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 - A. Study of religions reveal many hints of such a Doctrine.
 - B. Implied in the hidden meaning of Myths and various symbolic forms, existing widely over the world.
 - C. Explicitly acknowledged in the ancient mysteries such as those of Greece, Egypt, the Druids, etc.
 - D. Involved in the hidden or Heart Doctrine of Northern Buddhism.
 - E. Masonry, Rosicrucianism, and acknowledge an esoteric teaching.
 - F. Where a tradition persists widely, however the idea may be distorted, a reality is implied.
- II. "The Secret Doctrine" purports to be fragments of such esoteric knowledge and builds an accumulative presumption of truth from internal evidence.
 - A. This presumption is so well built as to deserve the most earnest attention of sincere students.
- III. Source of the "Secret Doctrine".
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 1. H.P.B. claims to be, not author, but writer of a body of knowledge of which she had been a student, but which did not originate with her.
 - a. She was known to have been student for many years in Tibet where, she attested, this body of knowledge was held in custody of certain remarkable men.
 - b. Written without aid of reference library.
 - (1) Testimony of G.R.S. Mead, private sec. from '88 on.
 - (2) Quotation from Mason Dr. J.D. Buck.
 - (3) Testimony of Dr. Catter Blake, zoologist, anthropologist
 - (4) My own testimony.
 2. Real authors claimed by H.P.B. to be her teachers and only in a minor degree herself.
 - a. Quotations from K.H.
 - (1) Students of Mahatma letters will recognize similarities of style in parts of the Secret Doctrine.
 3. Ancient body of knowledge, partly from Dyan Chohans, and partly built up by researches of Adepts.
- IV. Purpose of the "Secret Doctrine".
 - A. On metaphysical side accords with the Vedanta in the purpose of destroying an innate error on this plane of consciousness.
 1. This error consists in:
 - a. Attributing reality to appearance.
 - b. Predicating plurality of Selfhood.
 - B. Predicates the Eternity and Immutability of an Absolute principle which is the One Reality.
 1. Parabrahman, Adi Buddha, Tau, Nirguna Brahman, Absoluteness.
 - C. Periodical manifestation of relative universe.
 1. The relative universe being within Parabrahman, yet leaving the latter unaffected by its presence.
 - D. The whole manifested Universe a Maya because it stands as derivative.
 1. Everything within it is an effect, therefore not self-existent

E. Everything in the Universe is Conscious; in fact is but a formation in a plenum of Consciousness.

1. This is the point in which the philosophy radically deviates from materialism.

2. Physics becomes an aspect of psychology instead of the reverse as western scientists try to do.

F. Primary causal motion is from subjectivity to objectivity.

1. All non-human creatures perfected when not incipient men.

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Quotations for Lecture on Secret Doctrine

G.R.S.Mead:

"One of the greatest proofs to me of H.P.B.'s extraordinary gifts---was the way in which she wrote her articles and books. I knew every book she had in her small library, and yet day after day she would produce quantities of M.S. abounding in quotations, which were seldom inaccurate". (H.P.B. her Life etc. p.79)

Alice Cleather

Dr. J.D.Buck.

"Everyone who has ever read her larger works, even with curious and literary interest, has remarked the almost innumerable references to many books in many languages and written in almost every age. Profound, indeed, would be the knowledge and priceless the opportunity to verify all these references---known to have been made apparently from memory, for it is well attested that she had a small number of volumes of any sort within her reach, and for months together never left the house in which she was living. Fortunately I have one of the largest libraries of occult and rare books to be found in America, and as my studies progressed I kept buying books to which she referred in Isis Unveiled, in the Secret Doctrine, and in her almost numberless fugitive essays, for the purpose of verifying her statements as well as for further research. Through the clues thus afforded by her writings I was almost unconsciously gathering a mass of testimony in support of the old Wisdom Religion.

"Given, now, an individual of fair intelligence, capable of estimating evidence, and loyal at all times to the simple truth, I could undertake to support the great bulk of H.P.B.'s teaching by outside and overwhelming testimony". (ibid. p 79-80)

Dr. Carter Blake: (Zoologist and anthropologist, once sec. of Royal Soc)

"On ordinary lines it is strange that an old, sickly woman, not consulting a library, and having no books of her own of consequence, should possess the unusual knowledge that Madame Blavatsky undoubtedly did. Indeed, it is incomprehensible, unless she were of an extraordinary mental capacity, and had spent her whole life in study. On the contrary, from many sources we gain undoubted evidence that Madame Blavatsky's education had not been carried as far as that of a High School student of the present day."

Continues with statement that she knew more in his field than he did re Naulette Jaw. Pointed out that Tarija basised beaches in Chile were Pliocene, though supposed to be pleistocene on basis of authority of Darwin. This point later varified. Fossil footprints from Carson Indiana.

"Madame Blavatsky certainly had original sources of information (I don't say what) transcending the knowledge of experts on their own lines" (ibid. p 81-82)

Further quotation from J.D.Buck:

"A friend of mine who has probably made more discoveries in the ancient Kabbala than anyone known to modern times, and who had devoted more that twenty years to this special line of work, raised once certain inquiries concerning his own researches, and expressed the doubt that any man then living could or would answer his inquiries. I suggested that he should write to H.P.B. in regard to

the matter---he did so. The result was nearly forty pages of very closely written MSS, answering every question he had raised, and adding a fund of information that astonished the recipient beyond measure--- To the present time he declares his conviction that H.P.B. was the most profound and wonderful woman of this or of any age. He, a specialist for half a lifetime in an obscure and unknown field, found H.P.B. perfectly familiar with all his work." (ibid. p 80)

Certificate of Master(KH probably) re authorship of S.D.

"The certificate given last year saying that the Secret Doctrine would be when finished the triple production of H.P.B., _____ and myself was and is correct, although some have doubted not only the facts given in it but also the authenticity of the message in which it was contained. ---- And it may then be well to indicate to those wishing to know what portions in the Secret Doctrine have been copied by the pen of H.P.B. into its pages, though without quotation marks, from my own manuscript and perhaps from _____, though the last is more difficult from the rarity of his known writing and greater ignorance of his style. All this and more will be found necessary as time goes on, but for which you are well qualified to wait" (Ibid. p 78)

"Be assured that what she has not annotated from scientific and other works, we have given or suggested to her"
(Letter from K.H. to H.S.O. Letter from M. of W. p 54)