

From “Through The Gates of Gold: A Fragment of Thought” by M.C.

“In man, taken individually or as a whole, there clearly exists a double constitution. . . . What I mean is this: that two great tides of emotion sweep through his nature, two great forces guide his life, – the one makes him an animal, and the other makes him a god. No brute of the earth is so brutal as the man who subjects his godly power to his animal power. . . . Moreover, he turns all the divine powers of his being into this channel, and degrades his soul by making it the slave of his senses. The god, deformed and disguised, waits on the animal and feeds it. . . .

“But let the king resolve to change the face of his court and forcibly evict the animal from the chair of state, restoring the god to the place of divinity. . . .

“Not only is man more than an animal because there is the god in him, but he is more than a god because there is the animal in him.

“Once force the animal into his rightful place, that of the inferior, and you find yourself in possession of a great force hitherto unsuspected and unknown. The god as servant adds a thousandfold to the pleasures of the animal; the animal as servant adds a thousandfold to the powers of the god. . . .

“That is the whole secret. That is what makes man strong, powerful, able to grasp heaven and earth in his hands. Do not fancy it is easily done. Do not be deluded into the idea that the religious or the virtuous man does it! Not so. They do no more than fix a standard, a routine, a law by which they hold the animal in check. . . .

“The god in man, degraded, is a thing unspeakable in its infamous power of production.

“The animal in man, elevated, is a thing unimaginable in its great powers of service and of strength. . . . it is a great force, an integral portion of the animal life of the world you live in. With it you can sway men, and influence the very world itself, . . . The god, given his right place, will so inspire and guide this extraordinary creature, so educate and develop it, so force it into action and recognition of its kind, that it will make you tremble when you recognise the power that has awakened within you. The animal in yourself will then be a king among the animals of the world.

“This is the secret of the old-world magicians, who made Nature serve them and work miracles every day for their convenience. This is the secret of the coming race which Lord Lytton foreshadowed for us.

“But this power can only be attained by giving the god the sovereignty. Make your animal ruler of yourself, and he will never rule others.” (p. 78-83)