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*To the Rev. C. L. G.
As a mark of esteem and sympathy
I dedicate this booklet*

Preface

"Know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—JOHN 8 : 32.

BEFORE making public my renunciation of the doctrines of the Roman Church, I have considered the question from many sides; and the opinions which I now hold, are not the outcome of ephemeral fancy, nor yet of animosity.

My intimate connection with the Catholic clergy, but especially with the hierarchy, both in America and Europe, has brought me into near touch with not only the secret and inner workings of the Roman Church

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but also with the doctrines by which it is governed.

In childhood and early girlhood, without palliating the unchristian conduct of almost all the prelates with whom I came in contact, I never ceased to hope and believe that when womanhood had ripened my judgment, the apparent inconsistencies would be fully explained and the truth become evident to me. To this period of enlightenment I confidently looked forward. What was of Christ, must at bottom, contain His spirit, and accepting unquestioningly the assumption that Roman Catholicism was the "Leader amongst Christian Churches;" I knew that what would

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be revealed to me must, on this assumption being true, steady my wavering allegiance to the Papacy.

But Church politics had other uses for my coöperation than in the futile searching for Christ's divine spirit within its body, and I was led imperceptibly to a deeper and truer knowledge of the essence of that Church which I had always believed "Holy." The loyal Roman Catholic had active work to accomplish on earth—viz., the propagating of Church *influence*—not simply practicing the supposed teaching. The Church needed brave helpers, women and men, and to each the task was allotted according to the individual capacity.

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The Church blessed the methods employed by those who really loved and served her; and all such would be considered not only permissible but laudable.

What then was to become of the moral code, if ecclesiastical and moral duty clashed? The first is law, the second *habit*, was the reply. The moral habit is helpful doubtless to primitive simple folk, but it is dead and lifeless in itself, and often crushes the spirit. No great work was ever done by narrow moralists; for with that rule of life, we neither grow nor accomplish.

This gave me the first clew to the double system within the Church of

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Rome; for the uninitiated, I knew, were wholly unaware of this distinction in teaching. The separation of morals from religion seemed to me such a highly important indication in reaching the enlightenment I so much desired, that I followed it persistently and unremittingly, and it became therefore inevitable that I found myself at last an admitted member in Church politics, and at the source and heart of Esoteric Catholicism. God's glory and Christ's teachings were then but the armour and shield to hide the real pretensions of the Vatican; and the Papacy, with all it promises, implies and tolerates, is the rallying