the slightest possible chance of you or I ever accomplishing what He accomplished. Yet He gave more than one direct command to go and do the very same things which He did... "The things that I do, shall ye do also." "All Power in heaven and in earth is given unto you. Go ye therefore..." So you see, taking the words of Christ Himself, one might very easily be lead to believe that He did expect those who believed in Him, to do the same things He did.

You will recall they brought to Him on one occasion, a man who was performing miracles and yet, who did not belong to their denomination.



Did the great Christ say, "String him up by the neck to the nearest tree?" He did not. He told them to leave him alone for unless the Spirit of God be in that man, even if he didn't belong to their church, he couldn't do the works he had been doing.

You will recall that He sent a number of people out, two by two, and, if I remember correctly, they were given specific instructions to duplicate ~~the~~ His works. Did He not tell them to cast out devils? Had He not just cast out one himself? And did the seventy not enter with joy, telling Him that even the devils were subject unto them through His name? Then note His significant reply please--"I beheld satan as lightning falling from heaven." Just what did He mean by that? Well, what could He mean?

Here his seventy disciples had just returned and informed Him that the very devils were subject unto them, and certainly they ~~were~~ human beings and not gods. It just simply meant that through the Power of the Spirit of God possessed by them then, and at ~~their~~ <sup>your</sup> disposal now, the works of darkness, (which is only the absence of light) cannot possibly succeed but are subject to the invisible, dynamic God-Power I am trying to teach you about. That is what He meant.

Then He elaborated a little bit as in the nineteenth verse of the tenth chapter of Luke. And if that isn't a promise, I never saw one. Furthermore, if that promise doesn't mean what it says, there is no such thing as God, and we had better drop these studies right now, and all turn materialistic.

Millions of people worshipped that Man, so he must have possessed a Power of some sort. Listen to Him, "Behold I give unto you Power to tread on serpents and scorpions (which infested that country at that time) AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY for nothing shall by any means hurt you. Now what a staggering dispensation of Power that was, but where is it today? Don't talk to me about the "lost Power of the church"--it isn't lost. It just simply isn't used, that's all. It exists and has always existed. It is as constant as God is, because it is God, yet what church member do you know, and what professed follower of Jesus Christ is there who has Power over all the ~~few~~ power of the enemy, answer me that question? You will have to admit at this point either that this Power was never delegated to anyone, as Luke says it was, or it still exists and is not used because the very representatives of this Galilean Carpenter either do not know that the Power exists, or refuse to use it. I am inclined to think that they do not know of its existence.

Would it surprise you if I said to you that in my- the files of my little establishment in Moscow, are thousands upon thousands of letters telling of similar experiences. Let me read you part of one which was placed within my hands less than two hours ago. It comes from Mebane, N.C. and is signed by A.M.B. I won't give you his full name because if I did, he would ~~be~~ literally swamped with letters. Let me tell you what he said on October 14, 1937, the day this letter was written. I quote in parts:

"I believe I am fully qualified to speak now--although/it is less than six months since I commenced studying these Lessons. I have gotten exactly fourteen Lessons up to this time. From a stroke of apoplexy, cerebral hemorrhage and resultant effects commencing on Palm Sunday, March 21st, 1937, I have at last regained my former health, which was practically perfect physically. I have not had a physician to call on me for more than



forty years, up to March 21st, regardless of the fact that Dr.-----, brain specialist in ----- Hospital, -----, Va., (one of the outstanding brain specialists in the south) candidly told Mrs. B-----, my wife, he thought I must surely die. But, if I didn't die, I would be an invalid all my life, or surely a semi-invalid.

"Now, I might say, this happened several days after I received Lesson No. 1 in the "Psychiana" Course of Teaching. But before I had read the first Lesson, as I was reading "Gone With The Wind" the Sunday afternoon when I was stricken, it very nearly carried me "with the wind"--the stroke and effects afterward. But, I did not die. Undoubtedly even as early as this, the God Law was operating in my life and I didn't know anything about it. BUT I KNOW ABOUT IT OPERATING NOW. It is more wonderful than anything I had ever hoped to experience HERE on this earth, or even in what the church told was heaven."

This is only one case out of many thousands. If you ask me why these seemingly miraculous things happen and what Power is used, I should point you back to two thousand years ago when this Man in Luke 10:19 said, "Behold I give unto you Power over all the powers of the enemy." That's the Power we use here, and the amazing part of it is that I don't see these cases. I have received as many as twenty-five long-distant telephone calls from all over the United States in one day's time, and very few cases have not recovered.

You ask me if I possess any superior Power of any sort? No, I possess no power, but I do know that there does exist this same identical Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God which was able, two thousand years ago to bring seventy disciples back to the Master with joy, because every power was subject to them. This is the Power I am going to teach you how to obtain and use and, believe it or not, it still exists--it still is ~~is~~ as powerful as it ever was, and the same, vitalizing effects on human lives follow its application now, as then.

You recall Henry Twells knew that this Power existed 4000 eighteen hundred years later, for did he not write:

"Thy touch has still its ancient Power  
No word from Thee can fruitless fall  
Here in this solemn evening hour  
And in Thy mercy, heal us all...."

What would happen in this world, think you, if the present day church possessed this Power? Well, if one Man, possessing it two thousand years ago, swung almost one quarter of the entire globe, what could half a dozen ministers imbued with the same Power from on High, to do today? I leave this question with you as I close this first Lesson.

There is a little exercise here I would like to have you do. It is foreign to everything you have ever been taught in the Christian Church but remember, you are trying to find and use the Power of the Living God. My methods are strangely different from the methods of the church, although I predict to you, that my methods will be used by the Christian Church shortly after these studies are released. The picture I am painting now, will be grasped by Protestant religious organizations, and once more the Power of the invisible Spirit of God will be recognized on this earth. I won't say it will come back to the earth because it has never left it.

Lying here stagnant, dormant, and as a matter of fact, throughout all creation, has been the invisible Power of the Spirit of God, waiting for



one man or one church with faith enough in it, to use it. Will the church rise to its opportunity? That depends on you, for a church is nothing more ~~+~~ or less than a group of individuals. Let me say to you that the promises of God as revealed through Jesus Christ, are as true today and as dependable, as they ever were.

Now for our little exercise, and you will enjoy doing it. It is something new, I repeat, but you never can tell, truth quite often has to sneak in the garb of an interloper or a burglar, but I am convinced beyond any shadow of a doubt, that if you will do the simple little exercise I prescribe, faithfully, and by faithfully I mean "with faith", your life will change and the peace and Power you have been vainly trying to find in your church, will slowly begin to manifest itself in your life, and your life will change.

What I am going to ask you to do is very, very simple. Somewhere, some old prophet of God said, "They that ~~+~~ wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." That's what I am going to ask you to do. That and nothing more. So choose someplace where, for perhaps half an hour or fifteen minutes, you can be alone. I don't want you to do one single thing at this time, only keep quiet. Sit erect please, and be comfortable. Let your thoughts roam wherever they care to, but keep perfectly quiet.

I am going to give you a little breathing exercise too, and I want you to do it, even though you may be very skeptical at this time. It may even cause some orthodox ministers to scoff and state that this is utterly impossible, to obtain any spiritual help through a breathing exercise, but wait a minute. It seems to me Someone once said, "Know ye not that your bodies are temples of the Holy Ghost?" If so be then, that your body is the temple in which the invisible Spirit of God resides, ~~+~~ am ~~am~~ I asking anything amiss in prescribing a simple, little exercise which will assist this temple of the Holy Ghost?

When you are sitting alone, letting your thoughts wander where they will, breathe inwardly very slowly and very quietly. Hold the breath for just a few seconds, then quietly and slowly exhale. Continue this for the period of waiting upon the Spirit of God. There is no mystery whatsoever, to this, all it is doing is teaching you how to secure control of your body. Breathing is normally an involuntary function. I want to make it voluntary because by so doing, you will be enabled to secure this ~~physic-control-~~ physical control, which is quite necessary.

Now you may find it difficult to do this at first, or you may find it comparatively easy. I want you to do it, and persist in it, until the next Lesson comes to you. Remember that I have no motive or object in view other than trying to awaken the present Christian people of the United States to the dynamic, invincible God-Power which is theirs by right of being.

Shortly you will look forward to this period of waiting upon God and you will find that your thoughts will not begin to wander. As a matter of fact, you will find yourself not thinking at all. That's exactly the condition I want to induce.

If you have been living what some people call a "prayer life" may I suggest that instead of getting down on your knees and asking God for this or that, I ask that you, for the time being, discontinue that practice. I have a definite object in view here, and a little later we shall discover what prayer really is, and you will find out that it is an entirely different thing from what you have considered it to be.



You will not lose the God-consciousness if you have it, because you discontinue going down on your knees, I assure you of that. If, on the other hand, you have never known the conscious reserve of the Spirit of God, you have nothing to loose anyhow, so for your sake and for the sake of every other Christian in the United States, follow me closely and every Lesson I send to you. Continue these exercises until you receive your next Lesson from me.