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FOREWORD

I send this little book out into the world as an humble tribute to the cause of truth, with heartfelt gratitude to the Master Jesus for the patient guidance and illuminations that have been given me during the years that I have been pondering over the pages of the Scriptures of the Aryan race, realizing fully that I have sensed but a very small part of the wonders that lie hidden beneath the wonderful symbolic utterances of that marvelous Mystic Book, but full of joy that I have found enough to reveal to me something of the wondrous beauty of God's plan for the evolution of man.

Mistakes, there are many, no doubt, that better scholarship, or greater spiritual perceptions may reveal, as time goes on, but I have tried to give it exactly as it was presented to my mind and what mistakes there are, are the result of undeveloped faculties trying to grasp ideas too great for them to comprehend. These facts, however, came to me with such illuminative force, that I cannot but hope that they may prove equally helpful to others who are struggling in the bonds of mistaken conceptions of what the Bible really teaches.

We are standing upon but the threshold of the Temple of Truth, and can but glimpse the glories lying within, but each step we take forward brings us nearer to the vision celestial; and no effort made with the right motive will be lost. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of special interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man:

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but man spake from God being moved by the Holy Spirit." II Peter I, 20 and 21. Here we are justified in searching out the hidden inner meaning, as, indeed, we are in many passages that refer to the "Mysteries of Jesus."

Occultists tell us that all Scripture has seven different meanings intended to assist man at each of the seven different planes of his evolution, and this seems to be true. At each step that we take, we find that the tale told is just what we most need to direct us along the path. To the writer they have ever spoken in no uncertain tone.

These illuminations have brought to me such unspeakable joy, and peace, such conviction and strength of inspiration, that to those at the same stage of progress I feel sure that they must of necessity come as a blessing. To those farther along upon the path, they will perhaps seem crude, while to those not so far advanced they may in some cases be unintelligible. They are sent out to those who need them, to those to whom they appeal. May the Master bless them as they start upon their long journey to hunt the hearts that need them; may they in some small way, help to make straight the way of the Great Master Christ, when He again comes to this sin-sick old world; and may they help, at least a few earnest souls to gain the token by which they may know Him when He appears.

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