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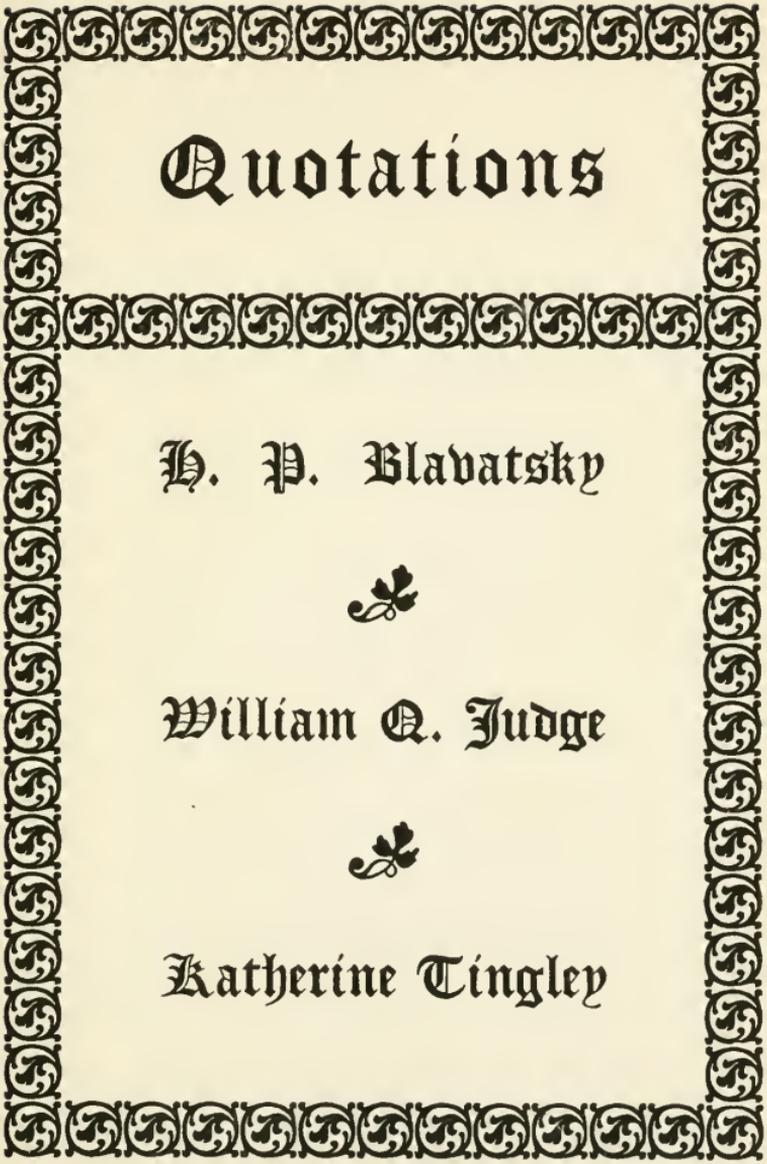
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*H*E who does not practise altruism; he who is not prepared to share his last morsel with a weaker or poorer than himself; he who neglects to help his brother man, of whatever race, nation or creed, whenever and wherever he meets suffering, and who turns a deaf ear to the cry of human misery — is no Theosophist.

HELENA P. BLAVATSKY

EACH human being is an incarnation of his God, in other words, one with his "Father in Heaven." All that an average man can know of his "Father" is what he knows of himself, through and within himself. The soul of his "Heavenly Father" is incarnated in him. The soul is himself, if he is successful in assimilating the divine individuality while in his physical animal shell.



No Theosophist has a right to remain idle, on the excuse that he knows too little to teach.



THE identity of our physical origin makes no appeal to our higher and deeper feelings. Matter, deprived of its soul and spirit, or its divine essence, cannot speak to the human heart. But the identity of the soul and spirit, of real, immortal man, as Theosophy teaches us, once proven and deep-rooted in our hearts, would lead us far on the road of real charity and brotherly good will.

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THE fearless warrior, his precious life-blood oozing from his wide and gaping wounds, will still attack the foe, drive him from out his stronghold, vanquish him, ere he himself expires. Act, then, all ye who fail and suffer, act like him; and from the stronghold of your Soul chase all your foes away — ambition, anger, hatred, e'en to the shadow of desire — when even you have failed.



A MAN who would wield a two-edged sword, must be a thorough master of the blunt weapon.



LET thy Soul lend its ear to every cry of pain like as the Lotus bares its heart to drink the morning sun.

Let not the fierce Sun dry one tear of pain before thyself hast wiped it from the sufferer's eye. But let each burning human tear drop on thy heart and there remain, nor ever brush it off, until the pain that caused it is removed.

HELENA P. BLAVATSKY

STRIVE with thy thoughts unclean before they overpower thee. Use them as they will thee, for if thou sparest them and they take root and grow, know well, these thoughts will overpower and kill thee. Beware, Disciple, suffer not, e'en though it be their shadow, to approach. For it will grow, increase in size and power, and then this thing of darkness will absorb thy being before thou hast well realized the black foul monster's presence.



“TRUTH, high-seated upon its rock of adamant, is alone eternal and supreme.”



OUR Higher Self is a poor pilgrim on his way to regain that which he has lost.



FOR every flower of love and charity you plant in your neighbor's garden, a loathsome weed will disappear from your own.

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NO ONE can study ancient philosophies seriously without perceiving that the striking similitude of conception between all — in their exoteric form very often, in their hidden spirit invariably — is the result of no mere coincidence, but of a concurrent design; and that there was, during the youth of mankind, one language, one knowledge, one universal religion, when there were no churches, no creeds, or sects, but when every man was priest unto himself. And, if it is shown that already in those ages which are shut out from our sight by the exuberant growth of tradition, human religious thought developed in uniform sympathy in every portion of the globe; then, it becomes evident that born under whatever latitude, in the cold North or the burning South, in the East or West, that thought was inspired by the same revelations, and man was nurtured under the protecting shadow of the same TREE OF KNOWLEDGE.



THE selfish devotee lives to no purpose. The man who does not go through his appointed work in life — has lived in vain.

HELENA P. BLAVATSKY

FROM birth to death every man is weaving destiny around himself, as a spider does his web.



MAN requires but one church — the Temple of God within him.



GIVE up thy life if thou wouldst live.



THOSE who worship before the shrine of the ever-Unknowable Cause of all causes, ought to do so in the Silence and sanctified solitude of their Souls.



HAPPINESS may follow the performance of duty, but must not be the motive for it.

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It [Theosophy] will gradually leaven and permeate the great mass of thinking and intelligent people with its large-minded and noble ideas of Religion, Duty, and Philanthropy. Slowly but surely it will burst asunder the iron fetters of creeds and dogmas, of social and caste prejudices: it will break down racial and national antipathies and barriers, and will open the way to the practical realization of the Brotherhood of all men.



“So shalt thou be in full accord with all that lives; bear love to men as though they were thy brother pupils, disciples of one teacher, the sons of one sweet mother.”



THOSE who practise their duty towards all, and for duty's own sake, are few; and fewer still are those who perform that duty, remaining content with the satisfaction of their own secret consciousness.

HELENA P. BLAVATSKY

THERE is a road, steep and thorny, beset with perils of every kind, but yet a road, and it leads to the Heart of the Universe. I can tell you how to find those who will show you the secret gateway that leads inward only and closes fast behind the neophyte for evermore. There is no danger that dauntless courage cannot conquer; there is no trial that spotless purity cannot pass through; there is no difficulty that strong intellect cannot surmount. For those who win onward, there is reward past all telling, the power to bless and serve Humanity. For those who fail, there are other lives in which success may come.



SOW kindly acts and thou shalt reap their fruition. Inaction in a deed of mercy becomes an action in a deadly sin.



BE humble if thou wouldst attain to Wisdom.
Be humbler still, when Wisdom thou hast mastered.

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FOR mind is like a mirror; it gathers dust while it reflects. It needs the gentle breezes of Soul-Wisdom to brush away the dust of our illusions. Seek, O beginner, to blend thy Mind and Soul.



BE more severe with yourself than with others; be more charitable towards others than towards yourself.



NATURE gives up her innermost secrets and imparts true wisdom only to him who seeks truth for its own sake and who craves for knowledge in order to confer benefits on others, not on his own unimportant personality.



THAT light that burns in thee, dost thou feel it different in any wise from the light which shines in other men?

HELENA P. BLAVATSKY

MAN is arrogant in proportion to his ignorance.



THE duty of a Theosophist: to fear no one and naught save the tribunal of his own conscience.



MY doctrine is not mine, but Theirs who sent me.



“THEOSOPHIST IS, who Theosophy does.”



SELF KNOWLEDGE is of loving deeds the child.



THEOSOPHY is the quintessence of duty.

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THERE is but one Eternal Truth, one universal, infinite and changeless spirit of Love, Truth and Wisdom, impersonal, therefore, bearing a different name in every nation, one Light for all, in which the whole Humanity lives and moves, and has its being. Like the spectrum in optics giving multi-colored and various rays, which are yet caused by one and the same sun, so theologized and sacerdotal systems are many. But the universal religion *can only be one* if we accept the real primitive meaning of the root of that word. We Theosophists so accept it; and therefore say, we are all brothers — by the laws of nature, of birth, of death, as also by the laws of our utter helplessness from birth to death in this world of sorrow and deceptive illusions. Let us then love, help and mutually defend each other against the spirit of deception; and while holding to that which each of us accepts as his ideal of truth and unity — i. e., to the religion which suits each of us best — let us unite to form a practical nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinction of race, creed or color.

William G. Judge



*T*HEOSOPHY is that ocean of knowledge which spreads from shore to shore of the evolution of sentient beings; unfathomable in its deepest parts, it gives the greatest minds their fullest scope, yet, shallow enough at its shores, it will not overwhelm the understanding of a child.

WILLIAM Q. JUDGE

OUR philosophy of life is one grand whole, every part necessary and fitting into every other part. Every one of its doctrines can and must be carried to its ultimate conclusion. Its ethical application must proceed similarly. If it conflict with old opinions those must be cast off. It can never conflict with true morality. The spirit of Theosophy must be sought for; a sincere application of its principles to life and act should be made. Thus mechanical Theosophy, which inevitably leads — as in many cases it already has — to a negation of brotherhood, will be impossible, and instead there will be a living, actual Theosophy. This will then raise in our hearts the hope that at least a small nucleus of Universal Brotherhood may be formed before we of this generation are all dead.



THE fact that we are now working in the Theosophical movement means that we did so in other lives, must do so again, and still more important that those who are now with us will be reincarnated in our company on our next rebirth.

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HOLD fast in silence to all that is your own, for you will need it in the fight; but never, never desire to get knowledge or power for any other purpose than to give it on the altar, for thus alone can it be saved to you.



THE true road is plain and easy to find; it is so easy that very many would-be students miss it, because they can not believe it to be so simple.



THE person who revolves selfishly around himself as a center, is in greater danger of delusion than any one else.



NO POWER, human or divine, can save us from the consequences of acts performed. Each man is his own Creator, creating his future life by his present. The end to be reached is self-dependence, with perfect calmness and clearness.

WILLIAM Q. JUDGE

IN a place like yours, where so many of all sorts of natures are together, there is a unique opportunity for gain and good in the chance it gives one for self-discipline. There friction of personality is inevitable, and if each one learns the great "give and take," and looks not for the faults of others, but for the faults he sees in himself, because of the friction, then great progress can be made.



ORGANIZE and Work, for work, unfaltering work, is the first expression of brotherhood, and organized work is the second as well as the last expression of the same ideal. Masters, knowing how to work with nature, are the most perfectly organized body in the world; for nature as a whole and in all her departments is the faultless type of organization, and, as one of the Masters wrote, they "but follow and servilely copy nature in her works." Let this year, then, be one of Work and Organization.

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THE power to know does not come from book-study nor from mere philosophy, but mostly from the actual practice of altruism in deed, word, and thought; for that practice purifies the covers of the soul and permits that light to shine down into the brain-mind.



REMEMBER this: that as you live your life each day with an uplifted purpose and unselfish desire, each and every event will bear for you a deep significance — an inner meaning — and as you learn their import, so do you fit yourself for higher work.



USE with care those living messengers called "Words."



TRUE mercy is not favor but impartial Justice.

WILLIAM Q. JUDGE

THE placid surface of the sea of Spirit is the only mirror in which can be caught, undisturbed, the reflections of Spiritual things.



It is not *what* is done, but the *spirit* in which the least thing is done, that is counted.



THREE GREAT IDEAS. Among many ideas brought forward through the Theosophical Movement there are three which should never be lost sight of. Not speech, but thought, really rules the world; so, if these three ideas are good let them be rescued again and again from oblivion.

The first idea is, that there is a great Cause — in the sense of an enterprise — called the Cause of Sublime Perfection and Human Brotherhood. This rests upon the essential unity of the whole human family, and is a possibility because sublimity in perfectness and actual realization of brotherhood on every plane of being are one and the same thing.

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The second idea is, that man is a being who may be raised up to perfection, to the stature of the Godhead, because he himself is God incarnate. This noble doctrine was in the mind of Jesus, when he said that we must be perfect even as is the Father in Heaven. This is the idea of human perfectibility. It will destroy the awful theory of inherent original sin which has held and ground down the western Christian nations for centuries.

The third idea is the illustration, the proof, the high result of the others. It is, that the great Helpers of Humanity — those who have reached up to what perfection this period of evolution and this solar system will allow — are living, veritable facts, and not abstractions, cold and distant. They are, as our old H. P. Blavatsky so often said, *living men*. These Helpers as living facts and high ideals will fill the soul with hope, will themselves help all who wish to raise the human race.

Let us not forget these three great ideas.

Katherine Tingley



*O*H my Divinity! thou dost blend with the
earth and fashion for thyself Temples of
mighty power.

*Oh my Divinity! thou livest in the heart-life of
all things and dost radiate a Golden Light that
shineth forever and doth illumine even the darkest
corners of the earth.*

*Oh my Divinity! blend thou with me, that from
the corruptible I may become incorruptible; that
from imperfection I may become Perfection; that
from darkness I may go forth in Light.*

KATHERINE TINGLEY

SEE the gates of Life and Peace standing open before you, if you have but faith and trust to enter in. But none can enter alone, each must bring with him the sad and sorrowing. None can cross the threshold alone, but must help to bear the burdens of the overburdened, must aid the feeble steps of those who are discouraged, must support those who are bowed down with sin and despair, and as he sends out the radiation of his own joy and strength which he receives from his own aspirations and devotion to his own Higher Self, joy and strength and power shall enter into the lives of those others, and together they shall pass through into Life.



TEACH a man that he is a soul and give him a chance.



THE current of thought at work throughout humanity is registered on the minds of all as on a sensitive plate.

QUOTATIONS

OH! that every atom in my being were a thousand-pointed star to help men to see the divine everywhere, to know their limitless power, to feel while in the body the exhaustless Joy of Real Life, to wake and live instead of dreaming the heavy dreams of this living death, to know themselves as at once part of and directors of Universal Law. This is your birthright of Wisdom, and the hour of attainment is *now* if you will. Tarry no longer in the delusion of the "Hall of Learning." Feel, Know, and Do.



THE great trouble with the human race is that its members do not rightly value the imagination with which they are blessed.

It is imagination, recognized as a liberating power, that produces the gems of poetry and art which we so much admire, and it is the mind properly guided by this power which will elevate us all.

KATHERINE TINGLEY

FEAR nothing, for every renewed effort raises all former failures into lessons, all sins into experiences. Understand me when I say that in the light of renewed effort the Karma of all your past alters; it no longer threatens; it passes from the plane of penalty before the soul's eye, up to that of tuition. It stands as a Monument, a reminder of past weakness and a warning against future failure. So fear nothing for yourself; you are behind the shield of you reborn endeavor, though you have failed a hundred times. Try slowly to make it your motive for fidelity that others may be faithful. Fear only to fail in your duty to others, and even then let your fear be for *them*, not yourself. Not for thousands of years have the opposing forces been so accentuated. Not one of you can remain neutral; if you think you can, and seek to do so, in reality you are adding your powers to those of darkness and lending your strength to the forces of evil. The cry has gone out to each, and each must choose. This is your opportunity.

QUOTATIONS

As a body of students we have advanced to the point where, if we will, we may interpret the Higher Law in a new way: for we have that divine power which enables us to interpret and, to an extent, to understand, the workings of the Law. When we fail in this it is because there is a lack of faith in ourselves, and a lack of trust in that divine quality of the nature that makes clear all things for righteousness.



WISDOM comes from the performance of duty and in the silence, and only the silence expresses it.



WHILE the bells are ringing on the outer plane, calling men to a recognition of the New Time, the soft, silvery tones of the compassionate Heart of Life are sounding forth their sweet music to the souls of men, calling them away from the paths of darkness, unrighteousness, and despair, to the ever-abiding Glory of a Truer and Better Life, and the Hope and Peace of a New Day.

KATHERINE TINGLEY

THIS is only an age of darkness to those who will not see the Light, for the Light itself has never faded and never will.



WHERE there is industry there is prosperity; where there is prosperity there is happiness; where there is happiness there is hope for the realization of a more perfect life.



WHEN we look into the present, into the hearts and minds of men, and get the "feel" of things; when we listen to the mighty, mighty urge of the moment, we know that we are challenged by the Higher Law to do ten thousand times more than we have done before, ten thousand times more than any other body of people on earth. Why? First, because we have the knowledge; second, because we have the opportunity; third, because we have this Center from which to work.

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SCEPTICISM has been the great stumbling-block for humanity all down the ages. It has ever stood between man and his divine possibilities. But when a man bestirs himself to right action, and begins to feel the possibility of a divine life in himself, then the door will open and he will find companionship and help all along the way, even in the most silent and most trying moments of his life.



HUMANITY calls for aid. Who of you has the strength, the will, to go forward? To them I call, and upon them is already the flush and the Light of the victory beyond conception.



HUMANITY has long wandered through the dark valley of bitter experiences. But the mountain heights are again seen, suffused with the glow of dawn and the promise of a New Golden Age. The pathway is once more seen to that realm where the Gods abide.

KATHERINE TINGLEY

THE truest and fairest thing of all, as regards education, is to attract the mind of the pupil to the fact that the immortal self is ever seeking to bring the whole being into a state of perfection. The real secret of the Râja Yoga system is rather to evolve the child's character than to overtax the child's mind: it is to bring OUT, rather than to bring TO, the faculties of the child. The grander part is from within.



You can never tell how far an apparently insignificant bit of good work may spread, for it is like a stone thrown into the water in the endless succession of ripples.



SELFISHNESS is the basis of the world's unhappiness. There is a vast difference between the dignity of a soul and that of a personality.

