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Jean-Paul Guignette encountered the Theosophical Movement in 1978 in Paris, and became deeply interested in its history, while recognising the vital importance of its philosophy. He has especially studied the development of Theosophy in France, on which works are forthcoming. His personal sympathies are with the Blavatsky tradition.

Madame Blavatsky (1831-1891) was the author of "The Secret Doctrine" an influential synthesis of oriental and western teaching, whose centenary will be observed worldwide in 1988. She aroused sharply contrasting reactions in her native Russia, and throughout the world, which she travelled extensively. Monsieur Guignette's booklet brings together the extensive monograph literature, and is a valuable aid to all who wish to discover the truth about her.

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PREFACE

This bibliography consists of biographical studies on Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, the main founder of the XIXth Century Theosophical Movement. This is the second edition and it includes corrections, changes and a few additions.

As the contents of the books herein quoted are often very diverse in nature, they have been dealt with under several chapters according to their characteristics.

Apart from some rare exceptions, only original editions of these works have been mentioned. The subsequent reprints (except if they involve important changes, or corrections) and the various translations into foreign languages have been omitted.

The numerous articles on H.P. Blavatsky published in magazines, as well as the vast number of books mentioning her incidentally, have been purposely left out.

No doubt, as it stands, the present bibliography does not cover the whole ground and may be improved upon in the future - thus, all suggestions are welcome.

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