

sun in three languages) may not be accomplished without rending of those physical veils which hide the True Sun. Zadok the priest, according to Josephus (see *Antiquities*, x., 8, § 6), was the first High Priest Hierophant of Solomon's High Temple. Masons connect him with some of their degrees. He is not to be confounded with Zadok, a disciple of Antigonus Saccho, founder of the sect of the Sadducees. Zadok the priest. Nathan the prophet, and Ben-aiah, the "mighty man," represent the threefold nature, united in Melchizedek, and to be manifested in Solomon, and men of the type of that Order.

October 11. I Kings iii : 5-15.

In the whole Bible there has nowhere been embodied more practical wisdom, more common sense, more useful precept for the man who wishes to make the most and the best of life, than in the story of Solomon's dream. "And now, O Lord, my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or to come in." The young man who realizes that he has entered into the sovereignty of his life in this world, that the rule of his parents no longer controls him, and that the Kingdom of Self waits his regency, that he is now a responsible being with an account to render of his reign, will find in this narrative, irrespective of any deeper occult significance, the plain guide to the way of peace. "Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge thy people," this concourse of thoughts, impulses, emotions, desires, which dwell in my kingdom, "that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to judge this multitude?" "My mind to me a kingdom is," said the poet, and happy he who with wise and understanding heart wields due authority therein. "Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding (Binah, the third of the ten Sephiroth) to discern the Law (Mishpat), behold I have done accord-

ing to thy word. . . . And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked." "Seek first the kingdom that is within, and all these things shall be added unto thee," enjoins the later Scripture.

October 18. I Kings iv : 25-34.

Solomon was wiser than all men, we are told. Wiser even than Ethan, the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and we do not need to be reminded of the transcendent wisdom of this quartette. In the 88th Psalm, which was written by Heman, we have the apostrophe of one who must have been initiated in some of the Lesser Mysteries at least. "Shall Thy loving-kindness be declared in Kama-loka?" he asks, "Or Thy faithfulness in the Pralaya?" (Psalm lxxxviii: 11). The whole psalm is similar to the mystical writings of Job. The last verse has the touching exclamation that seems to be wrung from many students of Wisdom (See Luke xxi: 16). The same note is not so apparent in the 89th Psalm by Ethan, but it is clear enough, as in verses 36 37, and 5, 6, and 7. Calcol and Darda are included in I Chronicles ii: 6, as among the sons of Zerah. In verses 7-21 of the present chapter, King Solomon's twelve officers who ruled over the land, each making provision for a month in the year, are enumerated. All this relates to the zodiacal divisions of the solar cycles, and, while the details may be gathered from the names and duties of the several officers, for general purposes it is sufficient to indicate the fact, as bearing on the greater allegory of the Temple which is to follow. Solomon was wise "exceeding much," and had "largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore." The heart of sand is suggestive. Solomon's knowledge (*v.* 33-33) about trees is another clue. "He spake of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon, to the hyssop that groweth out of the wall." In "The Secret Doctrine," ii, p. 494, Madame Blavatsky refers to the Holy Mountains as the abodes of Initiates. Ezekiel xxxi: 3-9 reads: "Behold the Assyrian [Atlantean] was a cedar in Lebanon.