

His stature was exalted above all the trees of the field. The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him . . . so that all the trees of Eden envied him." Throughout Asia Minor the Initiates were called the "trees of righteousness" and the "cedars of Lebanon." The hyssop was an herb of sacrifice. Solomon's three thousand proverbs have only partially survived, and of his thousand and five songs, we have not five. The Song of Songs was certainly not the work of the traditional monarch. Psalms 72, 127 and 132 are attributed to him.

THE FALL OF THE ANGELS.

Semi-exoterically, the "First-born" of the Almighty—*that Lux*—or the angels of primordial light, were commanded *to create*; one-third of them rebelled *and refused*; while those who "obeyed as Fetahil did—*failed*" most signally.

To realize the refusal and failure in their correct physical meaning, one must study and *understand* Eastern philosophy; one has to be acquainted with the fundamental mystical tenets of the Vedautins, with regard to the utter fallacy of attributing functional activity to the infinite and absolute deity. Esoteric philosophy maintains that during the *Sandhyas*, the "Central Sun" emits *creative light*—passively so to say. *Causality* is latent. It is only during the active periods of being that it gives rise to a stream of ceaseless energy, whose vibrating currents acquire more activity and potency with every rung of the hebdomadic ladder of Being which they descend. Hence it becomes comprehensible how the process of *creating*, or rather of fashioning, the organic Universe, with all its units of the seven kingdoms, necessitated intelligent beings—who become collectively a Being or creative God, differentiated already from the one absolute Unity, unrelated as the latter is to conditioned creation. ("Creation"—out of pre-existent external substance, or matter, of course, which substance, according to our teachings, is boundless, ever-existing space.)—*Secret Doctrine*, o. e. II., p. 239.

FOR THE LAMP.

FOUND AND MADE A NOTE OF.

The best guard against reaction—action.

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Less red tape in Branch affairs, Brothers, and more love, trust and enthusiasm.

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A good theosophical "grace"—Let us eat for the benefit of all creatures.

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It is possible to write a most unbrotherly letter and to sign it, "Yours fraternally."

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It is possible to delude ourselves into the belief that we put our "whole trust and reliance on Karma" and yet go halting around on the crutches of our own personal hopes, desires and plans. In a word, like too many an over-anxious Christian, we put ourselves in the "Hands of the Lord," only to take ourselves right out again. C. L. A.

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THEOSOPHY-THE SOUL'S WISDOM.

The questions are often asked, What is Theosophy? What benefit does it confer? And does it answer the most vital questions of human life—Whence came we? For what purpose? And whither does the Path of Silence lead? Three great questions which have been asked all adown the centuries with no satisfactory reply. Is there no answer? With no uncertain voice Theosophy replies to him who dares to question the creeds and isms of the day—"In the olden times thou and I were One, and all the wisdom my divine name embodies is thine, and awaits thy taking. But thou, from the bright realms of the sky, hast descended into the lower world to conquer and refine the material elements, to purify and enrich the soul, and to impress every atom with which thou comest in contact with thy diviner life. In the darkness, thou hast forgotten thy home of Light—but as the grand truths of Theosophy fall upon thy listening ear the eyes lose their dimness, and the Soul, gathering up the threads of the Past, knows itself, the Immortal."

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