

MYSTIC PAINTER WILL INTRODUCE A NEW RELIGION

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'Table-Rapper'

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NEW YORK (TP).—The American public is about to be introduced to a new religion — universal worship. Its preacher is Joseph Rulof, an acknowledged mystic and painter-in-the-dark who has arrived for a three-months visit.

His appearance on the American scene as a modern mohammed was preceded by the English translation of one of his 20 books on religion, philosophy, psychiatry and all the rest of the spiritual cycles. Called 'my revelations to the people of the world,' it sold out within three months after publication in Holland. Rulof also will have a biography on the market soon entitled 'Joseph, Alive in Two Worlds' written by his number one 'disciple' Leo Allenbogoord. Other books written by the self-styled master of a universal religion will come forth in succession.

On board the Veendam liner, Rulof exhibited his painting prowess if not his so-called 'cosmic consciousness' by executing two murals. He paints with only a faint wall light to guide him at midnight. He claims he can paint entirely in the dark because of a spiritual guidance which enables him to make the strokes and that outward conditions are of little consequence unless they are noisy and disturbing. Rulof goes into trances, but does not wish to be associated with the table-tapping of the spiritualist mediums. He would rather associate himself with the Rosicrucians, but claims he has a greater mastery of the unverse to teach than that order.

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Rulof claims that once such mastery of life is imparted to the masses war and all the other unexplained troubles of the world such as death, disease, and insanity fall by the wayside.

The son of a family of seven born to a factory worker in a small Dutch village Rulof claims to have taught himself all he knows. He went to work in a broom factory at 12 years of age to help support the family when his father died. Then he went to the Hague where the Rulof brothers—Harry and Tony who now are his publishers—had set up quarters. He taught himself to drive a car in two hours by sitting backward on a chair and pushing it around in the dark. Then he applied for and got a job as a chauffeur. In 1933 Rulof became other world conscious and began to paint and write.

He has lectured about all sorts of things including the splitting of the atom, and has predicted just how far atomic research will go. He claims to have predicted as early as 1935 that England would free her dominions and forecast the end of the war within 35 minutes of the actuality. Now his prediction is that there will be no third World war but only continuing struggles for freedom until there are nothing but free men in the world. As for war with Russia he says that is positively out of question.

Said he. As the Dutch say Stalin will take eggs for his money. In other words he will try only to enrich his country and acquire Western goods and culture until the fearful Russians are satisfied that they will not be attacked. But wage an aggressive war no. The Russians are just emerging from a vast darkness and like a blind man just given sight are afraid of the universe. Once their fear is

conquered they will become mollified and co-operative. Stalin is not another Hitler.

Rulof intends to lecture in the United States where he hopes to sell some 40 paintings. He also has sent an offer to President Truman to paint a gigantic mural called 'Life and Death' as a gift from millions of Hollanders for the American sacrifice to free Europe from serfdom.
