



The Influence of Emerson (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Influence of Emerson One truth of vital importance must, therefore, be learned, nothing abides except Spirit. Matter and its accidents under go unintermitted change. Life is fluid, not solid; progressive, not stationary. The soul is. When once this truth has been grasped we wonder no longer why laws, religions, and social customs cannot be permanent. They are dams made to fit one time; the river of Humanity flows through all thes. See, for example, how significant this is when applied to ethics. The ethical codes, one after another, grow too small, and must be cast off, or repaired and enlarged. As men s faith in a personal God diminishes, their need of a personal symbol of him diminishes; Christ the Man has more significance than Christ the God. Likewise, many enlightened persons no longer believe in everlasting damnation, a scheme of compensation evidently contrary to all the testimony of life, because it assumes that the universal flux will cease and that the guilty soul will remain in a fixed shape in hell, in spite of the fact that all souls...



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