

VOLUME II: THE EAST

THE
WISE MEN

of the WEST

Successful
A

SEARCH FOR THE PROMISED ONE

IN THE LATTER DAYS

a novel by

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*If in the uttermost corners of the East
the sweet savors of God be wafted,
he will assuredly recognize
and inhale their fragrance,
even though he be dwelling
in the uttermost ends of the West.*

FROM "TABLET OF A TRUE SEEKER" IN *THE BOOK OF CERTITUDE*

*On this journey the traveler abideth in every land
and dwelleth in every region.
In every face, he seeketh the beauty of the Friend;
in every country he looketh for the Beloved.
He joineth every company,
and seeketh fellowship with every soul,
that haply in some mind he may uncover the secret of the Friend,
or in some face he may behold the beauty of the Loved One.*

FROM "THE VALLEY OF SEARCH," THE FIRST OF *THE SEVEN VALLEYS*

To everyone who has humbly hoped to see,
or prayed to witness,
the coming of the Promised One
and to those who have longed to be
among the first generation of His followers
this book is dedicated.

A NOTE OF CAUTION:
PLEASE READ “VOLUME I: THE WEST” FIRST

MOST READERS OF THIS current volume will have already read Volume I. For anyone else, who might be inclined to start with Volume II, the author highly recommends you instead begin by reading Volume I.

As noted in the introduction to that volume, this story is more than a novel. It is a spiritual exploration, and explorations are perilous. So, like all good explorers, we must choose our route carefully. Lessons learned at the early stages of this journey become vital foundations and sure footholds, enabling us to continue the journey and understand further lessons at its later stages.

A long journey gives travelers the benefit of time to think and reflect on what they have learned so far, before moving on to the next challenge.

So read and reflect on Volume I first. Then return to this volume, well-prepared for further spiritual adventures.

There are no shortcuts.



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