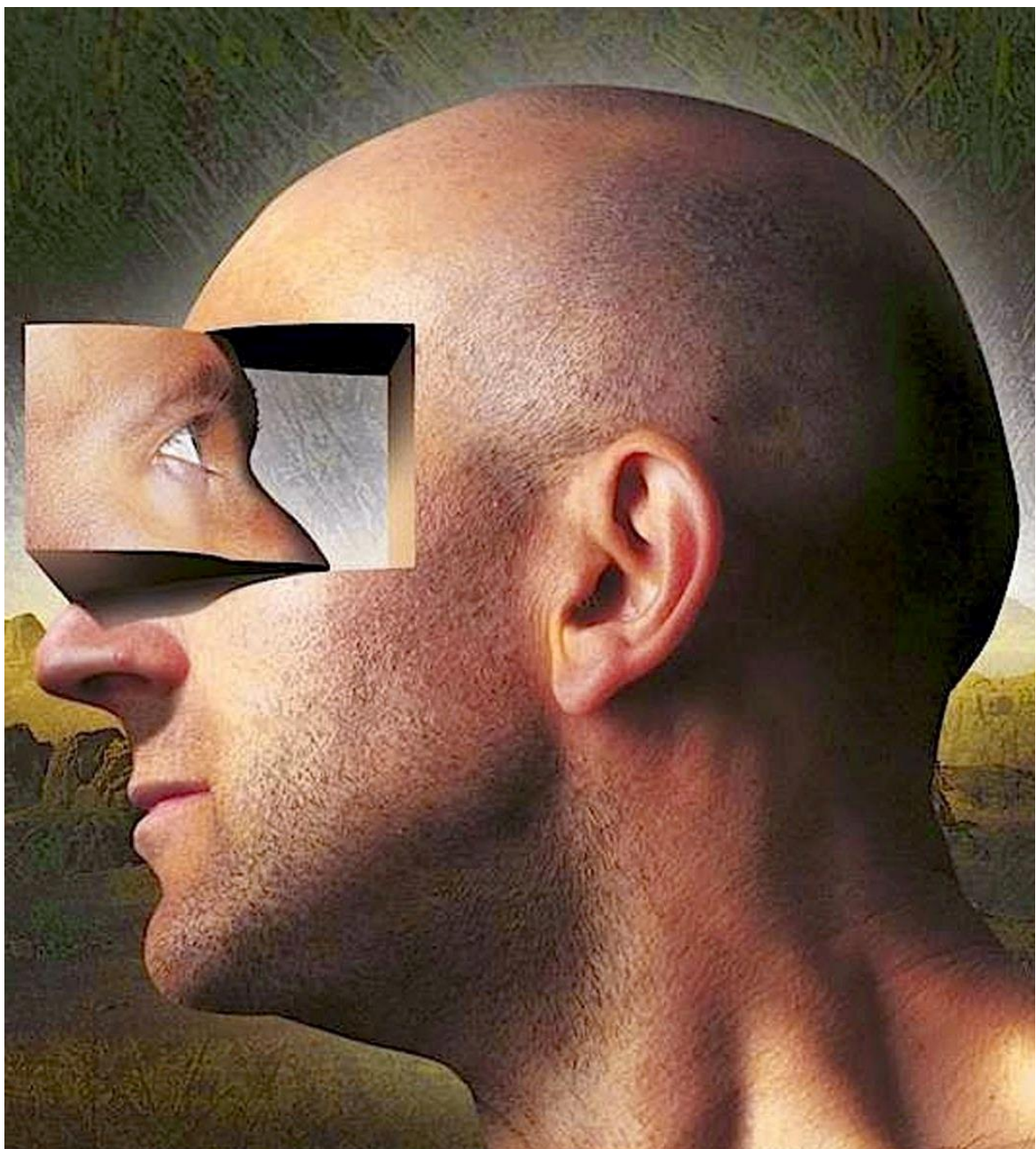


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*When the outer is
mistaken for the inner*



Shakespeare says:

It is a good divine that follows his own instructions.¹

— but such characters are at the present time very rare, for the world now lives only in dreams.

- There are “divines” knowing nothing of any divinity;
- Medical practitioners knowing nothing about medicine;
- “Anthropologists” knowing nothing about the nature of man;
- Lawyers knowing nothing of justice;
- “Humanitarians” begging their employees;
- “Christians” to whom Christ is unknown.

In every sphere of life the external is mistaken for the internal, the illusion for the reality, while the reality remains unrealized and therefore unknown.

A superficial science can concern itself only with superficial causes and effects, however deeply it may enter into the details of such superficialities. The mysterious powers in nature, the intelligent forces in man, are at present almost entirely unknown, and there is no other way of penetrating into the deeper secrets of nature except by the development of the higher nature of man.²



¹ *The Merchant of Venice*, act I, scene 2

² F. Hartmann. *Occult Science in Medicine*. London: Theosophical Publishing Society, 1893; p. 92.