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Subtitled "A Practical Guide to the Esoteric Sciences, " this volume examines the teachings of the Mystery Schools, the five steps of self-unfoldment, and how the practice of ancient disciplines can lead to a more purposeful life.

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Matt Clayton says

In starting out in ALL spiritual quests the first and most important thing is your motivation!! It is the first step that directs your path. What is your motivation for conquest of self in search of SELF. If your looking for a short cut, then you will only find frustration and miseries. The answer to materialism exists but it is a LONG arduous journey with many trials and rough weather!! As you and I both know living it everyday. Reading this book gives you practical advice for finding happiness. Patience is the most unusual thing to find in yourself because it seems like it not a very human trait.

Patt says

From a legend.
A basic outline of golden information give to us by the great man.

Jose Villalobos says

This is a must and one of the first books you need to read if you are interested into exploring other faiths. The book is fairly objective and doesn't quite try to sell you the idea to join a special cult or group. Added is the fact that during the first chapters, it gives a guide to future reads in the topics of spiritual growth. You feel that MPH has a special aversion against sects and similar, which he briefly explains in several parts. Keep your mind opened, be critic. Not because the guy is knowledgeable you need to accept everything. However, feel free to analyze the advice given. Recommended 100%.

Gregory says

Of all the books I have read by Manly P. Hall I'd say all of them are great reads, some have a little more difficulty than others but some have such a profound and beautiful sequence of thought/thinking/meditating that they seem almost too easy to read. He has a wonderful way of building concepts which help me understand many puzzling ideas now and from long ago as in the Ancient Philosophers'. I really enjoy MPH, style too. :) greg

Currently, on my second reading of this and "Adventures in Understanding" both short reads but, well worth it.

Zy Marquez says

“Wherever a man desires to know, that is the place proper for his education; whenever he desires to know, that is the time proper for his instruction.”

– Socrates

In Words To The Wise, A Practical Guide To The Esoteric Sciences, Manly P. Hall gives a detailed examination of knowledge descending from the ancient mystery schools.

Hall delves into the finer strands of all that is metaphysics, religion and spirituality in a way that’s easy to comprehend for a novice, and yet sophisticated in depth for people that have interested in the subject for quite a while and are searching for more substantial information.

Beginning with the true and false paths to wisdom, Hall picks apart many of the aspects that can be confusing for people given how much information is out there. Keep in mind, the original version of this book was published in 1936, with the updated version revised in 1963.

That being said, the information is still quite pertinent given the unfortunately slow [spiritual] development of most of society at our current moment.

Hall speaks of the importance of learning from the ancient teachers – the upper echelons of ‘an unbroken metaphysical tradition’. Teachers such as, Plato, Aristotle, Hippocrates, Plutarch, Pythagoras, Proclus, and many many more. He even mentions some books which are vital to sift through and learn from that should be part of any student/researcher’s library.

Throughout the length of the book, Manly P. Hall talks about the importance to be able to hone in much of the misinformation/disinformation that is prevalent in this field, and he even gives thorough advice as to how to go about doing that.

Hall analyzes the seven requisites for a person of character, and thence goes into how to go about seeing what type of mystery schools are out there.

Ultimately, Hall goes into the importance for the individual to work on [spiritual] self-mastery above all. This notion is harpooned from countless angles and highly cautioned upon given the fact that the modern world religions, so called ascended masters, and even modern mystery schools, all attempt to tell you what to think, and not how to think. This is why Hall focuses so much on being discerning in this particular abstruse field.

Many great things have been said about this book, and for good reason. It offers valuable information that can save you a lot of precious time that can be used incisively elsewhere.

If you are familiar with Manly P. Hall’s work, then you know the realize the high quality of his information. And if you don’t, you really ought to take a gander at it. It will be well worth your time.

To finalize, will leave you all with a snippet of the author’s mentality:

“Philosophy elevates man to the level of truth, creating within him the capacity to sense and to realize, to visualize and to comprehend.”

– Manly P. Hall