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SIDDARTHA.

"Not of a mortal line," the Master said,
"I spake, but of descent invisible,
The Buddhas who have been and who shall be;
Of these am I, and what they did I do.
And this which now befalls so fell before,
That at his gate a King in warrior-mail
Should meet his son, a Prince in hermit-weeds;
And that, by love and self-control, being more
Than mightiest kings in all their puissance,
The appointed Helper of the Worlds should bow—
As now do I—and with all lowly love
Proffer, where it is owed for tender debts,
The first fruits of the treasure he hath brought;
Which now I proffer."

—Arnold's *Light of Asia*.

EXCERPTS FROM MADAME GUION'S
"MYSTIC SENSE OF THE
SCRIPTURES."

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MORTAL Mind destroys itself.
We will only what God wills; and
the will of God becomes our own.
Man, then, ought never to regard him-

self out of God. If he does this, it becomes the source of all his disorders.

Death of sin, is death of belief only.

Birds of Heaven—noblest parts of the soul.

Incarnation is the union of the Word and the Human Nature.

Here is the punishment of the superior part, or *Ego*, for having followed the inferior part [mortal mind], destroying or punishing itself, as is always the case.

Coming out of ourselves to enter into God.

The giants and monsters of pride come only from the mixing of the human with the divine [causing mortal beliefs.]

He hears all men in His Heart.

Entering into the ark is entering into God Himself.

The noblest productions of the soul are saved by means of the centre [*the nucleoli*].

The deluge signifies to drown or dissolve the body or error. To do this, God sends a living, vivifying breath of His Spirit, which dries up the waters of iniquity, and gives life again, and life is truth, which dissolves and eliminates error, and causes a new flood, that of truth, to enter the mind. When the wind, truth, blows upon the soul, it agitates it at first, until it cannot at all discern whether it blows for salvation or ruin [*Chemicalisation*].

New commandment—to no longer eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge—nor flesh, nor the flesh with the blood; nor

the blood separately. This division of the flesh from the blood marks the separation of the Spirit from sense—which can only be united again by the perfect order of God.

PAPERS BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

No man can hear, or even listen, with advantage, if he is constantly trembling in the presence of his teacher, for "perfect love casteth out fear." For the novice who expects to progress, there must be no chill, nor sensation of shrinking, no falling of the pulse, no paling cheek, when they who are unseen make themselves visible, to help and instruct.

It is absolutely necessary, for the highest possibilities, that the spirit shall thus come to its psychic consciousness. Thus prepared, thus trained, thus qualified, the novice may knock at the outer gate, and demand entrance and initiation into the First Chamber of the Mysteries.

Here the disciple will be taught thoroughly, what he is and what he may become, if his spirit chooses the highest and the best. The time of accomplishment may be long, for there is so much to be known. The training of the soul powers is like the training of the athlete, cell to cell, and sequence to sequence, measuring every fraction of the ground passed over. Out of this continuous discipline can come for him who faints not, strength and power to use, regardless of all opposition, the key to the unlocking, for the initiate, the Second Gate of the Mysteries.

Blessed is he who faints not within the outer court, nor yet within the Second Gate of the Temple, but still retains strength and desire to seek admission at the Third Gate.

He may feel comforted, because he has passed the "Dweller on the Threshold;" has triumphed over the carnal law; has broken through the circle of necessity. He now stands within the energizing force of unmixed light, proceeding forth out of the Divine effulgence, which inspires and sustains, toward the attainment of perfection.

Thus placed, to the initiate come supernal visions, emanations of Divine radiance. His Spirit is now amenable to all the tenderness and loving kindness of the Supreme Substance. He hears, like far-off music, the cadences of the ineffable name; the still, small voice; the peace out of the silence, bringing unutterable rest to his soul, wearied but undismayed by his efforts to reach his present point of vantage, where renewed strength may give him the admission he craves into the Third Court of the Mysteries.

The last barrier passed, one more task remains undone. Before him hangs the Veil of Isis. The light that is not on land or sea, permeates every

part. Whoever has courage to will, to dare, to know, and to keep silent, hath power, with unwavering eye and firm hand, to lift the veil, and stand unflinchingly in the presence of the Real, within the Holy of Holies. It is the fire that cannot harm him who has regained his first estate. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Pure gold is only refined by fire; the dross alone perishes.

Here the neophyte becomes the Hierophant. Attainment to the perfection of the individual being, or entity, in alignment with the Divine law is possible. Then will become fully manifest to the perfected perception of the often-born the Supreme Purpose, in its creative thought of man's existence through all the ages. P.R.

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