FAITH IN A FUTURE LIFE (FOUNDATION)

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649580958

Faith in a Future Life (Foundation) by Alfred W. Martin

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

ALFRED W. MARTIN

FAITH IN A FUTURE LIFE (FOUNDATION)



Books by the Same Author

Faith in a Future Life

(Foundations)

Great Religious Teachers of the East

The Life of Jesus

In the Light of the Higher Criticism

The Dawn of Christianity

(Sequel to the preceding)

Ideals of Life

From the Bibles of the Great Religions.

FAITH IN A FUTURE LIFE

(FOUNDATIONS)

4.

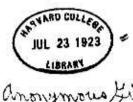
BY

ALFRED W. MARTIN

AUTHOR OF "GREAT RELIGIOUS TRACEIES OF THE RAST,"
"THE LIFE OF 1450S IN THE RIGHT OF THE HIGHER
CRITICISM," "THE DAWN OF CHRISTLASITY," HTC.



D. APPLETON AND COMPANY NEW YORK LONDON 1916 TIU8637.13



COPTEMBER, 1916, MT D. APPLETON AND COMPANY

Printed in the United States of America

PREFATORY NOTE

On the Sunday evenings of the winter months in 1915, at the Meeting House of the Society for Ethical Culture of New York, I gave a series of eight lectures on Modern Occultism. The course included the following subjects: Modern Occultism and the Ethical Attitude Toward It, The Causes of Modern Occultism, Spiritualism and Its Cardinal Claim, Psychical Research and Its Results, Foundations for the Faith in a Future Life, Theosophy and Reincarnation, Christian Science in Its Relation to Jesus as Healer, A Candid Examination of Christian Science.

Only in its generic sense, as defined in the Century Dictionary, was the word "occultism" used. The aim of the course was expository, critical, constructive. It sought to sketch the origin and development of each of these modern movements, to set forth its distinctive characteristics, to indicate its contribution to religious thought, to show in what respects its main position seemed open to criticism.

This book is not a reproduction of those lectures. They were delivered without manuscript and the thought of extending my notes for publication was at no time entertained. But the receipt of several hundred signed applications for a book that should con-

PREFATORY NOTE

tain at least a portion of the course, particularly what had been said on the subject of immortality and the various grounds on which thinkers have supported their faith in it, prompted the preparation of what is herein presented.

Be it understood, then, that the following chapters reproduce, not the original lectures but only the substance of certain parts of six in the series. It seemed necessary to say these preliminary words lest any of those who formed part of my friendly audience should expect to find here verbal reproduction of what they then heard.

ALFRED W. MARTIN.

New York.

CONTENTS

CHAPTE	ER P	AGE
INTRO	DUCTION	ix
I.	THREE MINOR FOUNDATIONS	1
11.	THE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION	17
ш.	[
IV.	THE ETHICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD MODERN OCCULTISM—SPIRITUALISM, PYSCHICAL RESEARCH, THEOSOPHY	51
v.	THE CARDINAL CLAIM OF SPIRITUALISM	65
VI.	THE COUNTERCLAIM OF PSYCHICAL RESEARCH	81
VII.	THE THEOSOPHICAL BELIEF, REINCARNATION	112
VIII.	THE FOUNDATION IN MORAL EXPERIENCE	144
IX.	MISUSES OF THE FAITH IN A FUTURE LIFE	170
X.	THE MORAL LIER IN THE LIGHT OF IMMORTALITY	194