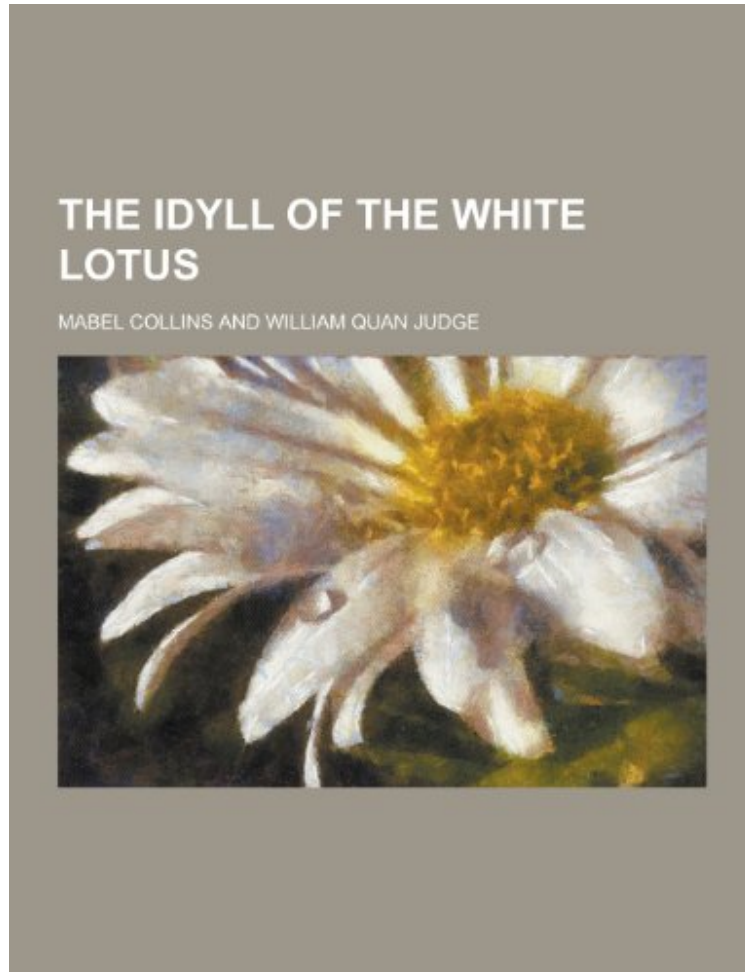


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professed belief in him, but those who did the will of His Father in heaven, i.e., did good, were to reap this reward. The doctrine of vicarious expiation of wrong-doing --of the atonement in fact--now supposed to be the corner-stone of Christianity, was evolved long after Christ's own time by a section of the then Church, so much so that it was quite unknown to some of the early fathers, and rejected by others, whom, in consequence, the existing Churches, which are the offspring of that section, have ever regarded as heterodox or heretic. So you cannot call Theosophy either Buddhism without Buddha, or Christianity without Christ; it is Buddhism without the legends with which the Buddhist Churches have, as years rolled by, disfigured the fair fabric of their founder; it is Christianity without the doctrines with which Christian Churches have overloaded the simple purity of their founder's work ; it is a fresh outburst from that primeval font of sacred truth in which both Buddhism and Christianity, and a hundred other creeds, whose names even have long been forgotten, had their source. Such at least is the contention of the supposed Brothers...

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