

ROYAL RAYMOND RIFE

Funeral at Mt. Hope Cemetery, San Diego, California

August 11, 1971

Noonday Prayer

Prayer for Departed
('Abdu'l-Baha)

Royal Raymond Rife

"Open Door" Selections

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(Baha 'u'llah)

ROYAL R. RIFE

The world has lost a great man - Dr. Royal Raymond Rife - a martyr to the cause of humanity. Dr. Rife was born May 16, 1888 in Elkhorn, Nebraska, ^{as the only child of Zibe and Ida Rife.} He was raised in Iowa and lived in the San Diego, California area from 1906 until the present time. As a young man he served the Timken and Bridges families as chauffeur and companion to help finance his work. In 1912 Rife married ^{Harvie} ~~May~~ Quinz of San Diego. They had no children and ~~May~~ ^{Harvie} died in 1957. In 1960 Dr. Rife remarried, Amelia Aragon, and they also had no children. Amelia passed away in 1966.

Since his early years Dr. Rife had a driving ambition to find the cause of disease. It was a wedding gift from ^{Harvie's} ~~May's~~ father that enabled Rife to set up his first research laboratory on Alcott Street across from the Bridges' home on Pt. Loma. He and Mrs. Rife lived nearby for many years at 3676 Zola Street.

Attending several outstanding institutions of learning to gain the training he needed to pursue his research, Rife went to Kansas State Agricultural College, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Heidelberg in Germany. While at Heidelberg Rife made microphotographic slides for the University's Medical Atlas and it is thought that the University of Heidelberg awarded him an honorary Ph.D. degree. Dr. Rife studied with the most learned men in the field of optics: technicians at the Zeiss and Leitz Optical Companies in Germany and with Hans Luckel of Zeiss in New York. Dr. Rife received a lifelong membership ^{as a Fellow of} ~~in~~ the Royal Microscopical Society of Great Britain. In London he lectured on blood chemistry at the University there and was invited to become a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences in England.

Royal Rife was also a most talented musician, appearing on the concert stage in New York where he played the cello. In addition, he played the melaphone, French horn, guitar and harmonica. He also painted for a short time. An ardent sportsman, Rife accompanied the Tinkon and Bridges families on big game hunting expeditions to Africa and traveled throughout the world. To this day he holds the International Cup Race title

In 1940 Rife was awarded the perpetual trophy of the San Diego Rowing Club for the 100-mile speedboat race. During the First World War

Rife worked for the Secret Service and later was often called

In 1940 he taught a course in microscope detection and chemicals upon by the police to help in solving crimes. / As his scientific

career evolved, he was a much sought-after guest speaker for scientific and other various organizations. (Dr. Rife addressed the American Society for Metals and the Instrument Society of America; also the Club in San Diego (May 19, 1938) and the Rotary Clubs

of El Cajon and La Mesa (at the La Mesa Elementary School Auditorium May 11, of the same year.))

Dr. Rife was a genius. He discovered new techniques and applications of existing means, and what he did not find to work with, he invented. He found a way to make microorganisms grow by Pursuing his desire to conquer disease, Rife found it necessary to be able to magnify microorganisms to a far greater extent than was possible with the usual microscope which gives magnification up to approximately 2,500 times. Dr. Rife invented and built his own microscope. Altogether, he built ^{five} ~~six~~ microscopes and was able with his famous "Universalscope" to magnify up to 50-60,000 times. Believing that the microorganisms he was looking for were too minute to be stained and seen by the usual dyeing methods, he invented a special light for his microscopes and utilized a method of staining microorganisms by refracted light. This opened a whole new world to his view

* radiation with ionized gas - at a time when others could not get such cultures to develop rapidly for research purposes. He was a pioneer in the field of stop-motion microphotography. analysis for the San Diego Police Department and gave them microscopes with which to work.

wherein he saw disease-causing organisms never seen before and each was identifiable by its own color of refracted light. Through the use of his new techniques and highly powerful microscopes, in 1930 Dr. Rife became the first man to see a virus. With endless patience, great effort and tremendous skill Rife isolated and traced the life-cycles of numerous disease-causing microorganisms. including ^{TB, polio, leprosy and} cancer virus. Dr. Rife thus also became the first man to discover the cause of cancer. With further intensive research and genius Rife learned how to devitalize virus, bacteria, fungi and worms, using electronic frequencies. He has achieved his objective: Working closely with a team of doctors and technicians (among them were ^{John F. Crane,} Dr. E. C. Rosenow of Mayo Clinic, Dr. Arthur I. Kendall of Northwestern University Medical School, Dr. James B. Couche of San Diego, former Army surgeon; Dr. Milbank Johnson, Chairman of the Special Medical Research Committee of the University of Southern California and Dr. Oswald C. Gruner of McGill University) many people were freed from a vast range of painful and often fatal diseases. Terminal cancer victims were salvaged from their deathbeds without the use of radiation, drugs, surgery or further suffering.

Royal Rife had achieved his objective. He had learned the cause of many dreaded diseases and conquered them! ** Although there were many people who knew of Dr. Rife's work and were involved with his research during the period from 1930 to 1950, few remain and they are scattered. Funds for research ran out and the work of this brilliant scientist has remained generally unknown. It seems that to be heard and accepted by the majority, one may have to die first.

** His early hypothesis had proved correct: that "when the causative agent of malignancy was found it would be a microorganism(2). not unlikely . non-pathogenic organisms which we have with us all the time. Then with a shift in body balance and metabolism, the organisms would change into something else" and cause disease.

Dr. Rife suffered a heart attack on August 2nd. Another attack took his life on August 5th, 1971 as the sun was about to set. He is survived by a step-daughter of his second wife, ^{relative of his first wife and}

Mrs. Delia LaAlcala of Chula Vista. ^{All who knew Rife loved him. He had a charm about him the}
^{attraction of people. Always cheerful, happy, never complained. Spent part}

Three years of life helping others in their homes where he lived.

Royal Rife became a member of the Baha'i Faith in 1969. At that time he was a resident of the El Cajon Judicial District Baha'i Community. During the latter part of 1970 he moved into the city of El Cajon and helped to form the first Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of El Cajon, California, on which administrative body he served until his passing.

On several occasions and also not long before he became ill, Dr. Rife spoke about some of his beliefs. He said: "I hope I have helped humanity some. I am just an ordinary man, doing the best he can...We are all here to do our part. Each has a purpose as he lives it and thinks it...We need religion to balance scientific discovery, and the material and the spiritual must go side-by-side...Religion guides scientific discoveries. Religion is a stabilizer." Rife also said: "I have often wondered at the conglomerate mess of religions. The basic principles are the same. It (religion) must be universal...and unify (people)... I sincerely think and believe that our good Lord helps us in many ways to accomplish our desires. This has been proven in many cases where results obtained were from none other than our Almighty God...The most important thing I ever did was build a microscope...The things I've done have possibly helped humanity. I have tried to create and develop things for the good of the universe. I am grateful to God that He has allowed me to do the things I have done."

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