

To the Reader.

tenent, and experience contradicts it: For behold! Here is the greatest Philosopher, and therefore the greatest Divine.

Read understandingly this ensuing Book (and for thy help, thou mayest make use of that voluminous *Commentary written upon it) then it will speak more for its Author, than can be spoken by any man, at least by me.

Thine in the love
of the Truth,

J. F.

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Hermes Trismegistus
HIS
First Book.



O my Son, write this first Book, both for Humanity sake, and for Pietie towards God.

2. For there can be no Religion more true or iust, then to know the things that are, and to acknowledg thanks for all things, to him that made them, which thing I shall not cease continually to do.

3. What then should a man do, O Father, to lead his life well; seeing there is nothing here true?

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this wight if it shall come to learn or know, that the world was once made, and all things are done according to Providence and Necessity, Destiny, or Fate, bearing Rule over all: Will he not be much worse then himself? despising the whole, because it was made. And if he may lay the cause of Evil, upon Fate or Destiny, he will never abstain from any evil work.

88. Wherefore we must look warily to such kinde of people, that being in ignorance, they may be less evil for fear of that which is hidden and kept secret.

The end of the first Book.

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The Second Book
CALLED
POEMANDER.

MY Thoughts being once seriously busied about the things that are, and my Understanding lifted up, all my bodily Senses being exceedingly holden back, as it is with them that are very heavy of sleep, by reason either of fulness of meat, or of bodily labor. Me thought I saw one of an exceeding great stature, and an infinite greatness call me by my name, and say unto me, What wouldest thou hear and see? or what wouldest thou understand, to learn, and know?

2. Then said I, Who art thou? I am
quoth

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READER.

Judicious Reader,



His Book may
justly challenge
the first place
for antiquity,
from all the
Books in the
World, being written some
hundreds of yeers before *Moses*
his time, as I shall endeavor to
make good. The Original (as