disproportioned to its glorious origin? No. Mankind have always held the powers of mind reverence. In the days of Hesiod and Homer, men of thought were ranked among the celestials. Pallas leaping from the brain of Jupiter, the eloquence of Hermes and the melody of Apollo's lyre are significant emblems. And this not in an age when mind had stretched for and wide her empire, but when action had the widest field and fairest prospects for supremacy. Wild beast were to be destroyed and more savage men to be subdued. Constant feuds gave little time for else than more vigorous action. Exploits of daring and strength were minds highly appreciated, yet here the power of mind is found to be superior. True Hercules was deified for his labours in behalf of man, yet he was ranked but half a god. Should any one deny the supremacy of mind to action in the barbarous and semi-barbarous ages of the world, let him submit an answer from the Sybil at Delphi,

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