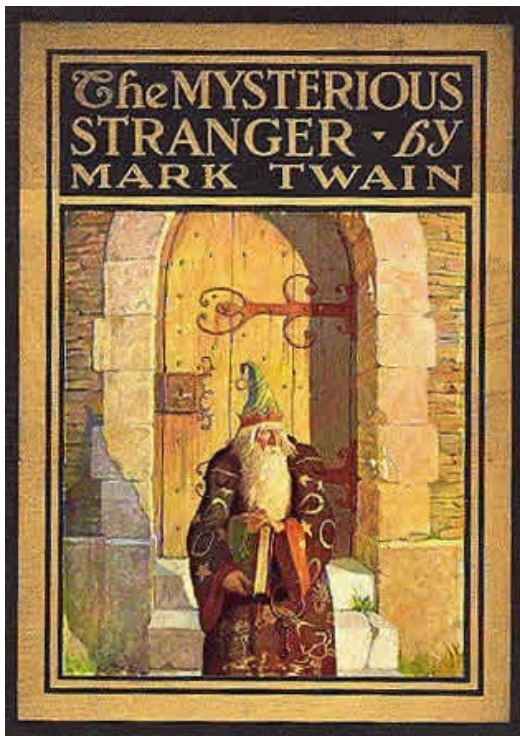


Good and Evil, Level 9 (W240439)

The Mysterious Stranger, Mark Twain

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Welcome to Good & Evil in Literature. For your summer reading, please read the short novella, “The Mysterious Stranger”, by Mark Twain. **Please purchase the edition published by Sea Wolf Press (www.seawolfpress.com).** This is very important since other editions of this novel contain significantly different versions of certain chapters.



“It is true, that which I have revealed to you: there is no God, no universe, no human race, no earthly life, no heaven, no hell. It is all a dream—a grotesque and foolish dream. Nothing exists but you.”

This compelling novella by Mark Twain, the final book that he ever attempted to write, grapples with the many questions that have always plagued mankind: *Who am I? Who is God? What control do I have?* With Satan as a central character, the text imagines the workings and musings of the nefarious man and what he hopes to teach his young listener.

After reading, be prepared to discuss the following topics in class (with annotations to support):

- 1. What is the “moral sense” and does Twain portray it as a positive or negative thing?**
- 2. How does Twain define freedom?**
- 3. What is Twain’s definition of evil?**