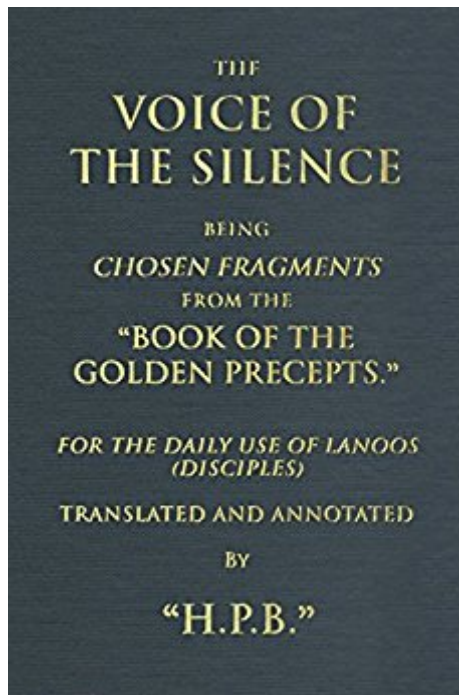


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The Voice Of The Silence: Chosen Fragments From The Book Of The Golden Precepts



Synopsis

This edition of H.P.B.'s "Voice of the Silence" is a reproduction of the 1889 edition published by William Q. Judge, to which verse numbers have been added. Romanized Sanskrit terms have been updated to modern IAST standards, except for three deviations meant to aid in proper pronunciation. The "Stanzas of Dzyan" have been added in an appendix, and are given verbatim as originally published in 1888. The Voice of the Silence represents a collection of fragments from an ancient and unknown text called "The Book of the Golden Precepts". It outlines the two paths of spiritual enlightenment: the first, the path of spiritual selfishness, where the goal is one's own escape from suffering; and the second, the path of spiritual altruism, where the goal is to give oneself wholly to uplifting all of humanity. This second path is called the path of the Bodhisattva and is modeled on the Buddha's teachings. It is to encourage the few true mystics in this world to adopt this path of unselfish and unceasing service to humanity that the Voice of the Silence was written. Those interested in such a path will find all they need to start their journey in this little book. "Undoubtedly Madame Blavatsky had in some way been initiated into the deeper side of Mahayana teaching and then gave out what she deemed wise to the Western world..." (Eastern Buddhist, old series, 5:377) "Here is the real Mahayana Buddhism." (The Middle Way, August 1965, p. 90.) "D.T. Suzuki, Zen Buddhist "I believe that this book has strongly influenced many sincere seekers and aspirants to the wisdom and compassion of the Bodhisattva Path." " H.H. The 14th Dalai Lama

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This book needs to be approached with the heart. For people that are looking for a purely intellectual understanding of the path that leads to liberation and then relinquish the goal to be able to help humanity, this book will remain a mystery. H.P. Blavatsky unveils the true path, the antaskarana or bridge, that connects the individual mind and heart to what is popularly known as the cosmic mind or universal soul and points to the metaphysical virtues or qualities of the inner man necessary to be developed to reach that enlightenment. The Voice of the Silence is the diamond among the gems of initiation and spiritual awakening and not meant for the faint of heart. It corresponds in essence with the same teachings found in the spiritual understanding of the words of Christ and Krishna and then some.

Wonderful edition of this classic book from H.P. Blavatsky. The verse numbers and updated Sanskrit are a nice touch. Pocket-sized also, which makes it easy to take with you anywhere. For those looking to understand the heart and soul of the Bodhisattva path of mystic Buddhism, this little book is a must-have.

If you grew up thinking about western forms of philosophy & religion, then the eastern forms of spirituality in this book probably won't appeal to you. If, however, you are curious about what eastern forms of religion actually say, then by all means read this book. The East has its own way of putting religious concepts, its own religious symbols. As a result, this book didn't make much sense to me, even with Blavatsky's footnoted explanations. But I thought Blavatsky's introduction was very interesting.

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