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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

DR. FREDERICK KETTNER occupies a unique place among Spinoza scholars because of his practical application of Spinoza's teachings.

Through his extensive work in Austria and the United States with groups of young people for whom he believes Spinoza holds a special appeal, Dr. Kettner has been an important contributor to the renewal of enthusiasm for the great philosopher.

As a very young man in Austria, Dr. Kettner's interest in Spinoza, which dated from his early university days, led to his formation of an Ethical Seminar for young men and women, which he conducted for several years in Austria. Following his arrival in the United States, where he had been invited to lecture on Spinoza, he continued his ethical-educational work by founding a Spinoza Group in New York City. Through the assistance of Professor Nicholas Roerich, the world-renowned leader of culture, the First Spinoza Group became the Spinoza Center of the Roerich Society at the Roerich Museum, New York, where it is now located. Dr. Kettner is also Editor of "The Spinoza Quarterly," a publication sponsored by the Center. In the spirit of Spinoza's ideal of "forming communities," it is interesting to note also the recent establishment by Dr. Kettner at the Roerich Museum of a Spinoza Community, which comprises a number of active members of the Spinoza Center.

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Spinoza, the philosopher, becomes Spinoza, the practical teacher, as interpreted by Dr. Kettner.

One of the featured chapters is that in which the author shows how Spinoza synthesizes Religion and Science, those two great forces which for so long have been opposed, and which today are in process of reconciliation. Other chapters deal with the method of attaining ethical self-education, how the mind can be directed according to the true conception of the "highest good"; "Ethics"—the meaning of this "highest good," the power of mind over emotion, and the nature of true freedom. The concluding chapters set forth the significance of Spinoza's Teaching for our modern age, and the need for meeting his challenge in daily life.

This book is intended both for the Spinoza student and for the layman who wishes to make the acquaintance of one of the great liberators of thought.



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