

man, how are we to know Him? How can anything be known, except by the senses? You might see Him, if that was all, in the Greek temples. But your words are the words of flesh, not of reasonable men. Then only can you see God when you close the eyes of the body and open the eyes of the intellect, and if you need a guide upon the road, avoid the quacks and conjurers who promise to show you ghosts. Put away your vain illusions, your marvellous formulas, your lion and your Amphibius, your God-Ass and your celestial door-keepers,¹ in whose names, poor wretches, you allow yourselves to be persecuted and impaled. Plato says that the Architect and Father of the Universe is not easily found, and when found cannot be made known to common minds. Go learn of Plato how truth is sought for by those who are inspired indeed. Hard and narrow is the way that leads to light, and few can find it; but through the efforts of the wise we are not left wholly without some glimpse, without some conception, of that awful and eternal being. Lost in the flesh as you are, and without pure vision, I know not if you can follow me. That which is intelligible is perceived by the mind. That which

¹ An allusion to some of the Gnostic heresies.