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<sup>7</sup> You have not attained the stage of humanity merely because you have accepted humanist ideas . Many people who are at the higher levels of the stage of civilization have done so, and more will do so, as they prove to be the most rational and expedient ones. The true humanist has the stage of the saint behind him and uses emotionality only as a driving force in his organism, the visionary power of imagination, and the striving of attraction towards essentiality.

<sup>8</sup>Modern readers have read too much and with little discrimination, so that they have a superficial grasp of what they read and forget it immediately. Therefore they need to read books of esoteric content many times over until the knowledge can be retained. When reading a book, the esoterician reflects upon its content. Each sentence has a meaning the import of which he must realize. If the book is not of that quality, he may leave it unread. The esoteric writer can say together with Goethe: " I do not write to please you. You should learn something."

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