

"I sit alone and gaze over the world.
And then my soul is lifted in a mighty shout
Prophetic of the unity of man.

"I am a child of the world.
I owe allegiance to no country more than another country;
To no flag more than another flag;
The boundary of no nation hems me in;
And I love no race of people more than another race of people.
All humanity to me is sacred,
And all humanity is one.

"(Shall the head be at war with the feet;
And the hands seek to tear out the heart;
And the organism through ignorance destroy itself?)

"Oh a man is a man!
He is sacred and marvelous.
It matters not where he was born;
Or the language that he speaks.
His blood is precious.
His flesh is wonderful.
He is the child of God.

"I refuse to be robbed of my sanity.
I refuse to murder my brother—who is part of myself.
I extend my hands to him saying,
'You are my comrade and I love you.'"

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Dr. Buckham, for many years professor of Christian theology at Pacific Theological Seminary, has contributed largely to the modern literature and thought relating to mysticism in the religious life. He says at the start that this volume would not be so forbidding to the casual reader if he had substituted "religious experience" for the much abused term "mysticism," but he uses the latter because he wishes to write of exactly that intense and significant type of religious experience. He defines mysticism as "spiritual enlightenment," and quotes among others Pepper's definition, "the realization of one's self with God." He says it is very near being synonymous with what is known as personal religion. "Any one who has, or believes he has, a direct experience of God is to that extent a mystic." Dr. Buckham is doubtless justified in saying that it is by confounding mysticism as a whole with its exaggerated forms that certain popular misconceptions have become widespread and are not easily uprooted. A mystic is not a mere visionary. "Don Quixote is too far from genuine mysticism to be even a parody of it." In a chapter on "health mysticism," Dr. Buckham calls attention to certain inconsistencies of Christian Science and similar mystical cults that over-emphasize the physical and material.