

GOD OR "DEITY" is unknowable, for not one among all the spirits who have communed with me, acknowledge the existence of a personal God; while the more exalted ones define God as Spirit Infinite, Omnific, Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient — All, and in all — thus constituting the universe as a whole.

As a humble mortal I cannot but admit that at times in my mental application I have felt the inspiration of unseen intelligences prompting or compelling the thought committed to writing; but nevertheless in the work of the magnitude of the subject, the years for the accumulation of facts and evidences, it must needs be that errors in some degree may have been made, but not knowingly or willfully; and as I now draw it to a close, and send it forth to the thinkers of the world, with, as I am assured, the approbation of a strong spirit hand, I do so with the hope that my soul's desire — that "it will be a benefit to humanity" — will be realized.

Before attaching my signature to my closing page of this great volume of evidence, I desire to express a full measure of my gratitude and appreciation of Hypatia's work and inspirations, and other valuable aidings, including the securing of capable witnesses to testify, and to bring evidence worthy of introduction in this book. From first to last Hypatia has been my earnest collaborator of the book's compilation. I therefore feel that it is but fitting — while remembering also the fact that the book was her own suggestion, as was its title — that she give her concluding expressions to its readers, as to her view regarding its mission.

In conclusion:

Here are the things that I have won as I climbed with care, till I attained this comfort, in the sunset of my years. I have now ceased to feel the doubt, and the attendant fears, that come to most of men below.

I feel, I sense, and think 'tis true, all that I state as facts to you.

*John S. King.*