



Myths Dreams

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Murat Ukay (illustrator). 203 x 133 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.MYTH: ITS BIRTH AND GROWTH. Unchecked by external truth, the mind of man has a fatal facility for ensnaring, entrapping, and entangling itself. But, happily, happily for the human race, some fragment of physical speculation has been built into every false system. Here is the weak point. Its inevitable destruction leaves a breach in the whole fabric, and through that breach the armies of truth march in. Sir H. S. Maine. MYTH: ITS BIRTH AND GROWTH. CHAPTER I ITS PRIMITIVE MEANING. It is barely thirty years ago since the world was startled by the publication of Buckle s History of Civilisation, with its theory that human actions are the effect of causes as fixed and regular as those which operate in the universe; climate, soil, food, and scenery being the chief conditions determining progress. That book was a tour de force, not a lasting contribution to the question of man s mental development. The publication of Darwin s epoch-making Origin of Species[1] showed wherein it fell short; how the importance of the above-named causes was...



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