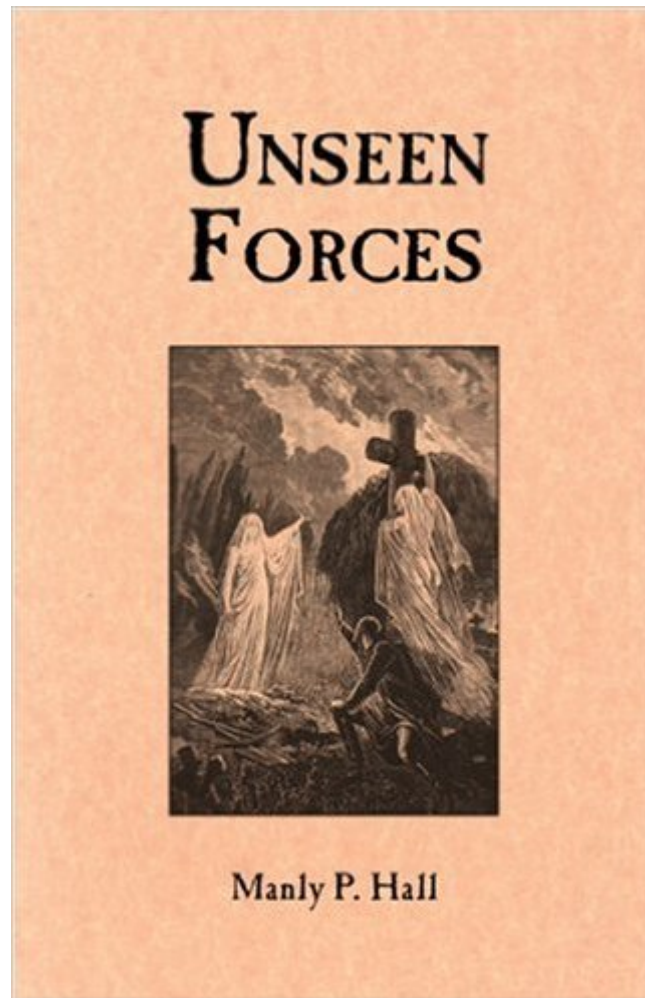


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Unseen Forces



Synopsis

An illustrated treatise on the denizens of the invisible worlds and the individual's connection with them, including the 'Dweller on the Threshold,' elementals, natural principles, thought-forms, ghosts and specters. Modern authors who have specialized on the subject of the Nature Spirits include the Brothers Grimm, Thomas Keightley, and Dr. W. Y. Evans Wentz. In his remarkable volume 'The Fairy-Faith in the Celtic Countries,' Dr. Evans Wentz feels that authentic fairy tales are vestigial remains of a primitive religion which was diffused throughout the world at a remote time. Thomas Keightley points out that when we observe effects, we are inclined to search for causes, and to ascribe to such causes the attributes of intelligence. In early times our forefathers lived in close proximity to a natural world from which we are largely alienated. There were many mysteries which perturbed the unlettered and unschooled. It seemed to them that natural procedures were guided by some type of intelligence. There was a destiny that shaped the ends of things. There were rules which could not be broken, but no one knew why. The most obvious explanation was that all forms of life were intelligent, and it seemed reasonable to assume that their mental processes were similar to those of man. Even today we are inclined to view all forms of life as possessing a consciousness of some kind, and scientific research is supporting this point of view. Paracelsus probably received instruction from Near Eastern sages in Constantinople. He was also an avid reader of the scriptures, many sections of which he memorized, and for some years he was a Bible salesman. It was only natural that he would be especially intrigued by the philosophical aspects of the unseen world. This extended into the medical field and psychological therapy. His overall premise was that if humanity would keep faith with the orders of life, both visible and invisible, Nature and all its spirits would serve it well. The misuse of natural resources, visible or invisible, must end in disaster, and perversion ends in corruption. We have approached the problems of elementals and man fashioned elementaries according to concepts which have dominated human thinking for hundreds of years.

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Customer Reviews

Manly P. Hall, whose influence seems to have grown substantially since his death, wrote this little book in 1929 concerning the elementals. He begins with the four types of the Gnomes, Undines, Salamanders, and the Sylphs. Each pertaining to an element that it controls or dominates. Manly Hall goes on in discussion about thought forms and emotions explaining, it is not important whether these are real entities in physical reality. In fact, it is better not to believe that. One reason, as explained, is that they are means of expressing a type of psychology of an age. "Unseen Forces" regards ghosts and spectres as a form of thought because there is no innate autonomy within the ghost, but rather move through "wind" of such forces. Hall concludes this book with a talk on the Guardians of the Threshold, being, the ego guarding the unconscious and gives an account of three steps towards wisdom. Much of what holds us back from attaining any type of wisdom is by holding onto the body, i.e. sins of the flesh. He states, "Let us ask nothing of God until we have done our part."

This 56 page pamphlet was a great read. I am just a layperson in this field, I have received Manly Hall's 2 best sellers. And enjoyed his style of writing, the histories and from where these different philosophies come from and who wrote them, without pushing his opinion on you or the subject he is writing about. As I was reading I visualized myself sitting in this lectures and listening to him speak. Although this is a short read 5 chapters, it is filled with tons of knowledge. He explains what the Four Elements are, (according to ancient doctrines) explains who the Gnomes, Undines, Salamanders and Sylphs are and where they rule. Chapter 2 Natural Principles, Natural Spirits, he explains the Four Ethers and who rules them, the Four Initiations as per the ancient Oriental peoples. Chapter 3 Thought Forms and Emotion Generated Elementals. (mine= where thoughts go, energy flows and creates) he explains how this is done. "Thoughts are geometric outpouring of the mental body. They are germinated and vitalized through the union of the mental plane with the physical brain. gives birth to..... a Thought." Chapter 4 Ghosts and Spectres, he explains what they are and how they are formed. Chapter 5 The Dweller on the Threshold, he explains the Mental Body, the Astral Body and the Physical Body are. The Building of the Soul, the Passing of the Dweller, The

Sins of the Flesh, the Three Steps; Right Thought, Right Action, and Right Attitude and the Sphinx. I now have a better understanding of the Natural World than I did before. I plan on reading more from Manly Hall!

I enjoyed reading this book by Manly P. Hall. It gives a synoptic analysis of unforeseen energies and what surrounds us that the naked eyes can't see. It's a great way for anyone looking to elevate their consciousness understand why "things" are the way they are.

As always, Manly P. Hall is very informative. Unseen Forces was a bit different from other publications I have read by Mr. Manly. I have still to ponder and digest Unseen Forces. It would be very interesting to actually speak with a wise person who could explain the text more thoroughly.

Awesome "teacher" (I know we only have one teacher but I need all deep esoteric students to forgive the language and work with me here:) If one is on a purely spiritual path I recommend ALL Manly P Hall writings.

I enjoyed this work. It was interesting to see a somewhat medieval perspective on the universe, science and psychology, even though this was written in 1934. I couldn't take it seriously as "spiritual science" so instead, I took it as metaphor. This Pamphlet delves into ethereal beings that are said to exist in the universe including "gnomes, undines, salamanders, thought forms, devas, etc." that come forth from the mind of God and/or from the human mind/emotions. I found the idea of these forces spawned by my actions and attitudes impacting the world to be a useful metaphor for how each individual affects those around them.

Manly P. Hall's "Unseen Forces" is a short text dealing with elementals, our etheric and astral bodies, the Dweller on the Threshold, and the need to cultivate non-attachment and various virtues to further the evolution of man. In passing, he also mentions "initiations", which seem to be kundalini-related. Hall discusses the perils of Spiritualism, claiming that most spirits conjured up during sÃ©ances are elementals occupying the astral shells of the dead, who has long since passed on to other realms. Thought forms are also discussed. I got the impression that most of Hall's ideas in "Unseen Forces" come straight from Blavatsky's and Besant's Theosophy, and perhaps from Bailey. Hall's own group had the neutral-sounding name Philosophical Research Society. "Unseen Forces" could be seen as a kind of esoteric teaser trailer, but people more widely

read will probably find little new here.

I'm a petty dabbler but this books seems to make you think a bit more on the more spiritual side of the occult. A great read for those who are very interested on the subject, even if you aren't well versed on any of the topics. Awesome, awesome read. When you finish you really feel like you've gained some knowledge, if not highly potent philisophical opinion based on the book. Highly recommend.

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