

Sum and Substance: The Book of the Mysteries of God Anciently Called "The Greater Mysteries" translated by Anna Bonus Kingsford in "Clothed with the Sun".

Sum & Substance posts are notable phrases to give readers an idea of themes surrounding certain books.

The Sum & Substance of, *The Book of the Mysteries of God*.

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9. For therein is contained in order a genealogy, which has four heads, as a stream divided into four branches, a word exceeding rich.
10. And the first of these generations is that of the Gods.
11. The second is that of the kingdom of heaven.
12. The third is that of the visible world.
13. And the fourth is that of the Church of Christ.

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10. Health, therefore, is order, obedience, and government.
11. But wherever disease is, there is disunion, rebellion, and insubordination.

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9. Jesus being asked when the kingdom of God should come, answered, "When Two shall be as One, and that which is Without as that which is Within."
10. In saying this, he expressed the nature of the Great Work. The Two are spirit and matter: the within is the real invisible; the without is the illusory visible.
11. The kingdom of God shall come when spirit and matter shall be one substance, and the phenomenal shall be absorbed into the real.
12. His design was therefore to destroy the dominion of matter, and to dissipate the devil and his works.
14. Now, the kingdom of God is within us; that is, it is interior, invisible, mystic, spiritual.
15. There is a power by means of which the outer may be absorbed into the inner.
16. There is a power by means of which matter may be ingested into its original substance.
17. He who possesses this power is Christ, and he has the devil under foot.
18. For he reduces chaos to order, and in-draws the external to the centre.
19. He has learnt that matter is illusion, and that spirit alone is real.

26. Now the members of the microcosm are twelve: of the senses three, of the mind three, of the heart three, and of the conscience three.
27. For of the body there are four elements; and the sign of the four is sense, in the which are three gates;
28. The gate of the eye, the gate of the ear, and the gate of touch.
32. And for the magnetic man there are four elements: and the covering of the four is mind, in the which are three gates;
33. The gate of desire, the gate of labour, and the gate of illumination.
35. Also of the soul there are four elements: and the seat of the four is the heart, whereof likewise there are three gates:
36. The gate of obedience, the gate of prayer, and the gate of discernment.
38. And within the soul is the Spirit: and the Spirit is One, yet has it likewise three elements.
39. And these are the gates of the oracle of God, which is the ark of the covenant:
40. The rod, the host, and the law:
45. For the number of that tree is thirteen.
46. It may happen to a man to have three, to another five, to another seven, to another ten.
47. But until a man have twelve, he is not master over the last enemy.
48. Therefore was Jesus betrayed to death by Judas: because he was not yet perfected.
49. But he was perfected through suffering: yea, by the passion, the cross, and the burial.
50. For he could not wholly die: neither could his body see corruption.

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15. Now the Divine Substance is the great deep: that is the first protoplasma.
16. She encircles and embraces all things, and of Her are dimension, and form, and appearance.
17. Her veil is the astral fluid; She is the soul of individuals and the receptacle of the Divine nucleus.
18. Now the Divine Substance is not matter, but She is matter in its potential essence.
19. She is the manifestation of personality, enclosing the Divine nucleus.
20. There are some entities which remain for ever invisible and intangible, being constituted only of two elements, that is of spirit and of soul.
21. These are fluidic beings, changing their external forms according to the will of the Spirit which they have received.
22. They are persons, because the plasmic substance which envelops the spirit of each, hinders the intimate union of that spirit with other spirit.
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23. Spirit alone is diffuse, and the naked flame is liable to fuse with other flames.
24. But the flame which is enclosed in substance has become an in-diffusible personality.
25. Other entities there are which are visible and tangible to material sense.
26. For the Divine Substance which encloses the spirit of each, coagulates exteriorly and becomes matter in the outermost.
27. So that the entity is composed of spirit, soul, and corporeal appearance.
28. The outermost has become coagulate; its inner content is fluid substance; its innermost is spirit.
29. The innermost is intangible light, which is the first generation; manifest by the Will of God through the Word of God.