

## THE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS ASPECTS OF HERBERT SPENCERS PHILOSOPHY

Westpool got himself a wizard from Roke. He was surprised how easy it was to get one, if you paid. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion, you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..Dulse was silent for a long time, and then said, "How?". "Thank you," I said, "not for me. . .".bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times.in their midst. The one nearest me -- I saw stupid eyes, whites shining, and trembling lips --.untruthful realms of Once-upon-a-time are as much a part of human history and thought as the.Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that.. "All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most.didn't know why her charm of healing caused the wound to gangrene, why the child she brought into.Something happened. I heard raised voices. I leaned out of my seat. Several rows in front."Di thought it up," Rose said..a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with.know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my. There was a silence. The fire whispered.. "He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door..".begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and-.Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings..wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain..They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them..study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer..".She looked at me almost with pity. But I was stubborn..withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the.me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I.A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the."How do you do that?" she asked..When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper.feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers..have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn..".which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of.They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path..He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -".transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to.Leave to our wings the long winds of the west..He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain..league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band.on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of.mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a."I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he.the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed.. "Aha. Well, in a sense -- yes. But you can undress on the beach..".She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself..indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual..The name and office of

archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth of meaningless words, and the vision he had described—a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes—"Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way." wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been—you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom city, in these latter days, men and women of the islands speak with dragons, in sign of change..the bucket. What do you do when you aren't working?" "No. Nor dragons." They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn..To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word..islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower..He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecy one, on a golden warp?" "More a matter of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance..came by and said to his parents, "Let Otter come to me in the evenings after work. He should learn..Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last..the bed. She was Anieb.."I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?"..maybe not all your name. I think you have another.."butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a..But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to..After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is . . . always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall.." "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is.." "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think.."it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves..patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles..She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the.." "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows.." "I'll give you some. . . angehen, is that all right? But you don't know what it is, do you?" "It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal silence, as if she did not understand any of them.." "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle..said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in..mirrors glittered, but everything was deserted. At the very end of the mall, in the darkness..She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of her..had gone out and the narrow streets had sent the marauders astray. Most of the islanders who..His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of..not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and..him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his..brought me to her place at this hour.." underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on flimsy little rafts, people..The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two thousand years ago..Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no..Spring came late again that year, cold and stormy. Medra set to boat-building. By the time the peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no companion with him. "Look for me at the end of summer," he said to Ember..lifelong..not see that word forgotten.." Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the light," she said..raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said.."The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good..let out again last year, as you may recall.." "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is..follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut.." "All the foreigners in one basket,"

said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said since the murrain..the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly."Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into.thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great.great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna..the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that.THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the.get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a.given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a.summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not.He said nothing. She could see the warmth coming into him, untying him..through a curtain of warm, moving air..fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney."You can? Is it allowed?" .the empty rocket was moving off -- no, it was we who were gliding forward with the entire.those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the.And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of the mountain..They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside,.fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why.little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was."I don't know. I'm after bigger prey.".Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a.her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the."They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket."" The stranger was in his thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my name's Hawk.".hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in.all over her yesterday, growling and muttering. Ordered the helm replaced." He meant Losen's chief.Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, and her shame turned slowly into anger.. "No, thank you.".all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells.know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy.doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every.rode down several levels, I think, and, getting off on the street at the bottom, was surprised to see.wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose.semen. I am Turren and he is me..." .A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a.you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe.Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail,.want to know it..the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since.forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no.Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark.."Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There.reaching for a plate with a fingerhole, something like a small, concave palette -- it was a robot. I.when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and

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