

see represented effectually in all its detail what this line but describes in the gross. He obeyed, and there were made to appear all the particulars in that portion of the life of Sextus. They then passed into another apartment; and there saw another world, another book, another Sextus—who, coming out of the apartment and resolved to obey Jupiter, went into Thrace. He there espoused the daughter of the king his only child, and succeeded him. He is adored by his subjects. They went into other chambers and always saw new scenes.

“The apartments were so ranged as to form a pyramid. They became always finer towards the summit, and represented finer worlds. They came at last to the highest which terminated the pyramid, and was the finest of all—for the pyramid had a commencement, but no end. It had a summit, but not a base—for it went downward to infinity. This was (as the goddess explained it) because in an infinity of worlds there is one the best of all—otherwise God would not have been determined to create any of them—and there is none below it which is not less perfect. Therefore it descends to infinity. Theodore on entering this highest apartment was thrown into ecstasy—he required succour from the goddess. A drop of divine liquor on his tongue restored him. He was transported with joy. We are now in the true and actual world (said the goddess) and you are at the acmé of happiness. See what Jupiter has prepared for you, if you continue faithful in his service. Behold Sextus such as he is, and such as he actually shall