

Madame Tussaud-Besant has produced yet again a waxwork World-Teacher.

Well, he certainly looks lovely ; but the question is : what has he got to teach ?

It is hard to write seriously about such antics ; but it must be done for the sake of the well-meaning if weak-minded dupes of Mrs Barnum-Besant.

Let it be understood that any World-Teacher must comply with certain conditions known only to initiates ; but above all with one condition which can be appreciated by all men.

He must utter a New Law ; and this Law must be capable of full expression in one single word.

Thus, in the past, we have the Word Tao uttered by Lao-tze, Jahweh by Moses, Anatta by Gautama, Iao by Dionysus, Allah by Mohammed, and so forth : the full interpretation of these words, when investigated philosophically, historically, or qabalistically contains the whole doctrine.

Further, the Word must be self-evidently Truth, that is, it must be recognizable as fitted – and uniquely fitted – to the immediate necessity of Mankind, or to that section of Mankind for whom it is uttered, at the moment of its utterance.

Let it moreover be known that the World-Teacher has indeed appeared, having fulfilled every one of the necessary conditions ; that representatives of all the authentic Orders of Initiates have borne witness to his advent ; and that he has in due form proclaimed his new Law. The Word of the Law is THELEMA.

It was necessary to express this Law in the Greek language for philosophical, historical and qabalistic reasons, which will be explained to all enquirers.

But, for this time, be it enough to say that the most general meaning of the Word is Will, with the sub-meaning Love ; so that the elements of the Law may be expressed in these two phrases :

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.
Love is the law, love under will.

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Luna in 28° Aries.*