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Sir:

Jack Anderson wrote recently an article on PARADE titled: "Life After Death" in which he says: "Dr. H Tracy Hall, research director of Brigham Young University, believes knowledge of hereafter can be obtained only through spiritual senses. The physical senses are not enough to impart emphatic knowledge of the existence of God and the reality of life after death . . . The ability to acquire this knowledge is given to man by God upon adherence to principles set forth by God Himself. The medium of prayer is one means whereby a man can obtain the knowledge . . ."

How a man who holds such an exalted position of research director and must have had scientific training can deliver such a piece of mystical nonsense is something for a psychiatrist. I would say that is one of those cases, very common, of schizophrenia, in which a person is a part time scientists and part time religionist.

Any well informed person knows that God is the anthropomorphic projection of man. In other words, it is man who has created God in his own image as proved by the innumerable gods man has worshipped and still worships and by the horrible and numerous crimes the Christians have committed in his very name. I cannot accept that any self respecting god could have tolerated such crimes against his own creatures. Besides had God created man in his own image we should be born with an innate knowledge of our divinity and partake the qualities of our Creator, that such is not the case should be obvious even to you.

It is also ridiculous of a man of your education to talk about "spiritual senses" for there is not such a thing. We have only the physical senses and they are the only avenue to knowledge. Prayer has never advanced knowledge and it is a vestige of the belief in magic, a symptom of fear and ignorance that has no place in this age guided missiles and radio telescopes. The Spanish people have a saying that goes "Beware of those who pray because they also PREY" and they ought to know something about prayer and praying people.

No wonder our education is such sad state and the Russians are forging ahead in technology that may mean our destruction, they waste no time in these metaphysical and religious superstitions and ignore God completely. With Napoleon they believe that "God is always on the side . . . of the best missiles" as he would say now. It seems to me your students will not get the facts of life in your university.

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