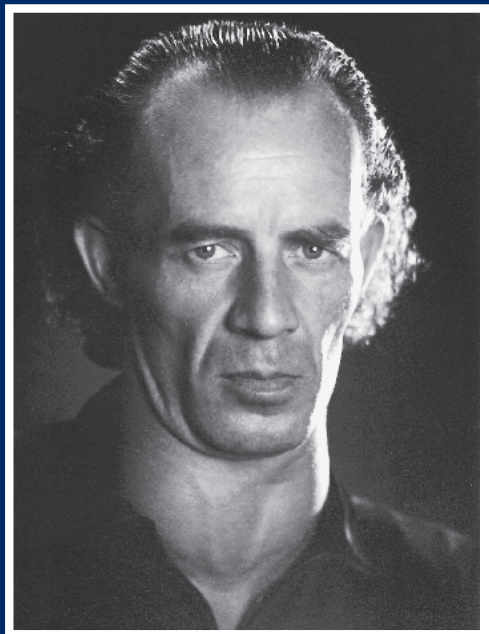


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PREFACE

When Bruno Gröning came to the forefront in Herford in 1949, his appearance kindled public discussion and a genuine controversy. People asked, “Is he a charlatan or a miracle healer, a gifted helper or a swindler and deceiver?”

Could he really heal?

Opinions clashed with a vengeance. One party — mainly the authorities of the public health sector — vehemently rejected Gröning, such as the Bielefeld Senior Medical Officer Dr. Rainer who, according to the magazine “Revue”, made “no secret that his goal was to ‘shoot Gröning down’”. On August 14, 1949, the “Revue” wrote about one of Rainer’s colleagues:

“The Detmold Public Health Officer, Dr. Dyes, who openly opposed Gröning and is a participant in the discussion, gets the upper hand. He explains to Gröning, literally, that he can do and prove whatever he wants, but the prohibition to heal will not be lifted [...]. Dr. Dyes was full of medical arrogance and extraordinarily pleased with his own attitude.”

On the other hand, there were those in Herford who spoke out for Bruno Gröning, truthfully reporting what they had experienced in his presence. Thus, at the same time that Rainer and Dyes were rejecting Bruno Gröning, A. Kaul, PhD. wrote:

”They are coming together here from all parts of Germany—the hopeless and the infirm, the very young and the very old, women, girls, children, people from all social ranks and levels; Americans, English, Belgians, Swiss, Swedish, Hungarians and Polish. Even Gypsies are coming here in

hordes after the successful healing of a dumb Gypsy child. There are the lame, blind and deaf—a community of misery and need; poor people, whether they are now sitting in luxurious cars or laboriously moving about on crutches—the hopeless and the hoping, the exhausted and desperate, and only one wish exists hundred- and thousandfold - to be healed! They don't inquire whether what is happening here has the stamp of approval of an official, an authority or a ministry, whether science is for or against it, whether the person who is supposed to heal them is a messiah or academically trained. They want to be healed from their human suffering, they want to be joyfully active people again; they want to recover.

The human misery and the controversy that has arisen over Bruno Gröning are separated by a chasm of human inadequacy. All the doubters, the skeptics, the sensation seeking, the competitors, the envious, the gossipers, the posers, the arrogant and the overbearing show up. All of them feel compelled to say something, to represent law and justice or to preserve public order and security. In the face of this misery and the devastating picture communicated here, however, they should all be quiet, look and silently turn away. When a person who had been lying in a wheelchair for 20 years — a living corpse — suddenly rises and starts to walk with unsteady steps, then something incredible has happened which is beyond the ordinary. For him and for us a miracle has happened which can't be comprehended, however cleverly one may analyze it, saying that it still doesn't scientifically prove that Gröning has cured real — not imagined — illnesses. The doctors who had unsuccessfully treated her can decide whether the 70-year-old Mrs. Klimphove who lives at 123 Ostenfeld Street in Ennigerloh,

i. W., and who was paralyzed for seven years had an ‘imaginary’ or a ‘genuine’ disease. The fact to which I testify is that at 2 p.m. on June 16, 1949 after all of seven years and without help, the old woman arose from her chair and moved her arms about freely, and this is for me one of those ‘miracles’ that lie beyond the narrow limitations of human understanding which we can neither figure out nor calculate.”

The differences of opinion that began back then still continue today. Where earlier it was chiefly the official representatives of the medical profession, today it is mainly the “sect experts” of the large churches who are attempting to brand the Bruno Gröning Circle of Friends as a “sect” and disparage its activities.

This little book attempts to counter this tendency with a collection of positive voices in favor of Bruno Gröning and the Bruno Gröning Circle of Friends. It includes comments from the international press from back then and today, excerpts from books and brochures, as well as individual opinions, testimonials and honors from the world over. This collection is topped off by petitions from doctors in 1949, early healing reports, opinions from contemporary doctors and others in the medical profession, and recent success reports.

The truth will always prevail in the long run. This publication is intended to be a small contribution to this end and to help the undecided make an informed decision.

THOMAS EICH

LEADING THOUGHT

The good blazes a trail,
The good will indeed prevail!
Yes, the truth breaks through.

Truth triumphs.

Truth is truth
and may not be distorted in any way –
Only truth endures!

BRUNO GRÖNING

BACK THEN

BRUNO GRÖNING AS MIRRORED IN THE PRESS

”In Duisburg-Beeck, not too long ago, Bruno Gröning, 42-year-old man from Gdansk [Gdansk] made a name for himself through the remote healing of a paralyzed woman without seeing or knowing her.“

STERN, MAY 29, 1949

”The whole world is talking about him. Bruno Gröning — a charlatan or a miracle healer“? Throngs of people for a strange man in Herford [...]. The stream of people hasn't let up since the miracle doctor Bruno Gröning settled in Herford. The sensation-hungry, sick people, doctors and reporters, Germans, English and Americans are showing up in front of the house on Wilhelmplatz to see the man who is becoming a legend. The telephone rings up to 500 times a day, and the post delivers up to 2,000 letters to him. One-hundred-and-sixteen parked cars were counted in an hour one afternoon, and 4,000 people once waited for him until around midnight.”

WESTFÄLISCHE RUNDSCHAU, JUNE 23, 1949

“It is truly a wondrous story. This healing has become a sensation in northern and western Germany. Herford and its Bruno Gröning have become the pilgrimage destination of thousands of people from all parts of Germany. His ‘miracle healings’ are passed on by word of mouth. Scientific examining commissions, the government of North-Rhine Westphalia, the police, the press — all of them are concerning themselves with this man. Some call him a

benefactor or a prophet or regard him as a messenger of God. Others call him a charlatan [...]. In truth, the spectacular successes of the ‘miracle doctor’ of Herford can’t be denied. The lame are breaking their crutches, the blind are able to see, and people stricken with lung, stomach and asthmatic diseases are becoming well.”

MÜNCHNER MERKUR, JUNE 24, 1949

“Herford, the destination of thousands. It’s beyond my comprehension! Bruno Gröning heals the lame, the blind, the dumb [...]. One of the greatest phenomena of our century—that is the unanimous opinion of many experts about the ‘Gröning case’”.

SÜDDEUTSCHE SONNTAGSPOST, JUNE 25, 1949

“The doctors will be astonished. Bruno Gröning is the talk of the day in the British Zone. Wherever you are and whomever you talk to, from Flensburg to the Rhine, they are talking about the ‘miracle doctor’. His presence suddenly overshadows current events, allowing people to forget their worries, great and small, and direct their thoughts to the man who says of himself, ‘I can make sick people well!’ In the last few days the way of the ‘miracle man’ has led from Herford to Hamburg, to Kiel and Schleswig. Wherever he happened to be, the news spread like the wind. The sick thronged to him. Here and there people cry out triumphantly, “I am well! Gröning helped me!”

DIE WELT, JUNE 28, 1949

“Gröning’s healing activity has nothing to do with medicine. Bruno Gröning has triggered an excitement in the realm of healing that is not seen every day. After receiving

a prohibition to heal, he disappeared without a trace. It has just now come out where he has been. The illustrated magazine 'Revue' hired a medical professor and two reporters to clarify the Gröning phenomenon, and it is now publishing the results of their investigation in a series of articles. From the expert opinion rendered by Professor G. H. Fischer, M. D., from Marburg, and Dr. Germer, psychologist, on the examination they carried out together with the Heidelberg University Hospital, it emerges that Gröning is not a charlatan, hypnotist or miracle doctor, but rather a gifted non-medical psychotherapist or 'soul doctor' who has a scientifically interesting, new kind of psychotherapeutic method which promises success. The rumors of extraordinary healing successes have been confirmed. Therefore Gröning has been recognized by the specialists, and the tensions that have arisen around him provide us a mirror enabling us to recognize a series of unpleasant circumstances of our time – a host of the unhealed.“

PASSAUER NEUE PRESSE, SEPTEMBER 10, 1949

“Bruno Gröning can't be allowed to fail because of articles of law.' The Premier, Dr. Erhard, explained at a press conference on Monday that one shouldn't let an 'extraordinary phenomenon' such as Bruno Gröning fail due to articles of law. In his opinion there should be no great difficulties standing in the way of Gröning's authorization in Bavaria.“

MÜNCHNER MERKUR, SEPTEMBER 7, 1949

“Bruno Gröning, incontestably gifted with unusual abilities and powers for which there are no easily obtained, conclusive explanations, was not up to the gigantic onslaught in 1949. In the end he stood alone and without protection,

completely on his own against a monstrous surge that had been unleashed around him. It seemed as though a repeated reformation in medical science was in the offing. When hundreds of thousands of the suffering and afflicted set off to acquire healing and recovery, when countless hearts are moved to new hope, we believe that we can objectively determine, that there seems to be a need for fundamental reform in the area of medical care.“

VEGETARISCHES UNIVERSUM, JUNE 1953

“The subject of Bruno Gröning keeps ringing out all over the land in ever new variations: Bearer of faith or miracle worker? Gröning, who as early as 1949 had already triggered the most bitter scientific conflict, is still today one of the strangest phenomena in the history of spiritual healing. From the first turbulent scientific battles after Gröning’s appearance in Herford and the “Traberhof” until today, the controversy over Gröning has not let up.”

NEUES EUROPA, OCTOBER 1, 1955

“Bruno Gröning – his word banishes illness [...]. For more than ten years Bruno Gröning has been achieving verifiable healings. It is hard to estimate the number of them. It amounts to thousands. This man has been in court many times because of his method. They have had to acquit him. Now he is confidently facing a new, very controversial trial. There are Bruno Gröning associations all over Germany. Their members greatly revere the man who gave them not only healing, but also emotional salvation.”

DAS NEUE BLATT, JUNE 1957

OPINIONS ON BRUNO GRÖNING

“Gröning is a unique phenomenon and can’t be assigned to any psychotherapeutic or psychological school. I think he was a deeply religious person — a humble, trustworthy, good-natured and helpful man.”

HELMUT KINDLER
Publisher

“It turned out that Mr. Gröning didn’t examine anyone who came to him. I know of no case in which Mr. Gröning ever physically touched a patient. I have never heard that he ever sought to persuade anyone to forego the help of medical specialists. He prescribed no medication [...] either. I know of no case where Mr. Gröning demanded money from a person he treated. [...] I didn’t consider him a charlatan. [...] For me it was unquestionable that powers emanated from him that caused healing in people.”

DR. HERMANN KUNST, BISHOP
Plenipotentiary of the Council of the Protestant Church
in the Republic of Germany, 1949 -1977

”No one can deny that Bruno Gröning has healed many sick people who had been regarded as incurable. The traditionally schooled quickly explain that this isn’t anything extraordinary since the illnesses in question have an emotional origin. However, they don’t say why traditional medicine has had so little success with this method of treatment. Or are these cases so scanty that they prefer to remain totally silent about them? In any case the new ‘healing method’ in Herford deserves the attention it is getting.”

A. KAUL, PH.D.

“A very marked, perceivable force unquestionably emanates from Bruno Gröning, and many of his successes border on that which is called a ‘miracle’ in common parlance.”

DR. JENS BERGFELDT

“My dear Citizens of Rosenheim! I am speaking to you from my own personal experience. I came here mainly as a sick person, but also as a Bavarian official and observer. I have never in my life received such an outstanding diagnosis — not even from the most famous professors — as that given here by Mr. Gröning in a few moments without his even touching my body. I personally firmly believe in my healing and will take responsibility for what is happening here to the highest levels of government, whether certain gentlemen — you know whom I mean, I’m sure — like it or not. The main thing is that the sick are helped. I have been on duty day and night for four years, thereby contracting a severe ailment, and in vain have spent a small fortune trying to get it healed. I am speaking for myself and for all of you, and it should be heard everywhere because I have to stay well for all respectable people. I thank you, Mr. Gröning, for your help. May God grant you the power to be able to help all of the many people who come to you with strong faith and open hearts. (Directed to the sick) Continue to trust in Gröning’s healing ability and help us to overcome the last difficulties.”

THE MUNICH CHIEF OF POLICE, PITZER
at the ”Traberhof“ in Rosenheim, 1949

“I actually didn’t want to speak because I was very skeptical about the Gröning matter and wanted to see for myself what was going on here. Today I have experienced so many

deeply moving things that I can't find the words to describe them. I can't say anything more. I ask you all to believe in the calling of Mr. Gröning!"

THE BAVARIAN CSU -STATE PARLIAMENT REPRESENTATIVE HAGN
at the "Traberhof" in Rosenheim, 1949

"In any case doctors and the sick should be grateful that such a man as Gröning has appeared once again and is in the news. In this way the twentieth-century scientific conscience will be awakened."

PROF. SCHULTZ-HENCKE

"Dear Mr. Gröning, I have read in the 'Frankenpost' of your healings and the legal trial. It is my conviction that God can and has brought about wonderful things through human beings, and after the report I believe in the truth of your healings."

ALOIS REICHENBERGER
Catholic Priest

"As a doctor, the Bruno Gröning phenomenon has interested me to such an extent that for many weeks I have spent many days — but also many nights — at Gröning's side. [...] Gröning presents a puzzle to us doctors: First of all, he is able to heal or at least provide relief to those afflicted with the most severe ailments in a short time, even including the blind — I witnessed it myself — through personal contact and the strongest concentration. Secondly, Gröning is able to achieve the same success, that is complete healing or considerable relief, through what he calls 'remote healing'. I have also witnessed remote healings. [...] We doctors can and must learn very much from Mr. Gröning, for it has been incontestably proven in hundreds of cases that 'the

little Gröning' has helped and completely healed where science and medical ability had already failed.”

DR. ZETTI, M.D.
General Practitioner

“I learned about you from a magazine ('Quick') dated June 4, 1949. From that, I see that your activity has been prohibited by the police on the basis of a law [...]. According to the information I have — I have been in a relatively good position to gather experience in 'medical-political matters' — such a prohibition is not justifiable. In my opinion, your activity is not the practice of medicine, but concerns, according to the little that has been reported in the magazine, religious matters that belong to the area of religion. According to today's way of thinking, this certainly touches closely on that which one calls medicine, but to want to prevent healings that belong to the area of religion through police regulations about medicine is out of line. It seems to me that one is proceeding with despicable and fundamentally untruthful means against revelations towering into the spiritual realm, just as has happened over and over again in the pitiful history of mankind.”

DR. BRAUMANN, M.D.

“As Chairman of the Schleswig-Holstein State Association of Healing Practitioners, I have observed your activity and have followed the efforts of the authorities against your person. I am of the opinion that you will be victorious after all and that the authorities will have to approve your licensing as a healing practitioner.”

HUGO BERG
Chairman of the Schleswig-Holstein State
Association of Healing Practitioners

“Just as I do, many of my colleagues watch your path. [...] You have proven clearly enough that you can heal and have enough power — more than all the people together who are sitting in judgment over you. They are petty spirits who in these materialistic times have completely lost sight of the unspoiled path and, blinded, no longer find or want to find it again. We have spoken about you in our continuing education program. I can only assure you that all of us — 50 colleagues in all — feel the warmest sympathy for you.”

W. THEEGARTEN

Healing Practitioner for Homeopathy and Radiotherapy

“We have attentively pursued all of the reports on your work up to now and have the heartfelt that the authorities will soon treat you with appropriate understanding, too. The representatives of folk medicine in particular, can testify to the prejudice with which the German bureaucracy has worked for years in this area. Our organization will be glad to do whatever it can in your interest, and we would be happy to hear from you. Our members pursue your fate with great attention.“

KURT SCHÖNDERLEIN

President of the League for Naturopathy and the
International Society of Naturopathic Physicians

“Right from the beginning in Herford until today I have followed the accounts in the newspapers and magazines of your beneficial activity and am firmly convinced of the healing effect of the radiation emanating from you. There are so many people, especially among the so-called ‘learned’, who only believe what can be seen or measured. I, on the contrary, believe that despite our conceit we are aware of

only a tiny portion of the powers that hold the world together and determine its order.“

PROF. KARL ESCHERICH, M.D., PH.D.
Dr. Agric. (hon.), Dr. Forestry (hon.)

“He emitted a great warmth. It simply felt good to be near him. Often, when he and his wife visited us, we would just sit silently together. You didn’t have to talk to him a lot. It was his mere presence that gave you a great deal of strength and vigor.“

HELLA EMRICH
Physician and Co-editor of the Magazine “Neues Europa“

“I felt it in a second - this peaceful confidence, goodness, modesty and patience is only possible for someone who stands in direct contact with God. I felt the deepest trust and realized with delight that I had actually experienced a person who embodied virtually everything that I knew in theory. In Bruno Gröning I had met a human whose being, connected to God with the most profound faith, knew only one thing, appeared to be on our earth for one thing only - to lead people back to faith through his desire to help so that they would become free from their suffering, often of many years’ duration and often incurable. His inner calmness and confidence is transmitted to his surroundings, and his selfless readiness to help gives back to many their faith in the good. Always full of patience and strictly devoted to the truth, he sacrifices himself day and night to help people in need.”

ANNY, BARONESS EBNER VON ESCHENBACH

“For me, the most important thing he said was, ‘You have to believe in God, and you should trust me.’ That became

the foundation of his work. [...] He was neither crazy nor was he a liar. He was aware of his mission, and no one was allowed to take it away from him. He demonstrated that spiritual healing is possible. This doesn't rule out all other healing possibilities — they can all stay. But Gröning indeed always said, 'God is the healer'. [...] He was a genuinely God-loving person. [...] He listened to his inner voice and despite all warnings and despite all dangers that were put in his way still continued to do only one thing - always help. He wouldn't let himself be distracted, not for anything in the world. That is what distinguishes such a person. Some go down on their knees when confronted with people who say, 'You're lying!' When someone tells the truth, then he is simply telling the truth."

KATHARINA DICHTL
Healing Practitioner

EXPERT OPINIONS AND TRIBUTES

“Bruno Gröning is not a charlatan, nor a hypnotist, nor a miracle doctor, but rather a gifted, non-medical psychotherapist (‘soul doctor’). Out of a childishly natural and also religiously-based compassion, he makes an effort to help people with their emotionally caused afflictions (psychogenic ailments) and to heal the related illnesses which outwardly mainly appear as ‘organic’ ones (psychosomatic illnesses). Gröning has marked natural talent as a psychotherapist. [...] His decisive fundamental talent is his above average emotional empathy which is connected with a natural talent for treating people skilfully. Both dispositions stem from his optimistic nature, which appeals to people immediately, and which is also determined by an unerring self-confidence with clear goals. All of these are predispositions important for a psychotherapist and which he has in large measure.”

PROF. HEINZ GERD FISCHER, M.D.

Advance Testimonial to the Heidelberg Tests, 1949

“Gröning has very good concentration and retentiveness. His intelligence is a good average [...], but Gröning also shows especially good results in the recognition of contexts in human situations. [...] Gröning possesses a heightened sensibility for emotional conditions and an impulse for self-conquest that he is able to communicate. Although he has a relatively little store of knowledge, our examinations and tests have shown that he possesses a special intelligence lying on the upper limits of the average that is directed to

essential characteristics and thus also emotional conditions. [...] He possesses a marked self-discipline. [...] Above all he has genuine compassion. His effect on seekers of healing is not to be explained by negative personality traits. “

PROF. JUNG, M.D., KORNHUBER, M.D.
Psychiatric and Neurology Clinic, Freiburg

“Gröning is not a private person; rather thousands of people who have been healed and the additional thousands who could still be healed by him are interested in his life. He is, moreover, a bearer, one of the most striking bearers, of a new idea about life. [...] One should also consider how the discoveries of primeval forces that have occurred in this Gröning phenomenon can be saved for the consciousness of mankind and how one can spiritually penetrate these forces, through which many people have received such strange, wonderful help.

JOSEF GEMASSMER, M.D.
Expert Opinion on Bruno Gröning

“Familiar with the realm of spiritual healing through three and a half decades of personal experience, I am much less impartial toward the personality Bruno Gröning than anyone else who is still inexperienced in this area and therefore ignorant or at least unsure. My judgment of him is not based only on the - in many ways contradictory - press reports, but I have met him personally many times. I have come to know him as a man of the best will and absolutely pure intentions. His special abilities are for me beyond doubt, and he himself is clearly aware of them. [...] For the specialists in this area, what Bruno Gröning does with the sick is nothing strange: It is all based on an unquestionable

natural law. He himself is known to me as a man of good healing abilities and pure intentions. Thus as an official expert, I have no reservations in confirming permission for him to use his abilities to the advantage of the many people whom he can truly help.

WILHELM BEYER, M.D.
Expert Opinion

“Bruno Gröning is without doubt endowed with spiritual healing powers and his spiritual method of healing has had outstanding success. This gift was granted to him because:

- he wants to lead people to faith in God and prompt them to lead a decent and orderly life; and
- out of human compassion he prefers to attend to poor and indigent sick people without demanding recompense.”

DR. WALTER LUTZ

“Gröning’s work is not mere bluffing, no hyped matter, not quackery in the realm of medicine. It is first of all a morally good deed, a rebellion against our materialistic, soulless, egoistic, loveless, atheistically defined era. [...] He is a master of the inner life of the soul, a connoisseur of the deeper soul, not through study, but rather through direct connection with the extrasensory world. He establishes the good and fights evil. And if we want to do justice to what Gröning is doing, we have to give up our materialistic way of thinking. We have to consciously use a religious-spiritual thinking here. We have to acknowledge the existence of a spiritual-divine world. We have to affirm the fact that extrasensory, divine forces flow to Mr. Gröning from a higher, divine world that he - despite the fact that he behaves com-

pletely passively — continuously radiates. [...] Gröning is an extraordinary phenomenon and scientifically incomprehensible. [...] He can be compared with Socrates, Joan of Arc, Gandhi and Albert Schweitzer in that he, too, sacrifices himself completely to the welfare of the general public. [...] His miraculous successes are so unique that he has already attained the status of a historical figure. Coming generations will concern themselves with him and his work.“

PROF. JOSEF HOHMANN

Grammar School Principal, Historian and Parapsychologist



PROF. H. C. BRUNO GRÖNING

The “Universala Akademio de la Regado Kosmo-Astrozoŝia“ awarded Bruno Gröning in Trieste the Honorary Professorship “Profesoro de Psikoterapio“ (Professor of Psychotherapy) on October 13, 1955.