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## Introduction.

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—————"As the sun,  
Ere it is risen, sometimes paints its image  
In the atmosphere, so often do the spirits  
Of great events stride on before the events,  
And in to-day already walks to-morrow."

SCHILLER (Wallenstein.)

THERE IS A GOD!—All nature proclaims His existence; it is echoed forth with ten thousand, thousand voices, from the countless works of His hand, throughout this stupendous universe! The whole history of man bears witness to the truth that there is a God; we see it inscribed on every page, in sublime and eternal characters. Never, indeed, has mankind entirely lost this sacred creed, although it has, at times, been obscured, by passing from one nation, tribe, or generation, to another.

With the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, are all the highest aspirations of the human soul most intimately interwoven. Every achievement of man, however lofty and sublime, will— if not resting on the everlasting pillars of this glorious creed—appear, with all its grandeur, but little better than the empty and trifling pastimes of a child! In vain do we try to search out His

grandeur, by scrutinizing with our microscopes the infinitely small; nor shall we, thinking to have found in the laws of motion a clue to His never-ceasing creative power, discover His throne amid the interminable space. This puerile searching in the material world serves only to lead us astray from our true path—from the path of light and *spiritual* understanding. Of what avail are the diplomacy and state-craft of the so-called civilized nations, whose giant structures of polity, reared with so much subtlety, and with so many hecatombs of victims, we behold crumbling to pieces on every side! And that vast accumulation of philosophical works, which we are wont to admire as master-pieces of the human intellect, one of which refutes another—what are they, but a proof that all and every thing conceived without the Spirit of God, must sooner or later come to naught!

This has been the mode in which all reasoning minds have looked at history, ever since its beginning. Still we see eminent men who, eagerly grasping after the unknown, lose their foothold at the very moment they thought themselves nearest the victory.

Where shall we look for the reason why these great minds still persevere in searching in the dark, without ever discovering the truth, the fountain of all wisdom? Oh! ye wise men, North, South, East, and West, why do you not acknowledge that the real cause of the vanity and fruitlessness of your researches lies in your turning away from Him who is the Lord of hosts, the Cre-



ator of the universe, the Ruler of the destinies of man? But men have ears, and hear not; they have eyes, and see not. They see not the hand, now stretching forth from among the clouds to shower blessings on His true and loving children, and now, in a thousand varying ways, sending punishment upon His disobedient creatures, who deny their God, and refuse to love their fellow-men. They hear not the voice of the Father revealing itself in the fruit-nourishing shower, in the growing seed, in the thirst-quenching draught. They cannot see that by the abundance of blessings which He bestows upon us, He wishes to kindle in our souls the desire for brotherly love. They hear not His voice of thunder; they hear it not in the howling storm, in the surging of the destroying waves, in the agonies of innumerable victims, dying unsoothed by human aid or sympathy, in times of direful pestilence. They hear it not as it calls them to turn again to Him, again to seek the ways of truth, to become men, loving brethren, and His faithful and submissive children.

There are voices which we may even now hear, through which he speaks to us, revealing His holy will—even the voices of the Prophets.

### Prophecies and Revelations.

The belief in supernatural revelations is as old as the belief in God; we find it not only among Christians, but also among the heathen, although

they may adore their God under the form of a Fetish. Cicero, who has written a long treatise on revelation, says: "There is a belief among all nations, handed down from the heroic times, that there exists among men the gift of prophesying, or rather a presentment, a knowledge of things to come." A glorious gift, indeed, which in frail mortals approaches the Divine Power.

I find no people, be it ever so humane and so highly civilized, or ever so brutish and degraded, which does not believe in a foreshadowing of future events, capable of being discerned and interpreted by some of their fellow men. Is it not wrong in us to set aside that which has been handed down from, and hallowed through time immemorial?

Among the ancients, we find no nation more addicted to this belief, and more firm in their conviction in regard to supernatural revelation, than the Greeks. They said that the Gods, knowing the Future and the Past, reveal them to men, either freely out of love, or being prevailed upon by prayers, and that they sometimes give them signs for their guidance.

*Plato*, in his *Phædrus* and *Phædon*, holds this opinion to be true: that the soul of man participates in its Divine attributes, and that it therefore is not subject to the same laws of nature as the body; but that, since the soul has sinned in a pre-mundane life, it has been degraded to a bodily nature, so that thereby also its original faculty of spiritual and prophetic vision has been dimmed. *Not entirely, however, have men lost their power*

*of supernatural vision, because, from its very nature, that power is indestructible.*

Says *Plutarch*, in a very striking passage: "Like the sun, which does not merely become brilliant after emerging from the clouds, but is thus at all times, and only on account of the vapors surrounding it ever appears dark to us: so also the soul does not only, on emerging from the body as from a cloud, regain its power of looking into the future, but it possesses that power even now; obscured, however, or dimmed, as it were, by its present mixture and union with the mortal frame." Hence this inalienable gift of the soul, lying dormant as it does during the common course of life, may under certain favorable circumstances become free and active. And in reality, there are some conditions of the human frame which allow of a more or less free action of the soul: *Such conditions are sleep, dreams, and certain diseases.*

*Xenophon* says: "During sleep, the souls of men appear freest and most God-like, and cast a glance into the future." *Josephus*: "During sleep, the souls of men, nowise distracted by the body, enjoy sweetest repose, are in close contact and communion with God, to whom they are akin, go everywhere and see future events." Examples to serve as proof of the above, abound in the literature of Magnetism. It is not, however, the object or intention of this book to produce such evidence, since already a great many voluminous works have been written, containing the record of actual experiences to that effect, which will afford ample