

governed, the World and Man; but they and all things else, of that which is One.

From the Fourth Book of the Divine Pimander, an Hermetic Scripture dating long anterior to the era of Moses and embodying Egyptian philosophy and religion. The translation is by Dr. Everard, 1650.

BUDDHA'S TEACHINGS.

1. All beings desire happiness; therefore to all extend your benevolence.
2. Have pity upon every living creature.
3. Hurt not others with that which pains yourself.
4. He who holds up a torch to lighten mankind is always honoured by me (Buddha).
5. Full of love for all things in the world, practising virtue in order to benefit others, this man only is happy.
6. Speak not harshly to anybody.
7. Hatred does not cease by hatred; hatred ceases by love. This is the Sanatam Dharma.
8. Give to him that asketh, even though it be but a little.
9. Whosoever harms living beings, and in whom there is no compassion for them, he is low born. He who denies a future state and utters falsehood, there is no sin that he could not do.
10. Be kind and benevolent to every being, and spread peace in the world. If it happen that thou see anything to be killed, thy soul shall be moved with pity and compassion.
11. He who is tender to all that lives is protected by the gods and loved by men.
12. Proclaim the Dharma and preach ye a life of holiness, perfect and pure, and this is the greatest charity.
13. May I never, even in a dream, be guilty of theft, adultery, drunkenness, life slaughter and untruthfulness.
14. Let no one knowingly eat the flesh of an animal killed for the purpose of food.

Bhikshus! disseminate the Dharma among men and wander about for the good of the world and yourselves. Proclaim at all times my Law to the world and let your habitation be in the forest and in the cave.

Proclaim my Law of Righteousness for the complete emancipation of the world. Close all doors that lead to the Four Evil Ways and open all doors that lead to the Passionless State of Eternal Beatitude.

Increase the faith of the people and proclaim the law with a spirit of compassionateness.

Distribute the law to the people in gratitude for the exhibition of their hospitality to you.

Hoist the Banner of Truth and live for the good of the world.

Professor Max Muller has adopted 477 B.C. as the most probable date of the Nirvana of Buddha—Journal of the Maha-Bodhi Society.

For the Lamp.

FOUND AND MADE A NOTE OF.

The Neutrality of the T. S. is the Neutrality of Brotherhood.

Karma is forever putting us in each other's place from incarnation to incarnation, until we learn to sympathize with each other in true brotherly fashion.

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In a karmic sense everybody is our "might-have-been" or our "may-be." What room then for pride, or standing aloof, or comparison of any kind?

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Heaven preserve us from theosophical cant! Cant, which we are taught to abhor above all other vices of the mind! And yet, as human nature is not changed by the signing of a pledge, nor by the subscribing to a statement, there is danger that we may unaware fall into the detestable habit. A too glib use of theosophical terms and phrases, such as "Universal Brotherhood," "Fraternity," "Karma," "Renunciation," "Selflessness," "the Masters," "the Higher Life," and the like, may in time lead to flippancy of speech; from flippancy we may drift into unconscious irreverence, and thence into cant. For when we have no more real reverence for words and phrases significant of vital things we cease to live up to them, and so become mere talkers of theosophy and not doers thereof—a sad debasement of the world's saving truths. As theosophists we are bound to speak of these vital things and truths whenever and wherever we can, but at least we need not prate of them unduly nor mention them lightly, and by preserving in ourselves a sincere and earnest attitude of mind avoid the tendency to cant and hypocrisies into which we might otherwise fall. Is it not so, comrades, that truth is to be felt and lived as well as spoken? C. L. A.