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The treatise called God in Dynamics for Living is certainly a daunting endeavor that Charles Fillmore did not hesitate to embrace.

Describing God is a quest documented in all of recorded history. It is a subject of philosophical differences, religious differences and emotional differences from individual to individual, group to group, specialty to specialty.

It caused discord, separating church from state, creating a diversity of names of religions and narrowing their beliefs, even separating families.

It seems programmed or hardwired into humanity that we search for something outside ourselves to believe in. We need to know that there is a power greater than our puny efforts; we need to hope that miracles can happen; we want evidence of possibilities, of something beyond the five senses that define the world around us.

Perhaps this quest is the result of an inner knowing that has not quite reached the level of the conscious mind, so it seems just like an impulse or a yearning for what we know exists, but have no proof of and cannot quantify or qualify with statistics or scientific studies.

Using the Bible as our guide, this is what we learn:

Deuteronomy 4:29

"But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.

Jeremiah 29:13

'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

"The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God" (Psalm 14:2).

"How can you seek God if he's already here? It's like standing in the ocean and crying out, 'I want to get wet.' You want to get over the line to God. It turns out he was always there." Francisco's eyes began to gleam. "Grace comes to those who stop struggling. When it really sinks in that there's nothing you can do to find God, he suddenly appears. That's the deepest mystery, the only one that counts."

– **Deepak Chopra, Why Is God Laughing?: The Path to Joy and Spiritual Optimism**

Les Brown, our resident Bible Scholar says this:

" Psalm 139:1-6. God is present to us in profound and mysterious ways.

I would follow this with the fact that anthropologists have never found a society without some form of God. Man has rightly been redefined as a "worshiping being". If for some reason he has no god he will unquestionably worship *something!* Common modern substitutes are some of the following: power, glamour, money, sex, etc. Nobody calls them "God"; but they have the influence and command the devotion which belong to the real God. Therefore the question becomes: "Who is the God we worship?" What is our God like? These questions are critical because because we become like the God we worship. Our lives are expressed in part according to our image of God."

Fillmore Begins Dynamics For Living with : "It is sometimes thought by certain people that man should not attempt to find out the nature of God because He is so far above and beyond the comprehension of the finite that such attempts are sacrilegious folly. Yet when carefully analyzed it is found that the one aim and end of man's existence is to find God. The source of life is the great mystery which has commanded the closest attention and study of men in all ages, and as that source must be the Infinite, it is thus ever inviting man to comprehend it. The Bible says, "No man has ever seen God," and our physical scientists all agree that primordial life, or First Cause, is invisible or spiritual, exhibiting itself as an intelligent force. Hence, as corollary to the statement that God, or First Cause, is good, we assert that He is also Spirit."

Value to Man

the next very natural question that presents itself is, Fillmore says, is "What good can come to man from a study of God?"

The facts are that the only good that has come to this world has been through the study of God....

Here, Fillmore does not explain as he does in other writings, that the study of God must be accompanied by action, by the implementation of the truths revealed in the actions of meditation and prayer.

Fillmore's description continues: The true concept of God is that He is the Intelligent Principle of the universe..... The wise old sages of the Orient tell us that their ancestors thousands of years ago, in secret temples dedicated to the study of God, or the Primal Cause of all, found that in certain stages of high understanding, the result of systematic training, they came into such harmonious relations with

this primal principle, or First Cause, that they were endowed with causing power themselves.

What he is really saying is that secret trainings and total understanding of resonating with, harmonizing with or vibrating in sync with God's essence - resulted in ability to actually manifest the power of God ! He could be referring to the specialized training that Jesus is said to have received in his years of studying with the Essenes.

Fillmore's description continues: "They did not seek God for the sake of the power over things which might thereby accrue to them, but that they might have wisdom and understanding of the good.

They found that by thinking right thoughts and living unselfishly, they awakened new faculties within themselves. They sought the good, or God, and in harmony with that law by which like attracts like, the good, or God, sought them. They found that when they came into right relations with the good, they had apparently supernatural powers.

They discovered what Jesus Christ called "the kingdom of God within," and all things were thereby added unto them. They caused, so tradition and certain records say, rain or sunshine, heat or cold, and produced at will all the fruits and flowers of the field. These records state that they could also fly through the air, having acquired an understanding of that which lies back of gravity. They, in short, controlled all the so-called forces of nature by word or thought, and proved conclusively that we become like that which we study. They studied cause and became masters of the world of effects."

This description is similarly found in the writings of several theosophists as well as writers who lived and studied extensively in the ancient locations of knowledge. So the super hero concept/ belief that seems pure fantasy as portrayed in various media is based in a very secret reality, deliberately kept from the masses, but documented in ancient works to be very real.

Calling his next category Transformations, Fillmore continues:

"They found that by coming into interior relations with the invisible Cause, they were moved by it to give expression both in thought and speech to certain words. When those words were so expressed by them, wonderful transformations took place in their surroundings. The conditions which they had always assumed to be impossible of variation from what are known as the laws of nature, were in the twinkling of an eye set at naught. They had always believed that sickness, decay, and death were part of an immutable law. Yet, they found that certain words, which are in harmony with the pivotal truth that First Cause, or God, is Spirit and All-Good, heal the sick, make happy the sorrowful, and fill the coffers of the poor.

They found that this invisible Principle of pure intelligence expresses itself only in the words or thoughts that produce happy results. They also found that the words which work such wonders in transforming their surroundings always represent those qualities which.... can originate only with a Being or Principle of goodness.

So far, I have not found the actual words that this references and I do not know that Fillmore discovered those words, but these descriptions are repeated by various authors in old writings in the mid to late 1800's and early 1900's. Those works are as difficult to understand as some of Fillmore's writings and remind one of studying Chaucer which was more challenging than another foreign language.

Edgar Cayce and others have said the the sacred words for God and certain chants unleash the power Fillmore describes.

The Real and Unreal

They not only knew God as All-Good through the intuitive faculty, but they proved Him so by demonstrating that He responds to those attributes only that are representative of the good. Hence, these words they called words of Truth or reality.

On the other hand, they found that certain other words or thoughts that do not correspond to or harmonize with the attributes of a primal cause of good produce conditions of inharmony. Under their expression people become sick, sorrowful, and generally unhappy.

In the realm of mind the effect of the expressed words of Truth is fully as forcible as is the positive power of the battery in the realm of electricity.

The effect of words is an exact science . Upon its understanding hinges the happiness or unhappiness of man's existence. **Every man works in its laboratory every day of his life and is using its principles with every thought he thinks and every word he speaks. He uses the law whether he knows it or not.**

Pure Christianity

Pure Christianity is a spiritual doctrine. The Principle of Being is not only all good, but it is all intelligent. It is the fount of your intelligence. When you study it you will find yourself becoming one with the principle of all wisdom. To be one with the principle of All Intelligence is to know.

Here, Charles Fillmore describes a high level of understanding, to which we can all aspire and the proof of that understanding is this:

“When you know you will find yourself so broad in judgment and understanding that you will have charity for all who differ from you in religion, metaphysics, and even politics.”

Here’s an answer to Nana’s question about what is a universal truth. This system of metaphysics is but another name for universal Truth. It consequently covers the therapeutic, ethical, and religious departments of life.

Therapeutics

Metaphysical therapeutics treats of healing by an understanding of the reality of things. It does not in its exact meaning teach how to heal diseases by the power of thought. It teaches how, by the power of thought, false conceptions may be eradicated and the divine Reality brought into manifestation, showing forth in health and harmony.

Religion

When you understand it,..... you know your true relation to the Creator....You get a revelation of your status as a living soul ..., you know intuitively that you are not of the flesh, but of God.

Upliftment

Nothing is too small or insignificant for God's uplifting presence. God is not a theory of life. He is life itself. He is the harmonious manifestation of life.

Happiness Here and Now

Happiness here and now is the beautiful part of Jesus' teaching. He did not defer health nor salvation to a world to come after death, but taught that it was attainable right here. He taught that the kingdom of heaven is within you. He proved by His works that it could be made to show forth in the bodies and minds of those who follow the way He pointed out.

Unprejudiced Mind

If you would get Truth in its purity you must listen to its statements with the unprejudiced mind of the child. All about you are potencies and power of which you do not dream. Now and then you may catch faint glimpses of its rare beauty in your high moments of spiritual illumination. This realm is not of matter but of Mind. It encompasses you on every side and you contact its invisible glories, but know them not.

The dynamics of mind control the universe. In mind originates all that is. By its actions all things are moved. When man understands the laws of mind he has solved the mysteries of the universe.

The New Testament is a sealed book to one who has no knowledge of the laws of mind. It is a secret manual. It reads like an ordinary narrative unless one has the key that unlocks its hidden meaning.

Practical Christianity gives that key. He who knows all the principles of its philosophy can enter the holy of holies of the Bible. He can penetrate the mysteries of the sacred scriptures of all peoples. There is no limit as to time, place, or personality in Scriptural promises.

Study of Truth

The one Life-Intelligence is your life-intelligence. When you let it freely flow into your consciousness, you know that it is all good....there can be but one Cause for all that is, and as that Cause is All-Good

John 14:27 Jesus reminds us:

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

Meditation:

Just easily breathing, allow your breath to shift your awareness from the external surroundings to the mysteries of the inner realms.

The inner realms house the soul of our being, the essence of the God Particle, the access to the secrets of the universe and beyond.

This consciousness or state of awareness contains the Akashic records, the living records the Bible calls God's Book of Remembrance.

Breathing easily and naturally, just invite your thinking mind to leave for awhile as you become more and more at home as you go deeper and deeper into the silence.

As your awareness expands in its discovery of the glories and wonders that Charles Fillmore described, notice that an engaging light seems to beckon you to join it.

Allow the golden white light to blanket your entire being in peace, harmony and a sense of well being.

Enjoying this profound level of wellness, notice the other colors filling the in between spaces of this state of consciousness. Experiment with pink, directing it to anywhere you sense darkness in your being. Try green and feel its unique soothing vibration. Orange is new growth and vitality and loves to energize your physical body. Let Aqua/turquoise increase your intuitive insights.

Finally, beautiful, rich purple is the energy of transformation, spiritual power and the indicator of ascension energies. Revel in the splendor of purple and all its hues as you are transported to higher and higher realms of love and joy.

Allow every particle of your being to be imbued in the colors that fill you with joy at this moment and know that this peace and all its companions are yours anytime you wish. Just think of breathing, stop for a moment and deliberately decide to enjoy the peace that passes understanding.

As soon as you are ready, take a deep breath, shift your attention to your physical body and rejoin this time and place.