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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

My friend S. S. D. D. has contributed a Commentary to this very curious and highly mystical tract, which was written by that eminent Rosicrucian Adept, Thomas Vaughan, and published by him under the pseudonym of Eugenius Philalethes. The seriously minded mystical student will find much to instruct and interest in the learned comments with which this edition is enriched.

The Paragraphs of the original work have been numbered for convenience of reference, and the new notes and comments have been placed after each numbered portion.

It must be borne in mind that there is an essential difference between the meaning of the word "element" as used by Vaughan, and the modern scientific meaning of the word.

For the ancient and mediæval philosophers knew nothing of our modern theory of chemical elements; their view of the common origin of matter not recognizing such definite and independent substances.

The word "Element" as used by the learned at the period when "Euphrates" was penned, meant rather a "state" of matter, such as the hot, cold, moist and dry natures; or the solid, liquid, gaseous or ethereal conditions; or the stationary, slow, quick or instantaneous processes of change.

No alteration has been made in the text of Vaughan's work except in the mode of spelling of a few words, the omission of italics and the correction of misprints.

It is intended to issue shortly the "Lumen de Lumine" of the same author, these two volumes will be found to be mutually explanatory.

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