



# “PSYCHIANA”



A MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD ON THE EARTH

## A Brief History of This World Movement With Explanation of the Phenomena Which Follow It

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About ten years ago, an utterly unknown and obscure drug clerk, working in the Corner Drug Store here in Moscow gave this world-wide Movement birth. It is a direct Movement of the Spirit of God, and there can be no question but what the Founder of "Psychiana" has a God-inspired vision. Only from a God-inspired source, and by a God-illuminated personality could the phenomena which have followed this Movement since its humble birth, have happened. As Assistant to Dr. Robinson, (the once obscure drug clerk) I am, perhaps, closer to him than any man alive.

From early childhood, this earnest soul had manifested an intense desire to know God. He believed with all the fervor of his dynamic personality that God did exist, and that the Power inherent in that Realm of God could be found, used, and enjoyed here and now while on this earth. The son of a Baptist minister, from early childhood he sought to know God by the orthodox and traditional method taught by his father—the old penitent form. He met with no success. The years rolled by, but failure to find God by his father's method did not deter him. Had he not been a boy of indomitable will, this world Movement would not be in existence.

Undaunted by failure, he tried again. He consulted minister after minister. He joined church after church, ever intent on actually finding the Power he instinctively knew must exist. He was baptized five different times—but still no light came to him. Many a time this young man could have been found all night in prayer on some lonely mountain-side, before the morning's light had broken. Or beside the sea—for he loves the sea. Yet it seemed that God did not see fit to answer the heart-pleadings and intense longings of a man who, to use his own words, "made up my mind to find God or die in the attempt."

At the age of 43, the faith and earnest desires and longings of this humble man were answered. *He found God.* But he did not find God by the traditional method of his father's church. For he had about made up his mind that God could not be found in that manner, nor by that method. Others may find God by those methods—this man didn't. Nonplussed over his continued failure to find God, he sat down one day to think the whole matter out. "Did God exist?" he asked himself. "Wasn't the whole story a myth?" "If God Does exist, why can't I find Him?" *Then the light broke. He had found God.* The bulldog tenacity of 40 years had finally brought results. A great load was lifted from him and he was gloriously free. His problems disappeared as the morning mist before the rising sun.

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## A Staggering Discovery



Little did he dream what a world Movement would be born as a result of the revelation his unwavering faith had brought to him. And little did he dream how close God had been to him all through these many years of seeking. He did not know that inside of one year, the Movement he was destined to found would go into 67 different countries. But he did not care—for he had found a new conception of God which is destined to revolutionize religious thought, and to make it possible for *all men and women here and now to not only talk with God, but to use the Invisible Power which is God, for the solution of their every problem.* Truly a staggering discovery.

Perhaps the most notable fact of this man's rich experience was that the revelation of who and what God really is, was in all opposition to what he had been taught by his father in his childhood. He had been told the old story that he was "a sinner—born in sin and shapen in iniquity," and that by no means could he be "saved" unless he complied with conditions laid down by the church of his father. He was told, of course, that God exists only in "heaven" and could by no means be known till death had stilled his longing heart, and his earthly pilgrimage was over. Then, if his name was found written in a book which God was keeping "in the sky," he would be all right from then on. But nothing was offered him of God here and now, when he needed God most.

What a staggering difference of ideas when the *True Light* broke. He saw then, and he sees more clearly now, that while God may exist "beyond the sky," the dynamic Spirit which is God also exists here and now, and can, and will, and does operate with unerring accuracy and remarkable precision in every life which invokes this God-Power. The staggering fact is, that the Creative Intelligence which is God, and which created this entire scheme of things, human beings included, *exists here and now, right on this earth, as the most dynamic Power this world has ever known.* More than that, it was revealed to this humble man, that the solution of all life's ills lies in the knowledge of this mighty, though invisible Power, which can, I repeat, be *contacted and used by all here and now.*

The new conception, or revelation, of God made plain to the man I am talking about, that no "rules" or "traditions" are necessary in order that men and women may come into the fullness of the glorious knowledge of the Power which is actually God. In fact, the new conception of God we are giving to the world is utterly foreign to everything Dr. Robinson had been taught by the organization his father belonged to. Yet it did not take the world long to discover that this heretofore unknown drug clerk had found the actual and literal *Truth* of who and what God really is. The Teaching spread like wildfire. Phenomena, considered by many to be miraculous, followed the Teaching. (I will give my explanation of these phenomena a little later.) In addition to his Teaching going into 67 different countries in one year, this obscure drug clerk was skyrocketed to international fame. Large national magazines such as "*Time*," "*The Gospel Advocate*," "*The Sunday School Times*," "*The Presbyterian Banner*," "*The Lutheran Companion*," "*Cavalcade*," the British news-magazine "*Advertising Age*," and scores of other magazines and newspapers published articles featuring this new and staggeringly different conception of God, and its Founder. The Author was honored by being listed in the International Blue Book of the World's Famous Living Men and Women. Attacks were made on the new Teaching, and many devices were resorted to in an effort to stop it from gaining a foothold.

That this new Teaching is destined to sweep the world, I do not for one moment doubt. It is very large already. The Power of the Great Spirit—God—is behind it, therefore, nothing can stop it. I predict that not only will it revolutionize religious thought throughout the world, but that the world, catching this *new conception* of God, will learn the staggering truth that the Power of God is where it ever was, *right here among men on earth*, where it should be. Simple, unassuming, yet dynamic in everything he does, the Founder of "*Psychiana*" keeps very humble, as the Power of the God-R Realm he discovered makes itself known to all who desire to know the great *Truth* of the existence of God through what he writes.

## *Explanation of the Phenomena Following This World Teaching*



If I may be pardoned for speaking personally, let me say, in trying to explain the phenomena which follow this remarkable Teaching, that I have been a Methodist minister for more than 40 years. My experience has included the presidencies of two colleges, and the directorship of an Institute of Religious Education. So I am not without experience. Yet I have seen more of the actual results of the Power of the great Spirit—God—since I have been Assistant to Dr. Robinson, than I have seen in my entire life before. I am given to understand that within 30 days from the date the Teaching was first released, letters began to pour into the “*Psychiana*” offices in Moscow, Idaho, from all over the world, telling in no uncertain terms what this revolutionary new Religious Teaching was accomplishing in human lives. Not by the dozen, the score, or the hundred, but by the *thousands* came these amazing letters. Far too many of them for there to be any questioning what the Power behind the Movement is.

They still pour in here, and it has been necessary to move to larger quarters four different times, and now, as I write this, a building three times as large as the one we now occupy, has been planned. Truly, when men and women know that God can be actually found *here and now, right on this earth*, they will flock to the source of that Power. It’s almost like a fairy tale. It’s almost unbelievable to think that this Movement had its birth less than ten years ago, and was given to the world by an obscure drug clerk. But God often does something like that. Picks some unknown man or woman in some obscure out-of-the-way place, and reveals Himself to the world through that one. It’s only history repeating itself. The difference between this Movement and other religious awakenings of the past lies in the fact that this man, for the first time in known history, is bringing to the world the only true conception of God it has ever had given to it.

But to come back to these letters—and beautiful they are. Here will be a case of someone almost driven to distraction with some problem which downs them. The answer seems impossible. Yet through the Power of this newly-discovered Realm of God, the answer comes. The clouds roll away and hope, peace, happiness come where failure and distraction were before. Here is another case—hopelessly ill—physicians can do nothing. So the Power of God, as this Power exists here and now, is applied, and the sick recover, as they have always done when God speaks. Here is another—about to commit suicide. He sees the Great Light—and, with a new Power in his life, he starts all over again, this time being overwhelmingly successful. Then another letter will come in. This one tells of financial losses or financial insufficiency—poverty—no job, etc. This one, too, learns of the present existence of this great Realm of Spiritual Power through our Lessons, uses the Power, and poverty and financial lack are changed into material and spiritual abundance. ’Twould take too long to describe the different types of similar letters which come to us every day. We will send you copies of a few from time to time. These letters repose in our offices—thousands of them. Mute, but living evidence, irrefutable, that the new conception of God, given to the world by Dr. Frank B. Robinson, and startling though it may be, *is absolutely true.*

### *My Explanation*

Many attempts have been made by other organizations to explain these phenomena. There’s no secret about it, though. It isn’t any power *we* possess, for we are just ordinary, plain human beings like you are. The truth of the matter is that a *great Power, coming from the Spiritual Realm of God*, is being used, and these results just naturally follow. It couldn’t be any other way, for the Power used, *is God*. When this Power is universally known and used, as it will be universally known and used, *it will effectively banish all war, all social injustice, all crime, all hatred, and the nations of this earth, as well as individuals, can, and will, live together with God in perfect harmony.*

# HOW WE OPERATE

After seeing the Power which is God work in many thousands of lives for the past few years, there is no question in our minds, nor in the minds of thousands of our Students that this Power, which is God, actually exists here and now. More than that, it works for all who desire it to. It will work for *you* if you will let it. Dr. Robinson's experience was very real, and through it there evidently has started a Movement for God which never will be stopped. It looks now as if it will sweep the world before long. So convinced of this are we, and so passionate is our desire to tell the world the good news, that all I ask is for you to give this God-Power a chance to work in your life. If you do, it will mean the difference between unhappiness, discontent, and peace and joy. It will put at your disposal a Power you have never even suspected existed. You can use this God-Power. It can, and will answer *all* of your problems for you. It exists for that purpose.

Who you are, or how much money you have, means nothing to us. *You need God.* Perhaps not the old traditional God, but the *True Life-Spirit*—you need *that* God. You need the Power which has operated and is still operating in so many of our Students' lives. As a matter of fact, life really is not worth living without this Power. Now a word about how we send this dynamic Truth around the world. The Teaching, which comes in Study-Lesson form, is started free of charge to every adult requesting information about the Teaching. This is a strictly religious Movement and it is *not* operated for profit. All we ask in return for this Teaching is that each Student help us send our message of peace, hope, power and happiness round the world as speedily as possible by making a small monthly contribution toward sustaining the Movement. The size of this contribution is left entirely to you.

I feel personally, that it is absolutely necessary that this new conception of God be sent round the world as fast as we can send it. We depart, therefore, from religious tradition, and we use modern methods. The radio—scores of magazines and hundreds of newspapers. This method costs a lot of money. It cost us over \$100,000 in 1937. The only income we have is that sent to us from our Students. As far as money goes, as such, we are not interested in it. Our large staff has to be paid. Our postage bill is large and that has to be paid. We buy envelopes by the millions and they have to be paid for. I take, and Dr. Robinson takes a salary from the Movement, and it pays his traveling expenses. That is all. Perhaps some day some wealthy man or woman will endow us—then we won't have to ask our Students for support as we have to now. I think, though, when you find out what a Power we are teaching, you will be mighty glad to do your part.

Now in conclusion. Our Lessons are exceedingly simple, but very powerful. They disclose an astounding spiritual Power, which is God. When you begin to use this Power you will wonder why someone hasn't seen it before and given the *true* picture of God to the world. Perhaps the time wasn't just ripe. Your first Lesson will be mailed at once. One comes every week until such time as the Student feels he or she has mastered the secret of the God-Law, and knows how to use it in her or his life. Will you please fill out and mail the enclosed Membership Certificate, enclose your contribution, and mail to us at Moscow, Idaho. When your Lessons come, study them carefully for they will show you who and what God actually is, and when you know that, and can use that Power, "*Yours is the world and everything that's in it.*"

May the Spirit of Infinite peace be with you, whoever you are.

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