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expected for centuries, who shall at last come to de-
liver His people and to re-establish the kingdom of
Israel.

Since my arrival, I have heard that a great prophet
whose name is John has been teaching multitudes in
the desert and baptizing them in the waters of the Jor-
dan. And now they boast another prophet, greater
than the first, who preaches in the synagogues, who
cures the sick and the infirm, who gives sight to the
blind and speech to the dumb.

While waiting to inform myself more fully upon
these events which move the crowd so singularly, I
admire the beauties and attractions of this sunlit
country. I understand that the Jewish Prophets have
chosen it for the establishment of the Kingdom of
God. If their ancient Eden, their lost Paradise, could
somewhere be recovered, it is here, and if the Golden
Age sung by Ovid might be reborn, the Lake of Genez-
areth should become its cradle.

Apropos of this, thou rememberest that our poet
had placed this Golden Age in the beginning of the
world, and that he finished it in the Garden of the
Hesperides, where there was a wonderful tree bearing
golden fruit and guarded by a monstrous serpent.
From whence came this legend to him? Without
doubt he found its elements in the poems of Hesiod;
but from whence had Hesiod taken it? Well, my
friend, he found it in the books of Moses, which were
over fifteen centuries old and which recounted that the
first man had been placed in a Garden of Delights and
that he was driven out of it by God because he had

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