

*Touch any man
and you touch Heaven*



The outer man is the symbol of the inner man.

Every man's form and body is not the real man; it is merely a symbol and personification of the character and attributes of the real man, a form of matter in which the thoughts of the real man have found their external expression.¹

The body of man is the temple of the universe.

There is but one Temple in the universe, and that is the Body of Man. Nothing is holier than that high form . . . We touch Heaven when we lay our hand on a human body!²

Let us stun and astonish the intruding rabble of men and books and institutions, by a simple declaration of the divine fact. Bid the invaders take the shoes from off their feet, for God is here within. Let our simplicity judge them, and our docility to our own law demonstrate the poverty of nature and fortune beside our native riches.³



¹ F. Hartmann, *With the Adepts, an adventure among the Rosicrucians*, 2nd ed., London: William Rider & Son, 1910; ch. 6, "The Alchemical Laboratory." Full text in our Mystic Verse and Insights Series.

² *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 212; [quoting Carlyle.]

³ Emerson, *Essays (First Series)*, *Self-Reliance*, ¶ 28 (1841)