

## The Three Kings of Orient

Israel when disaster came to the nation because the King forsook the old men's counsel, and it appears to us of the East that the West is in some danger of exaggerating the importance of youth. Simplicity of life is a stable characteristic of our nation, and it may not hurt your people to be called back from the complexity of life which is their burden to the simple life so beautifully lived and preached by your great Prophct. In these and other ways, our nation may be able to make broader and deeper the interpretation of the Christ character."

As he finished speaking, a sudden gust of wind shook the palace and penetrated into the room. And then a tongue of golden flame dropped towards the King of the Middle Kingdom. The floor creaked and rocked and a second tongue of fire issued from it and crept up the body of the Oriental. It devoured the dragon upon the skirts of his clothing and licked up all the symbols of superstition. (The two flames met upon the crescent which decorated the breast of his coat. Slowly the semi-circle filled out until it became a sphere of liquid light. Its brightness dazzled the eyes of the king and completely concealed the figure of his guest. For a moment it hung in mid-air, glowing and sparkling, then suddenly went out, leaving the chamber in blackest darkness. And then the Monarch of the West knew that only the life of God from above and the life of man from the earth, meeting in perfect union in the God-man, Christ Jesus, could fill out and make perfect the partial character of the great people of the East.