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"Modern Science is every day drawn more into the maelstrom of Occultism; unconsciously no doubt, but still very sensibly." (Secret Doctrine, I., page 149, 1887.)

"The modern tendency of Science is towards the invisible kingdom; the more we exhaust the physical world, the more shall we find ourselves pushed into the other territory." (Prof. Sir Oliver Lodge, 1903.)

INTRODUCTORY.

Some thirty years ago, in presence of the ever-increasing tendencies towards materialism and unbelief, the holders of that occult knowledge which could alone fitly show the danger of such tendencies, decided that a new proclamation of the old Truths was timely and advisable. To these old Truths in their modernised garb was given the general name of Theosophy, and earnest students, headed principally by a most remarkable woman, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, began to study and promulgate the bulk of these revived teachings. Literature was then gradually produced on the subject—the most prominent publications were, for a while, *Isis Unveiled* and Mr. Sinnett's *Esoteric Buddhism*—until in 1888 appeared what has been the masterpiece of modern theosophical teachings—**THE SECRET DOCTRINE**. This book—in spite of many failings and imperfections, of which the writer

(Mme. Blavatsky) herself was well aware (S.D. II. 676-7)—no fair-minded or impartial student can really study* without being struck with admiration and astonishment at the depth of knowledge it reveals, and at the extraordinary number of occult truths it contains. No other work extant for the general public sheds so much light on the mysteries of human life, as well as on all human so-called sciences, and on the past as well as the future of our planet and of ourselves. The Anthropogenesis it unfolds, from the Stanzas of Dzyan—let alone the Cosmogony—has been well characterised as “Titanic.”

But what, for the unbiassed student, is still more remarkable is that the *Secret Doctrine* teems with hints—often amounting to real predictions—about what the near future has in store for the world and for human knowledge, in connection with the tenets to which its author devoted her life. In fact, the more deeply the *Secret Doctrine* is studied, the more numerous and apparent these hints turn out to be.

It has been repeatedly asserted by observing students that every advance of science is now obtained on lines traced and anticipated by Theosophy. This the present writer himself, for one, believes to be not only a fact, but one easily proven; and as this fact must help to increase their prestige by showing the profound value of the occult teachings, it must be interesting, as well as useful, to review from time to time the principal scientific discoveries of our time, from the standpoint of the sayings of Theosophy's great exponent. It becomes a pleasure for the studious lover of Truth to watch their fulfilment.

The writer will therefore now proceed to submit some of the facts he has been able to gather, although he wishes to state that they have not, as some might suppose, been gathered with the intention of “bolstering up” Theosophy by the aid of modern science: Theosophy can stand on its own merits.

One of the first things to command our attention is that Mme. Blavatsky, to whom we will henceforth refer

* I say “really study” because no one can grasp its full meaning at a cursory reading.

by the now familiar initials H.P.B., could foresee exactly what would happen in respect to her book and the teachings it contains:

It is only in the Twentieth Century that portions, if not the whole of the present work (*The Secret Doctrine*) will be vindicated (S.D. II. 461). . . . The rejection of these teachings may be expected and must be accepted beforehand. No one styling himself a “scholar,” in whatever department of “exact” science, will permit himself to regard these teachings seriously. They will be derided and rejected “a priori” in this century, but *only in this one*. For in the Twentieth century of our era, scholars will begin to recognise that the *Secret Doctrine* has neither been invented nor exaggerated, but, on the contrary, simply outlined; and finally, that its teachings antedate the Vedas. . . . Have not the latter been derided, rejected and called “a modern forgery” even so recently as fifty years ago? (S.D. I., 21*).

The Secret Doctrine was indeed met first with the greatest opposition, abuse and ridicule; but already it can be seen how opposition and disbelief have gradually subsided; and, every year having brought its share of confirmations, even her detractors can each year more plainly see how correct her utterances were.

Another of her assertions, which also deserves attention runs as follows:

We are at the very close of the first cycle of 5000 years of the present Aryan Kali-Yuga; and between this time

[i.e., between 1887, the date of her writing]

and 1897 there will be a large rent made in the veil of Nature, and materialistic Science will receive a death blow. (S.D. I., 671).

Now—judging from the truly wonderful discoveries in various departments of science, made more especially within the last ten years, and which are evidently only the forerunners of many others far more important still—

the times are ripe for a more serious knowledge than hitherto permitted, though still even now very limited. (I., 21).

Judging from the ever-growing number of scientists who are now laboriously and enthusiastically studying the

* NOTE REGARDING QUOTATIONS FROM THE *Secret Doctrine*.—In nearly every case, these are *verbatim* transcriptions from the New and Revised Edition; in some few instances, however, the sense of a whole page or long paragraph has been epitomised into a short sentence. In one or two instances also, words have been italicised which are not so in the text, in order to emphasise the point brought forward.