

Some cherishing lust for fame, the nurse  
 of evil strife,  
 Some bent on monstrous gain,  
 Some turned to folly and the sweet works  
 of the flesh,  
 Hastening, indeed, to bring the very  
 contrary of these to pass.  
 But Thou, O Zeus, the All-giver, Dweller  
 in the darkness of cloud, Lord of  
 thunder, save Thou men from their  
 unhappy folly,  
 Which do Thou, O Father, scatter from  
 their souls; and give them to discover  
 the wisdom, in whose assurance Thou  
 governest all things with justice;  
 So that being honoured, they may pay  
 Thee honour,  
 Hymning Thy works continually, as it  
 becometh a mortal man,  
 Since there can be no greater glory for  
 men or Gods than this,  
 Duly to praise forever the Universal  
 Law.

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#### THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE.

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There are three truths which are absolute, and which cannot be lost, but yet may remain silent for lack of speech.

The soul of man is immortal, and its future is the future of a thing whose growth and splendour have no limit.

The principle which gives life dwells in us, and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, is not heard or seen, or smelt, but is perceived by the man who desires perception.

Each man is his own absolute law-giver, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself; the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment.

These truths, which are as great as is life itself, are as simple as the simplest mind of man. Feed the hungry with them.—*Idyll of the White Lotus.*

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THE NUMBER 7 became dedicated to Sirius, which star on that account was denominated Phthah (Hepta), and was revered as a sacred number, and adopted by the priesthood in drawing up many of their scientific formulas.—*Hekkyan Bey, Chronology of Siritadic Monuments.*

#### OCCULTISM IN THE WEST.

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It is obvious that Western culture has been concerned for the last half dozen centuries with the development of physical intellect rather than with that of spiritual aspiration. While the process has been going on, spiritual growth for this race may have been retarded; when the spiritual aspiration sets in again and grafts itself on the intellectual progress accomplished, the races that have been working on this plane will, I suppose, in the old scriptural phrase, have their reward; but meanwhile we who are working here in such humble fashion as may be feasible to help on the grafting process referred to, may fail to accomplish our task in the best way if we get into the habit of treating Occultism as though it were a tropical export which European nations will never be able to develop for themselves within their own limits. Of course we are indebted for the present impulse towards occult research to the light which has come to us from the East; but it seems to me that the loftiest conception we can form of the great Masters of Wisdom who have inspired this and so many other spiritual activities at various periods of the world's progress, is that which entangles them with no ethnological limitations, but regards them pre-eminently as the Elder Brothers of Mankind.—*A. P. S. in December Vahan.*

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#### DARWIN ON HEREDITY.

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The laws governing inheritance are for the most part unknown. No one can say why the same peculiarity in different individuals of the same species, or in different species, is sometimes inherited and sometimes not so; why the child often reverts in certain characters to the grandfather or grandmother or more remote ancestor; why a peculiarity is often transmitted from one sex to both sexes, or to one sex alone, more commonly but not exclusively to the like sex.—*The Origin of Species, ch. 1, s. 18.*