

ISIS UNVEILED.

H. P. Blavatsky was sent out to the West by our Elder Brothers, the Mahatmas, or Great Souls of India, to spread the Truth, or the Wisdom of the Gods, which has been preserved in the world since the beginning of time. But before the light of truth could shine in upon the western mind, the veils that time and superstition had woven around Universal Nature had to be lifted. Therefore her first work, after founding the Theosophical Society, was to write a book called "Isis Unveiled," or the Unveiling of Universal Nature. Two volumes of 1,500 pages, this work at once showed that she had an intimate acquaintance with the Mahatmas and that she had thoroughly mastered Their science, the Wisdom Religion, the religion of immortality. In these pages she proves conclusively to any unprejudiced mind that all religion, science and philosophy have their origin in one root and are but branches of one stem, and no one system has a right to dogmatise as to its supremacy over another. She sought, by showing the teaching common to all religions, to bring about that which is the first object of the Theosophical Society, namely: a recognition of the fact that all men are brothers, parts of one great whole, and that only through the practice of justice to the whole can peace and harmony prevail. She demanded that men in all sincerity do even justice, speak the truth without malice or prejudice, show neither mercy for enthroned error, nor reverence for usurped authority, and that they should recognize that truth alone is eternal and supreme. She reminds us that there is no magic nor miracle which transcends the scope and capacity of the human mind, and that the extent of the powers of the human heart has not as yet been even understood by the West, and she describes under the law of evolution the development of new sensibilities in man, involving a closer relationship with nature. "Isis Unveiled" shows that there is nothing essentially new in science or religion; that no matter how we may tear down the structure, and pile again stone upon stone, our new result is but an old idea; there is but one idea underlying all, and that is union with God.

She endeavored to show man's kinship with God, and she relates some of her experiences in the East which

proved to her the identity of the Essence or Spirit in all men, and with God in Nature. Others have also proven for themselves that man is in essence a spiritual entity, that he may live independently of the body; that he does not die with it, but is immortal throughout the ages. But once prove to man that he is a spiritual being, and you have proved God.

For just as one might demonstrate the existence of a great ocean of water to a man who had never seen water, by letting one drop fall upon his hand, he then, having the fact from which all the rest may be inferred, could, after that, by degrees understand how a boundless and fathomless ocean existed.

So she demonstrates that it is a fact that man may step in spirit within the Veil of Isis: or in other words that man may penetrate the mysteries of nature, even beyond the grave, while he still retains his hold upon the physical body. He may lift aside the veil of the One that is, and was, and shall be. He may in reality look through the rent curtain of the Sanctum Sanctorum at Jerusalem; and he may even interrogate the mysterious Bath-Kol, the Mother of the Gods, or "primeval light," within the sacred edifice.

Such knowledge is priceless and it has been hidden only from those who overlooked it, derided it, or denied its existence. When a man has experienced this knowledge, and made it a part of his being, science, theology, and every human hypothesis lose forever their authoritative character in his sight.

One gathers that religion and science must go hand in hand in search of knowledge, and we learn that the old Hermetic philosophy, the ancient universal Wisdom Religion, is the only key to the Absolute in science or theology. This Wisdom alone will unlock the secrets of nature for the scientist, and alone will admit the theologian to the presence of his God. We learn that the laws of the spiritual world may be understood and demonstrated to the spiritual nature of man just as plainly as the laws of the physical world can be demonstrated to our physical senses.

"Isis Unveiled" compares the Christian religions with the Pagan, and shows that the ancient mysteries have been trailed in the dust, and their symbols and pure abstract ideas materialised into things of clay, and idolized by Christian and Pagan alike. She quotes from Max Muller, when he remarks