

MANAISM: A STUDY IN THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION. IVY G. CAMPBELL.
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Students of either the psychology or the history of religion should not overlook Professor I. G. Campbell's study of manatism. By manatism Dr. Campbell means the preanimistic theory "that man first explains things, not in analogy to his own soul, as animism holds, but rather by postulating a great force" (p. 2). This force is known as mana, Wakanda, or orenda. The author bases her analysis of manatism on a painstaking examination of field workers' reports. The following quotation indicates the extent of Dr. Campbell's sources: "Not only the beliefs of primitive people quoted by the holders of this theory [manatism] but also comparable ones from other parts of the world have been considered. . . . In presenting the compilation of material gathered from reports of primitive peoples, selection has been made of that gathered from parts of the world which have not previously found a large place in the literature of preanimistic discussions. Since the data from North America and Australia have been previously extensively cited, this study, in order to uphold its contentions, stresses the data of Africa and Australasia, exclusive of Australia" (p. 2).

From her study of this material Dr. Campbell reaches the significant conclusion that primitive people do not, as a matter of fact, regard mana as impersonal. The conventional view that mana means impersonal force is attributed by Dr. Campbell to a confusion of three uses of the word "impersonal." The term, she truly says, "has been used in one of three ways, as equivalent to (1) mechanical, (2) non-bodily, (3) super-individual" (p. 17). She admits that mana is impersonal in the second and third of these senses — that it does not belong to one concrete individual human body and that it is a super-individual or collective power. But she contends that mana may be both incorporeal and over-individual without being impersonal or mechanical in the first, the literal sense of the term. The conception of mana as literally impersonal, though held by Leuba, Schmidt, and others (p. 17) is, in Miss Campbell's opinion, flatly opposed to the testimony of "nearly all the field-workers," for they "report mana as spiritual." She herself conceives of mana as personal power experienced by man "when he is acting with his group" (p. 35³) — a power which he may "eject" into a higher being, and even into a God (p. 42² *et al*). In the following comparison with Durkheim's theory she accentuates the significant features of her own: "Both," she says, "make the contrast of the social and the individual self the basis on which religion is built up; but whereas he makes everything connected

with the social sacred and hence religious, we would include within a religious complex only those objects which are regarded as capable of giving help. . . . Moreover we differ from Durkheim in regarding the power which makes the object capable of being a religious object a personal and not an impersonal one. Our theory agrees with animism in holding that the soul is the important thing in religion, but it is the soul or self that is experienced as very efficient that is anthropomorphised to become a god" (p. 40³).

It is evident that manaism thus conceived is no longer sharply opposed to animism, the belief that the soul is "the principle by which all things" are to be "explained." And the hotly debated question of the relative priority of manaism and animism thus becomes, as Miss Campbell says, "irrelevant"; for mana cannot be prior to the soul when it is part of the soul (p. 22⁴). "We cannot," she says, "find any culture where the concept of mana is present" in which "there is not also a belief in spirits in the sense of ghosts or dream-doubles. Either concept," the writer adds, "may assume the leading rôle (p. 25³). . . . Manaism as well as animism results from the tendency of the human mind to interpret things in terms of its own inner experience."

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A HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. WILLISTON WALKER. Charles Scribner's Sons. 1918. Pp. xiii, 624. \$3.00.

Students have long felt the need of a manual covering the whole field of Church History to serve as a guide to more detailed study of the best and most recent literature of the subject, and as a text-book accompanying the lectures of the classroom. Professor Williston Walker has at last given us such a work in a form attractive both to the professional student and the general reader. It is remarkably complete and well proportioned, presenting the most recent developments in the life of the Church and exhibiting the full internal growth of organization, worship, and doctrine as well as the outer fortunes of the historic institution. The obvious demands on such a book, apart from the purpose of stimulating interest in the subject, are that it should furnish the data in a precise and accurate form, that the data should be constructed in terms of the historical development established by modern investigation, and that the account should be written in the impartial spirit of scientific intelligence. Professor Walker's book meets these demands admirably. All the essential facts are pro-