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Horatio. Oh day and night ! but this is wondrous strange.
Hamlet. And therefore as a stranger give it welcome.
There are more things in Heaven and earth
than are dream't of in our philosophy."



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Ad Manes Baconi

This, let my supplication be, —
One fragment of thy radiant soul,
Of thy Promethean heat one coal,
O Master-Mystic give to me.



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I

JACOB DE BRUCK, Angermundt, to FRANCIS BACON

CHRISTMAS, 1904

My singular good friend :

By manie noble rivers winding through fruitful and pleasant lands, we came to a grove wherein there stood a stately temple, in breadth some two hundred feet and of a height I should judge above one hundred and fittie, the architrave supported upon Doric pillars, hewn as I think out of porphyre or chalcedonie, and above the entrance I read these words in the Latin tongue, *To the memorie of the Mystics of the earth*. Whilst I was admiring the graceful proportions of this majestick pile, I felt drawn, as it were by some potent influence, within the walls of the building, and before I was aware of it I had crossed the threshold.

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