

THE APOCALYPSE UNSEALED. *Being an Estoeric Interpretation of THE INITIATION OF IOANNES.* By JAMES M. PRYSE. New York; John M. Pryse, 9-15 Murray Street, 1910. London: J. M. Watkins. 8s. 6d. net

Mr Pryse has undoubtedly found the key of the Apocalypse, and many of his interpretations are profound and accurate. But he is afflicted by sexual mania to an extent positively shocking, and does not understand the harmony of the principles. Adeptship is balanced growth, not lopping. A rose dies if you remove the root and stalk, Mr Pryse!

He is unfortunately a poor scholar, and has developed the American literary sense to an incredible point. He translates *ἀκρασια*, "impotence, lack of control," as "sensuality," *ἀγγελος* as "divinity," and gives us "saucers" for "vials"!

Unfortunately, too, he has studied Eastern Mysticism at second-hand, through Theosophical spectacles. Nor has he kept even to Blavatsky the genius, but relied upon her commentators, who had neither her learning nor her experience.

But he has the key, and it opens the way for a real study of "St John" by a person of greater ability.

It is a very remarkable fact, however, that *Akrasia* (333) and *Akolasia* (333) should so accurately describe *Choronzon* (333). No higher test of the truth of "The Vision and the Voice" could be desired.

Again, 666 is *Ἡ Φρην*, not the Lower Mind, as Mr Pryse unhellenically says, but *Tiphereth*, the Lion that lieth down with the Lamb. Nor, by the way, is *Iacchos* a phallic God except as *Ὁ Νικων* himself is phallic, and has his mystic name written upon that organ, according to Mr Pryse! *Iacchus* = *IAO* = *Jehovah*, and concentrates *I.N.R.I.*

We recommend the book for its suggestion and insight; it is one of the best of the kind.

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