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Deep down in our natures speaks the voice of our God

*"Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns."*
—TENNYSON

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To my dear friend, Jerome C. Ryan, who has been my faithful champion and assisted me both financially and otherwise, to my beloved mother whose loving counsel I have so sadly missed, and to those other friends who have been faithful and true, this book is lovingly dedicated by

THE AUTHOR.

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FOREWORD

From times ancient beyond conjecture the restless spirit of man has been seeking to discover, if possible, the real source of being—the how and the why, the whence and the whither of existence, but it is a problem that has been ever elusive to his finite understanding, for the finite cannot grasp the infinite.

The great majority of the human race are so occupied with the outer and meaningless forms, so prone to follow after the material and fleeting pleasures of life that they fail to come in touch with the inner sense of things and seldom catch even a gleam of that "innermost light" which illuminates the darkness that envelops them. Yet in all ages, and in every nation and clime there have always lived a few gifted souls who were able to peer beneath the material envelope, there to unveil the mysteries of Nature and behold the glories of the Divine. These inspired ones have given expressions to the wonders they have discovered in language so sublime that we are hushed

almost into silence by reverence and awe. Students of the present age can find no more interesting study than the works of these grand "Old Masters," who have left behind them, hidden from the profane under mystic symbols and allegories and revealed only to the Initiate, a heritage richer than the "mines of King Solomon" and more valuable than the "gold of Ophir."

For many centuries this knowledge was supposed to have been lost, but, in reality, it was only hidden, or lost sight of by an ignorant people of a materialistic age, who knew not its value nor how to use it. It was kept sacred by those who possessed it, hidden in secret crypts of occult Fraternities, until the time should come for it to be brought forth to lead mankind back to a realization of his own Godhood.

All human progress runs in cycles. We have just emerged from the age of material darkness and entered a cycle of spiritual light. Our earth having passed from the sign of the Fishes (Pisces) typical of materiality, into the sign of Aquarius, enlightenment, human prog-

ress has received a new impetus, and in this age of spiritual unfoldment the doors of the temples are being opened to those who are able to understand, the work is being aided by those who know, and the old "Wisdom Religion" is destined to again illumine the world. The Living Fire (life) has forever been burning, though the true interpretation of it has been lost, and the bush (flesh) where God (the Self) dwells, burns, but is not consumed.

Standing upon the sublime heights of spiritual attainment to which their progress through ages has elevated them, pointing the way to Deity, whom they teach, "dwells within the Shadow, behind the everlasting FLAME" claiming that "God is not the Light, but the UNFATHOMABLE SHADOW, the unreachable CENTRE, the IMPENETRABLE, the unimaginable MAJESTE, utterly past discovery,—and who as we approach, ever recedes, luring us through illimitable ages and epochs, up the steep mountains of Achievement—the whole end of man's being."

These Adepts and Perfect Masters stand as beacon lights to lead us onward through the

foglands of ignorance, superstition and unbelief, into the radiant light of Truth and Knowledge, and it is to acquaint the student with these teachings and help him onward in the Path of discovery that this book is written.

THE AUTHOR.