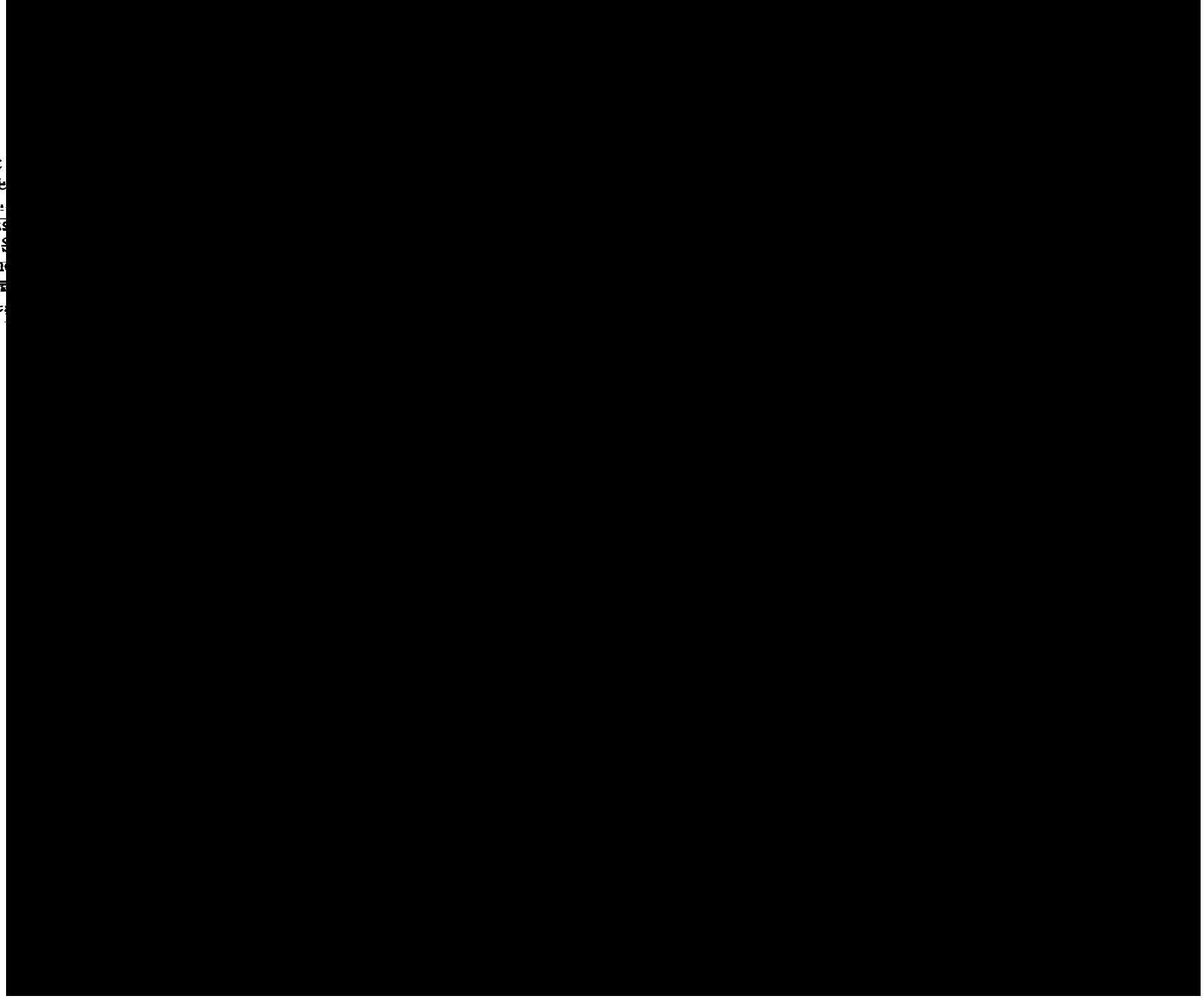

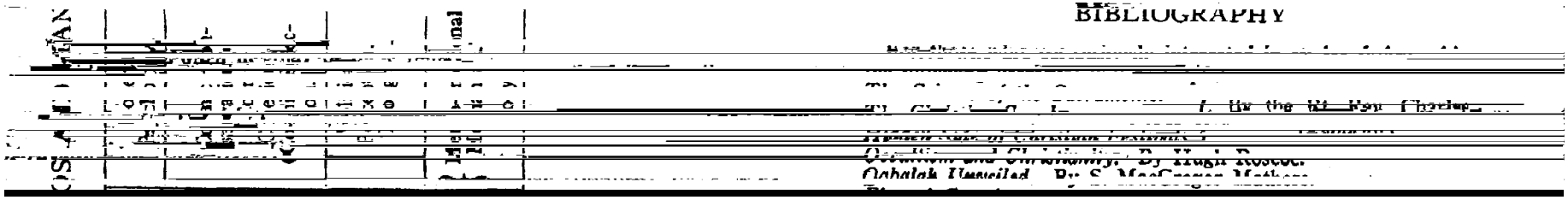

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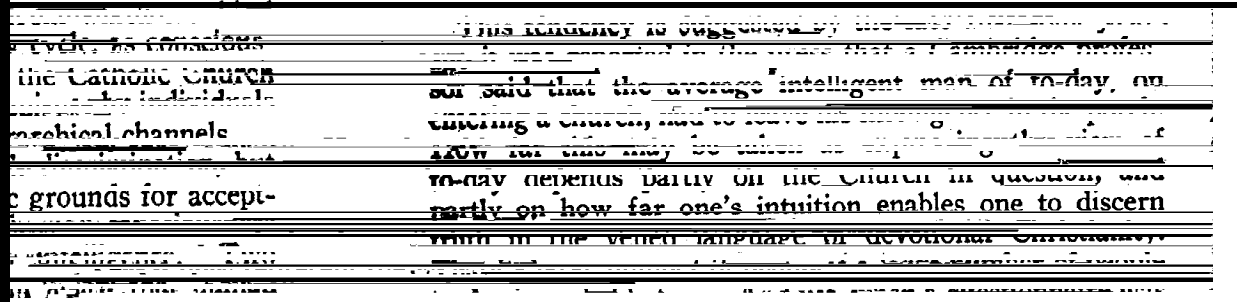


CHAPTER II

CATHOLICISM AND THE ROOT-DOCTRINE OF THE AGES

Is Truth Static or Eternally Unfolding?

THE late H. P. Blavatsky[1] wrote: "*There was in every*

sciousness is really "God," or Life," manifesting in

When the Lords of Flame in splendour came
To train our youthful earth,
Rose up in his glorious birth

Like a seed in the ground grew a thought profound

CHAPTER III

of it running 100 yards in even time. By "Religion"

Science has in turn almost crushed Religion in the popular mind, with the result that human beings are busily fleeing from Reality into various avenues of futility, and society is in danger of destroying itself with its own engines.

Fortunately, to-day people are beginning to realise this mistake—Science has officially discarded materialism, and is actively engaged in investigating the "worlds of the unseen"—Religion is discarding its hostility to Science, and developing the mental approach to spiritual realities, while Art is sanctifying human life by its appreciation of harmony, cleanliness and beauty. Religion in the new

CHAPTER IV

MYSTICISM VERSUS RELIGIOUS [illegible]

THERE are two distinct types of Christianity which [illegible] the modern generation has learned to recognize [illegible] and (b) the Religious Spiritual. The [illegible] are respectively associated with (a) rationalistic and (b) universal

and selfishness of humanity may prove interesting and valuable.

"Mysticism" is not to be confused with "mystification." In fact, it is the exact opposite. True Mysticism leads to safe knowledge, clear perception and certainty of spiritual realization beyond any possibility of error. Error [illegible] whereas Mysticism is a process of intuitional mind which is above the possibility of mistake. It is dogmatic

tianity gradually leavening the consciousness of Western [illegible] Individualism (Liberty) into Socialism (Co-operation). It is a form of the conquest of inertia, or "death." A brief [illegible] of the two opposing elements will help to show how justified a Church would be in adopting a policy of non [illegible]

[illegible] revealed the [illegible] Reality of the Son of God perfected in the Son of Man, as it will be perfected in all humanity in due course. When confronted with the basis of [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] it, whether [illegible] commercial or

the Judaistic forms usually associated with the Roman Church, which their members generally condemn for

idealism, the fierce, nationalistic, moralizing quality of Judaism seems to have been perpetuated in Protestant imperialism in Britain. There is even a trace of the old

PART II

LIBERAL CATHOLICISM AS A LEAVEN IN THE CHURCH CATHOLIC

Chapter V

THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH—THE CHURCH OF THE NEW AGE

Such creeds as wrong Thy Name

With faith

ONE of the factors responsible for the modern flight from Religion is a kind of loose belief that Chris-

Christianity, while the mediæval type was very different

Church is to recapture public imagination, it must evolve

Presence of Christ. Its dogmas and even ritual develop

would be

[illegible]

[illegible] Christians that their especial form of [illegible] organization is one of many, not the only way to God. They do not recognize the evolutionary character of all [illegible]

[illegible]

necessary idealistic atmosphere—a mechanism that is, as far as possible, independent of personal idiosyncrasies, beliefs or interference.

These four qualifications might be summarized under the four titles: (a) Fatherhood of God; (b) Brotherhood of Man; (c) the constant evolution of all living things

cerity: "How can you have a Church that is both Liberal and Catholic at the same time?"

It is true there are sections in the Church Catholic

[illegible] oak trees, or some modification of an oak tree, as it may well turn out. Thus in the mineral kingdom the Seed of [illegible] it has flowered; while in the superhuman, angelic kingdoms [illegible] itself, beginning a new and grander cycle of growth, a parent of new seed-processes. To put the matter in another way, Evolution is the process by which God the Imperson becomes fully personified and perfected. The destiny of humanity is Super-humanity, or Angelhood. [illegible] to pass through more advanced forms in some future [illegible] or God-hood implies a state of Cosmic Intelligence [illegible]

[illegible]

We live, as sparks of Thine eternal Flame. . . .

May, with our spirit's [illegible] vision, see

Thee manifest in all, and all in Thee. . . .

[illegible]

In Thee, in Thee we rest, we live for ave.

II

[illegible]

[illegible] the Secret Doctrine of Israel, unknown to the majority of Jews, the One God is manifested in a threefold manner.

CHAPTER VIII

PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

Hearing and sight,

5. Such forms may well be instruments or "bodies" in which Intelligences of various non-human grades express themselves (e.g. the Angels)

6. Such ultra-physical forms appear to coincide with

7. Evidence appears to show that human beings possess "bodies" of finer matter in addition to the physical body

mosphere feel a sense of peace and majesty, unless they happen to be quite insensitive. [illegible] insensitive people agree that an atmosphere of spiritual [illegible] a very long time.

These and other facts have led to a study of the Hidden side of the Christian Church ceremonial, and a wealth of information has been discovered which shows the purpose of ceremonial in producing spiritual effects on those who take part in it, on the surrounding world for some considerable [illegible] from the Church, and also on individuals [illegible] power-ritual. The effect of rhythmic ceremonial in attracting the Angels and securing Their co-operation has also been observed.[1]

The Ceremony of the Eucharist, though established by many centuries of Christian usage, is not entirely Christian in origin. It can be traced in certain forms through the Mysteries of all religions. The pupils of the Egyptian Mystery-School performed something of the kind [illegible] became temporarily [illegible] and inspiration. The Zoroastrians of Persia had a ceremoney very like the Eucharist, as did the followers of Mithra later. It was called the "Agape" or "Love-Feast." All these ceremonies, however, were originally restricted to those specially admitted to the priestly colleges and schools of the Mysteries, prior to Christianity. It seems to be in keeping with the purpose of the Christ that He opened this inspirational ceremony to

1. All this has been minutely described, with copious illustrations, in [illegible] in keeping with the effect mentioned in that [illegible] present Liberal Catholic Liturgy.

all who were ready and willing to receive the "Sacrament." Therefore, in the [illegible] teaching has been kept secret, the ceremonial is performed [illegible] doubt, even though they are unaware of what it really means. When, in addition, the ceremony is performed with full intent and mental awareness, and without fear or undue self-abasement, as in the Liberal Catholic service, this effect is considerably enhanced; and a distinct increase of spiritual consciousness ensues. Also the definite mental intent of priest and people in the Liberal Catholic [illegible] atmosphere which it has taken the older Churches a very long time to produce. It does not follow that clairvoyance is induced by this means—in fact, except in certain instances, it is probably better for the average man to have nothing to do with the development of psychic faculties, and to concentrate on the purification of his desire-nature, the liberation of himself from his appetites and the raising of his aspirations to spiritual realities. As the Great Reality—God the Father—is not limited to any form, [illegible] It is certain that the celebration of the Eucharist definitely provides an atmosphere in which that course becomes considerably easier than it would be if one had to rely on one's own strength alone, just as it is less exhausting to cross a river by a ferry-boat than to swim.

II

The Mass or Eucharist

To understand how the Eucharist [illegible] the creation of psychic forms, and their manipulation by the Angels who attend such ceremonies, it is necessary to

[illegible] that such provision is made through the action of intermediate Powers, whose resources are by no means infinite, however stubendous they may be in comparison with ours. It is consequently the actual duty of such Powers to economize that force, and therefore to do what They are appointed to do in the easiest possible manner. For [illegible] its materialization to a lower level at thousands of places at once. It is obviously far more practical to establish at [illegible] machinery of such materialization may be permanently [illegible]

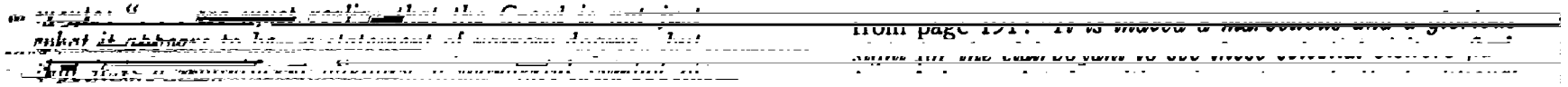
[illegible] hand of inner vision should seem so decidedly to [illegible] the practices of the Church. Rather than those of the various sects [illegible] is in many ways more liberal. The reason is shown precisely in this consideration of the inner side of things [illegible]"

[illegible]

[illegible] influence of religious materialism derived from that of the [illegible] gods [illegible] to have given birth to an idea that the purpose of religion is to worship or placate an external God, but in the Liberal Catholic view, although it may do individuals some good to worship in that way, nothing they

3. *To Assist Individuals*

fore, who assist in this service for the dead, are actively



from page 191. It is indeed a marvellous and glorious

[illegible]

into the soul of things. What happens at the moment of Consecration of the Host [illegible]

[illegible]

to a height beyond any power of clairvoyant vision which we at present have at our disposal. [illegible] From what I have [illegible]

[illegible]

is utterly different [illegible] and that is why the Church has always so strongly insisted upon the Real Presence of [illegible]

[illegible]

ordinary celebration of the Mass was a magnificent display [illegible]

secration the Host glowed with the most dazzling bright- [illegible]

[illegible] under what conditions. I found that at [illegible] Celebration the same results were produced. It [illegible]

[illegible] there is outpoured."

[illegible] of the individual and Hymns of Adoration are sung. In the Liberal Catholic Church the Te Adoro and the [illegible]

[illegible] with the Christ within [illegible] him if he understands what this means. Otherwise he may only feel an emotional stimulation or sensation of [illegible]

271. "The hymns after the Consecration generate a blaz- [illegible] some of the finest of which collect [illegible] the shape surrounds [illegible]

[illegible] of the trinity made by the Host, the Wine and himself. Now that the main part of the work is done the Priest is able to take the place of the Angel and so complete the triangular arrangement [illegible]

currents flowing smoothly again. There is not only tremendous power in the Sacrament and in the Altar of the Historic Church (power which unfortunately has not always been used rightly), but there is utter peace as well, the Peace which passeth human understanding. This

CHAPTER X

LIBERAL CATHOLIC PSYCHOLOGY

Richer than famed Golconda,
More worth than gems or gold
Is that eternal Wisdom

Psychology and Evolution, in order to show the practical use to which Liberal Catholicism may be put for self-analysis and realization. Liberal Catholicism deliberately combines the essentials of both devotional and mental [illegible] tions is no longer accepted to-day. In fact, psychology is [illegible] may be ultimately more rapid and accurate in their access

[illegible] fulfilment; and presumption about its future sequence on similar lines is therefore reasonable.[2]

[illegible] achievement" in The [illegible]

TABLE I. SEQUENCE OF PHASES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

1st Phase, consciousness centred in Perception

II

(Continued in detail from preceding chapter)

The Gospel story reveals a very wonderful meaning and

removed. It is seen to be a dramatic illustration of the

stances, as to realize that the sensual worldly life contains

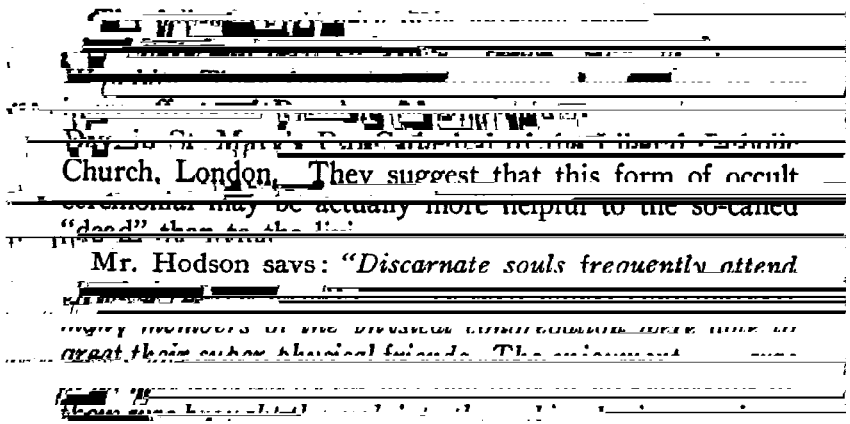
sensations all contain an unseen core of pain, he usually

moment he starts to do so he begins to find something

[redacted]

what he really needs is a succession of nourishing meals."

APPENDIX I



Church, London. They suggest that this form of occult

Mr. Hodson says: *"Discarnate souls frequently attend*

[redacted]

Rome, or upon any other See or authority outside its own administration. It recognizes seven fundamental Sacraments—Pratum Confirmation, the Holy Eucharist, Absolution, Holy Unction, Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders.

"It believes there is a body of doctrine and mystical experience common to all the great religions of the world. [illegible] it nevertheless holds that the other great religions are divinely inspired, and that all broken from a common source, as stated in the well-known declaration of St. Vincent of Lerins: [illegible] believed everywhere, always and by all, for that is [illegible] and Holy Catholic."

"The Liberal Catholic Church permits to its lay members entire freedom in the interpretation of Creeds, Scriptures, and Traditions [illegible] Doctrine. It therefore welcomes to its Altars all who reverently and sincerely approach them."

"The Liberal Catholic Church is not a new sect; it is a constituent part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. It therefore seeks to work in amity with all other Christian denominations. It finds no adequate reason to deny the validity of Anglican Orders, and its clergy are [illegible] Catholic Ministry are required to pass through a form of reordination *sub-conditione*, to safeguard the Liberal Catholic Church with those who do not recognize Anglican Orders."

"The clergy of the Liberal Catholic Church make no claim to spiritual or temporal domination over those who adhere to its rite. Auricular Confession is entirely optional, and is not required as a preliminary to the reception of Holy Communion. The Liberal Catholic Church neither enjoins

[illegible] sociology."

"Another special feature is to bring into alliance with the worship of the Church all that is true and good in the modern renaissance of thought, which is finding expression in the newer 'handerland' [illegible] psychical research, and other kindred movements. (Up [illegible] has been wrongly accused of being identified with certain of the above movements.)"

"It aims at helping [illegible] the true Gnosis, or inner knowledge of spiritual things. Those who approach by the traditional path may still hope to attain to discipleship, or direct [illegible] Master."