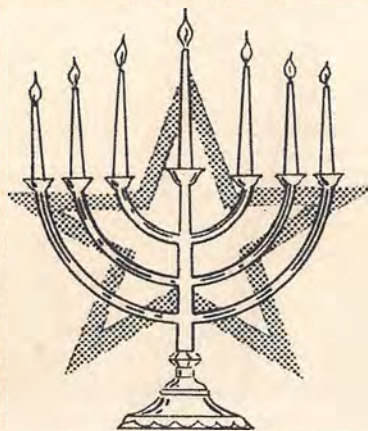


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Dear Reader:

One often asks oneself this question. Why do the present-day occultists of all shades allow themselves be glamourised by the glamourising quagmire of what is taken for occultism? Surely the answer is very simple: the majority of people have not passed the stage of the adoration of all 'mysteries'. The vital faculty of 'logic' is all but absent in our educational systems of today. The true Occultist, that is to say the 'god-taught' ones at least, will bring to bear upon all knowledge this faculty of logic, they refuse to accept anything unless it is to be found within Nature, and even then, they will not accept it until they have become one with it. They will only accept it when they have experienced it.

The imaginative faculty of man today has been allowed to get out of control and as a consequence the majority of seekers have become slaves to the subtle and tempting faculty of the subconscious mind.

In our humble experience, and God knows we have had enough experience to attain Illumination, the most difficult task set before all seekers. is to control the glamourising powers of this part of man's mind. We learnt this lesson: To *SEEK*, to *DARE*, to *KNOW* and above all to *KEEP SILENT*. It is spiritual pride which makes people fall or come under the sway of these mind-slayers of today. We hope that all our Readers will now understand why we write as we do - to free you from the Serpent.

# SHAM, HUMBUG and FALSEHOOD

by

H.P. Blavatsky

Selfishness is the impassable wall between personal Self and Truth. It is the prolific mother of all human vices. Lie being born out of the necessity for dissembling, and Hypocrisy out of the desire to mask lie. It is the fungus growing and strengthening with age in every human heart in which it has devoured all better feelings. Selfishness kills every noble impulse in our natures, and is the one deity feeling no faithlessness or desertion from its votaries. Hence, we see it reign supreme in the world, and in so-called fashionable society. As a result, we live, and move, and have our being in this god of darkness under his trinitarian aspect of Sham, Humbug and Falsehood, called RESPECTABILITY.

Turn whichever way you will, and you find, from the top of the social ladder to the bottom, deceit and hypocrisy at work for dear Self's Sake, in every nation as in every individual. But nations, by tacit agreement, have decided that selfish motives in politics shall be called '*noble national aspiration, patriotism*', etc; and the citizen views it in his family circle as '*domestic virtue*'. Nevertheless, Selfishness, whether it breeds desire for aggrandizement of territory, or competition in commerce at the expense of one's neighbour, can never be regarded as a virtue. We see smooth-tongued DECEIT and BRUTE FORCE - the Jachin and Boaz of every International Temple of Solomon - called Diplomacy, and we call it by its right name. Because the diplomat bows low before these two pillars of national glory and politics, and puts their masonic symbolism '*in (cunning) strength shall this my house be established*' into daily practice; i.e., gets by deceit what he cannot obtain by force - shall we applaud him? A diplomat's qualification - '*dexterity or skill in securing advantages*' - for one's own country at the ex-

pense of other countries, can hardly be achieved by speaking truth, but verily by a wily and deceitful tongue; therefore LUCIFER calls such action - a living, and evident, LIE.

But it is not in politics alone that custom and selfishness have agreed to call deceit and lie virtue, and to reward him who lies best with public statues. Every class of Society lives on LIE, and would fall to pieces without it. Cultured, and God-fearing aristocracy being as fond of the forbidden fruit as any plebian, is forced to lie from morn to noon in order to cover what it is pleased to term its 'little peccadillos', but which TRUTH regards as gross immorality. Society of the middle classes is honey-combed with false smiles, false talk, and mutual treachery. For the majority, religion has become a thin tinsel veil thrown over the corpse of spiritual faith. The master goes to church to deceive his servants; the starving curate - preaching what he has ceased to believe in - hoodwinks his bishop; the bishop - his God. Dailies, political and social, might adopt with advantage for their motto Georges Dandin's immortal query - '*Lequel de nous deux trompe-t-on ici?*' - ("Which of us two deceives the people here?"). Even Science, once the anchor of the salvation of Truth, has ceased to be the temple of naked fact. Almost to a man the Scientists strive now only to force upon their colleagues and the public the acceptance of some personal hobby, of some new-fangled theory, which will shed lustre on their name and fame. A scientist is as ready to suppress damaging evidence against a current scientific hypothesis in our times, as a missionary in heathenland, or a preacher at home, to persuade his congregation that modern geology is a lie, and evolution but vanity and vexation of spirit... Lie has spread to such extent - supported as it is by custom and conventionalities - that even chronology forces people to lie. The suffixes A.D. and B.C. used after the dates of the year

by Jew and Heathen, in European and even Asiatic lands, by the Materialist and the Agnostic as much by the Christian, at home, are - a lie used to sanction another LIE.

ED: Even through these words were penned in the last century, the same conditions are shown to be just as prevalent in this the century 20th. This rotten state exists even now in present so-called occult orders and societies.

## LONGEVITY IN BIBLICAL LORE

by

Wesley Vega. Ms.D.

Whether we be inclined to interpret it literally, or in a broader symbolical sense, we are prone to glean a perennially timely and new daily lesson from that basic textbook of philosophy, the Holy Bible. One of the points touched upon therein which lends itself to interesting speculation is the rate of physical mortality of the earliest biblical characters.

According to scriptural record, many of these antecedents of our era approximated physical life spans of 1,000 years. If we were to employ the scale used by some to interpret biblical time, we would arrive at a still more remarkable figure, on the basis of our current statistics.

But suffice it for our purposes that our biblical forebears did indeed achieve a quite impressive performance in living to a 'ripe old age', taking the matter on a conservative basis. Even so, our findings are liable to be met with an indifferent "so what?" from modern quarters, for, despite the legends of alchemy and seekers after the 'fountain of youth', there seems to be an incredible apathy with respect to longevity today, the really important matter apparently being the encompassing of a full schedule of experience, irrespective of the time required for its acquisition.

Nevertheless, there must be some divine purpose operating behind the historical fluctuations in the human life span, for it is obvious that they do not follow a consecutive pattern. For instance, modern science and medicine have been able to extend the current life span and a small percentage over that of the middle centuries, yet the period of man's greatest and longest per capita ratio of survival apparently occurred in a time before such hygenic measures as exist today were known or practised.

Still, the overall picture indicates a steady and appreciable decline in life expectancy down through the corridors of time. This fact being inescapable, should we not deduce that people lived longer in the beginning because it was expedient to the creator's purpose that they did so, and that now their sojourn is drastically curtailed because it is no longer in keeping with the universal plan?

Reasoning further along the lines developed above, it is suggested to us that one reason for the longevity of the biblical patriarchs may have been the necessity for peopling this planet to a total minimum extent, and this view is borne out by the fact that the fertility of the patriarchs apparently extended well into their later years. Presumably the Great Intelligence took no further action in this respect once the primary goal was achieved, delegating to man the responsibility of adjusting the world's population to that orbit's productive capacities.

By examining the diminishing ratio of human extent, we are liable to detect a corresponding parallel to the increasing tempo of human achievement along constructive lines. This inevitably leads to the conclusion that the closer we approach to the culmination of the mundane objective, the lesser becomes the duration of individual participation.

But it may be assumed that when an individual is assigned outstandingly important work to do

here, that he can count upon a sufficient length of time in which to complete it, irrespective of ordinarily insurmountable obstacles. Since the most important work which we have is for the benefit and welfare of our fellow men, we may presume that when we have sublimated all other physical considerations to this altruistic motive, we shall indeed have gained a 'new lease on life', attaining to the path of Mastership.

## THE ARMY OF THE ELECT

by

Richard, Duc de Palatine

The Members of the *ARMY OF ELECT* are great Souls at the highest stage of human evolution, Who have gained mastery over their human nature and thus are able to live unimpeded by the "man of flesh", and owing to Their long training and discipline are in possession of knowledge and power commensurate with the stage They have reached in Their spiritual evolution.

The Members of this Army are sometimes called *Adepts* or *Masters* who come voluntarily back to earth to help humanity, it is only the *Masters* who take pupils who have reached a certain standard of spiritual development. These *Adepts* have passed the *Fourth Initiation* and the *Master* has passed the *Fifth Initiation* within the *INVISIBLE EMPIRE OF LIGHT*. Those who have passed the fourth have reached individual salvation and those of the fifth have completed their human salvation.

The *SUPREME LODGE* or *ASSEMBLY* is called the "*Trans-Himalayan Brotherhood*" which has for its Head the *King of the World* mentioned in the article '*Lords of Venus*'. We have called this Hierarchy the "*Invisible Empire of Light*". This Empire is composed of the following Officials:

The *Planetary Logos* with His three Aspects, called God the *Father*, God the *Son* and God the *Holy Spirit*, and under Them come the "*Seven Spirits before the Throne*" Who are responsible



to the Logos for the evolution of the visible and irvisible planet. Then we have the *Four Lords of Destiny* who are responsible for the balancing of the forces in Nature and Man. These Beings never descend lower than the seventh region of Light but They are represented within the seven-fold *Pleroma of Light*, which is a Gnostic term to denote the Universal Soul, it is SPACE, developed and divided into a series of Aeons or Rulers of the Regions of Existence.

Then we have the *King of the World* a mighty Being from Venus Who takes over the evolution of this planet. He represents the Logos within the Divine Pleroma. He is assisted by Three Beings also representing the Three Aspects of the Logos Who are responsible for the administration of Karma within the whole Pleroma. There are actually seven of these Beings, but Three are not known to the profane. Each Lord having authority is at the head of a vast group of angels and nature-spirits and of the elemental essence of each of the seven regions of the Pleroma. The Karmic Lords work with three distinct influences (a) the influence of the Logos (b) the Angel in charge of a Region of Light and (c) the Angel in charge of each sub-region within the whole Pleroma of Light.

There is what is known as the *Staff of the King* who hold various offices under Him and Who are in personal attendance upon Him. They give themselves to the immediate service of the King and can be sent anywhere within the Divine Pleroma to implement the next step in the Plan which is always within the Consciousness of the Logos. A Member of the *General Staff* have no physical bodies, but possess the power to form a vesture out of any of the regions at will. The need for this Staff comes from the possibility of needing help from outside this globe, possibly from Venus, in fact most of the present Staff of the King came from that Planet, but our humanity will in due course have to provide

these Officials from our own ranks.

Those who have placed themselves in such a way as to stand in judgement upon countries who still hold to the monarch and its aristocracy, should bear in mind that the Will of the King is always manifested here on earth, so judge not that you be *not* judged.

Under the King is a Being who is responsible for the evolution of this globe from beginning to end, and under Him are seven Minor-Beings who are responsible for the birth and growth of each of the seven races of mankind, these Officials are called the MANUS and They superintend the growth and development of either the whole of humanity or one of the seven races of mankind. The Manus put into effect the Plan which is in the mind of the Logos, the natural evolution, changes of the face of the earth, build and destroy continents, races, control the destinies of nations, and bring forth the accounts between the races and nations.

Alongside the Manu is also another mighty Being called the CHRIST who is responsible for the growth and evolution of man into the pattern of the Heavenly Man. In addition to these two Beings is yet another Being who is called the PARACLETE or the *Maha Chohan* - The Great Lord - He directs the minds of men in order that the different forms of culture and civilisation will be unfolded according to the Plan in the mind of the Logos. There is also another higher Official called the LORD BUDDHA who takes upon himself additional labours for mankind and cannot incarnate upon earth again. He was the *World Teacher* in the past Cycle whilst the Christ is the World Teacher for this cycle.

Now we come to the generally known Officials of the Empire. This Empire is not only a body of MEN, each of which is responsible for His portion of evolution, but is also a wonderful UNITY and a flexible instrument in the hands of the King. " *He is the force which drives the whole*

world-machine, the embodiments of the Divine Will. His Consciousness comprehends all the Life on our planet. In his hands are the powers of cyclic destruction...He apparently appears to work usually with humanity en-masse rather than with individuals, but when He does influence a single person He appears to do so through *atma* (monad), not through the Ego." THE MASTERS AND THE PATH, by C.W. Leadbeater.

There stands above the King in rank a mysterious Being called THE SILENT WATCHER. He was the King of a previous globe and comes back to help the King of this globe in His work.

The next set of Officials in this Hierarchy are called CHOHANS and are the Chiefs of the Seven Rays or Channels through which the Life of the Logos ever flows. These rays are channels and are called: the Ruler, the Teacher, the Philosopher, the Artist, the Scientist, the Devotee and the Order-Action. These Seven Beings are responsible for the development and evolution of humanity along these rays and it will be noticed that these seven rays are in reality the lower or lesser channels through which the ONE LIFE is ever manifesting Itself.

Beneath the Chohans in rank are again a large Staff of Officials called *Masters* or *Adepts*, the Masters take pupils whilst the Adepts concern themselves with the evolution of Nature in the three lower kingdoms of *animal*, *vegetable* and *mineral*. Each Master has a large band of Pupils who are of different degrees, beginning with the 1st Degree to the 4th Degree and any pupil who has either reached the 1st Degree or beyond becomes a minor official of the Hierarchy and these are known as the Members of the *Army of the Elect*, in other words they are the non-commissioned Officers of the Army, whilst the probationary pupils are the rank and file, but they cannot speak at the Councils of the Empire.

H.P. Blavatsky was the first to bring to general notice the existence of these Great Souls

has this to say concerning those who have made claims to be guided or controlled by Them: "Great is the desecration to which the names of two of the Masters have been subjected. There is hardly a medium who has not claimed to have seen them (i.e.: Alice Bailey, Madam Tingley and Anne Ballard). Every bogus swindling society, for commercial purposes, now claims to be guided and directed by 'Masters', often supposed to be far higher than ours! Many and heavy are the sins of those who advanced these claims, prompted either by desire for lucre, vanity, or irresponsible mediumship. Many persons have been plundered of their money by such societies, which offer to sell the secrets of power, knowledge, and spiritual truth for worthless gold. Worst of all, the sacred names of Occultism and the Holy Keepers thereof have been dragged in this filthy mire, polluted by being associated with sordid motives and immoral practices (i.e., the O.T.O. and many of the so-called Rose Cross bodies today), while thousands of men have been held back from the path of Light through the discredit and evil report which such shams, swindles, and frauds have brought upon the whole subject." THE KEY TO THEOSOPHY.

Even today, when the Editor of this Magazine speaks outright against these desecrations of the sacred things of Occultism and exposes the humbug and false claims, he has been called arrogant, a black magician and a host of choice names which are more suitable for the Billingsgate Fish Market of London, not from past and present pupils of the Pleroma in Los Angeles, San Francisco and London. It shows that our forthright disclosures have brought upon our shoulders the wrath and abuse of those who make such pretensions in the name of Truth.

During the last 23 years, the present writer has sought for people who have been inspired by these "Masters" of the Wisdom and out of the hundreds that we have met, about 5% are genuine, about 30% honestly believe that they have been

inspired by Them and the rest have either lied or were hallucinated when boasting of such inspiration. Surely if the Holy Ones belong to the One Empire, then their teachings to their pupils will contain the *basic principles*, but this is not so, they are dissimilar to each other as chalk is to cheese. Those who are actually either pupils or initiates of the Empire seem to present a single Thread of Light running through their teachings, showing that they are truly inspired by the Masters, but they remain silent upon this fact and will confide it only to those in whom they can trust to remain silent.

Within the 30% one finds that their teachings seem to stray into strange paths, ranging from astrology, tarot or other forms of Cards and spiritualism to outright hocus pocus and when one tries to find the Silver Thread of the Wisdom Religion within their teachings, it is faint and vague, where the 5% openly admit they follow the Wisdom Religion and try to blend it into the conditions of the New Age. The rest we leave to the Law of Divine Justice.

We have been asked many times how one can become a Member of the Army of the Elect, these conditions have been given in the Monographs of the *Brotherhood of the Pleroma* and we need not go into them here, excepting to add the following, the complete surrender of the human self to the Divine Self by the purification of the animal nature within them; the *absolute obedience* to the Will of the Law, based upon the knowledge that the Law is true and that we are still located in the valley of the shadow of death (illusion) and finally, when you are placed under the tuition of either an Initiate or advanced Pupil of a Master, one must realise that he or she know the Law and will teach you of this Law and not to waste the time of the Teacher with questions which you can answer for yourself.

A Pupil who is under the tuition of an Adept or a Member of the Hierarchy, no matter what

rank he holds up to the 4th Degree, is still subject to his own Karma and the fact that he is a Member does not absolve him from paying his just debts to the Law. So many people have the false conception that a pupil or initiate should always have perfect health or that he shall never want for his needs. Where they get this idea, we do not KNOW! There is nothing in the writings of the Masters to substantiate this proposition. Whilst it is true that it is desirable to have a healthy body, if one's Karma has decreed otherwise then who are we to question this? It is an impertinent attitude for any student to proclaim otherwise. If they do then they have proved to the world that they are not a pupil of the Empire.

The Pupil or Student is entirely at the mercy of the Law for his needs and is forbidden to ask for anything for himself, the Law of God knows our needs and our deficiencies and if the Law thinks that it is wise for a pupil to have something, one of the Members of the Group around the Teacher will be inspired to supply this need, even when this need is granted, there is always the possibility that the donor will attempt to misconstrue his or her help to others and tell bare-faced lies about the Teacher, this is being done every day. For a person to cry out for help shows that he or she has no trust in the Law of God. To be a true pupil of a Master one must throw one's self on the Wisdom of the Master who will see to it that your Karma from the past is adjusted according to the work you have to do. There is a strange Law prevailing for Teachers, it would seem that the greater amount of Karma being brought forward the greater the evolution possible for the Teacher or Pupil.

In order for the Teacher or Pupil to make faster progress, the Master in charge will arrange with the Lords of Karma to bring forth more of one's Karma that normally would be necessary to the ordinary Member of the Group. this act becomes an example to the Group in

showing to them how the Law of Karma is worked out. When a person is entrusted with a portion of the work of a Master, then the whole personality is shot out of its normal composure, the amount of force coming from the Master is increased and whatever karma is still to be worked out comes up against the pressure from the Master, and then the body becomes the battle ground for the two forces and the Pupil has to cope with it in order to do the work of the Master and to wipe out the karma in the quickest way possible. This leaves the body tense and on edge but in spite of this condition the work must go on. It is extraordinary to hear people making the claims that they are being taught by Invisible Teachers and yet have no idea of the law appertaining to Master and Pupil. *It does make one think!*

When these conditions begin to manifest within the body, the pupil will do one of two things, either he will take fright and run away or he will hold on and pass through the Fire of Karma to the bitter end. One of the greatest examples of this fire is in the case of H.P. Blavatsky who, in spite of her bad temper, her weak and sickly body and the continual abuse being thrown at her (certain readers should take note), wrote THE SECRET DOCTRINE and ISIS UNVEILED and many other works which have become the hall-marks of what is known as modern Occultism.

Therefore, for a person to become a Member of the Hierarchy all thought for the body must go, however, not to the extent of allowing it to become damaged or useless, they must ask for nothing, seek nothing, but trust in the Divine Law of Supply. By this method you quickly release the grip of the personality upon the human Soul. It would appear that the more we fight against the Karmic Law and the Forces which are being brought to bear upon us, the greater will the grip of the body be, but when the Pupil just lets go of the body and its supposed needs, the quicker will be their spiritual progression.

The Pupil must at all times have complete control over his mind in order to still it and thus allowing the instructions of the Master to come through the Divine Soul, no pupil will ever hurl accusations at another pupil, nor will they question the behaviour of another, every pupil is given the chance to work for the Army of the Elect within his or her Karma, he must show *tolerance, faith, endurance and balance* in all things and must be ready to stand upon that which he knows is right.

When the above conditions have been fulfilled to a certain degree the Master will make Himself known to the Divine Soul and then He will work with you and assist you to travel the Path, there are a number of tips which the student should bear in mind.

(a) Obedience to the Law of God and to teaching others concerning the Law. (b) Never question the Master's wishes, remembering that the Master has progressed beyond the vale of the human evolution in so far as the personality levels are concerned. (c) Never try to tell another pupil what he should do unless you have been instructed by the Master and even then one must check upon himself and be sure that he himself may be used as an example. (d) Be willing to accept advice from another and then try to place the advice given against that of his Master through his Divinity. So many pupils try to render advice on their own, thinking that it may come from a Master, but this should first be carefully checked for it is very easy to persuade oneself that an idea has come from this Source when in reality one's own sub-consciousness has spoken. (e) The Teacher should not any time enter into any personal discrimination against another and should forbid their members from entering upon this sort of evil. Check all avenues at your disposal before you utter a word against another, for such is the Law of Pupilship. One's tongue must be kind and without any form of hurt in it.



one's mind must be open at all times, open to what they do not see. (f) The Teacher or Pupil must also realise that he does not see the causes but can only see the effects of causes, therefore, it is far wiser to do your work and let others get on with their particular work on hand but at all times think of ways of co-operating with others to further the work of the Empire.

The only way in which a person, whether he be a pupil, teacher or hearer, may become a Member of the *Army of the Elect* is to obey the wishes of the Master if one has one or a Teacher on the inner regions. Remembering that the Master will only make contact with the Divine Soul and not with the human Soul. Without any thought for the temporary self in this way you lessen the grip of the tomb of matter upon the entombed human Soul, and in a twinkling of an eye, one finds oneself within the *Army of the Elect* with increased responsibilities and knowledge. You may never know, at least for this life, that you have become a Member for very few become fully conscious of having this honour given to them and yet they are unconsciously following the wishes of the Empire.

The Seeker must ever be on guard against the promptings of the lower animal self and as H.P. Blavatsky says: "*But the case of each who is pledged to the HIGHER SELF is quite another Matter. 'You cannot invoke the Divine Witness with impunity', and once you have put yourselves under its tutelage, you have asked the Radiant Light to shine and search through all the dark corners of your being; consciously you have invoked the Divine Law of Justice, of Karma to take note of your motive, to scrutinise your actions, and to enter up all in your account.*" THE SECRET DOCTRINE, Book III. p. 529. 3rd.Ed.

"It is an eternal law that man cannot be redeemed by a power external to himself."

## ANNIE GET YOUR GURU

by

John Martyn Baxter

"I", said Mrs. B. "am a pupil of Master Poo and I must leave all Societies and Churches since I no longer need the things which the rest of you poor mortals do."

"Thank God", said the Pharisee, "that I am not as other men."

Do you recognise the above? The words are different but the sentiment expressed in both is the same, and how often have we heard them? How many times have we all met people who said more or less the above? Speaking for myself, they go on *ad nauseam*. The ones who are guilty of this sort of self-deception are legion. They join a group or society and after a week or two the delusions of grandeur begin, they conclude that they are the one and the only one to lead it, so, having read somewhere the name of a Master, they decide that the only way to impress the poor ignorant clots who constitute the rest of the group is to trot out his name and claim that they and they alone of all there, are his pupil.

Having established this claim, the way to show their own superiority is by sowing dissent among the members and by disagreeing with the leader at every opportunity. Having now shown how 'advanced' they are, they proceed to glamourise several elderly (not necessarily aged) females of both sexes and neurotic young men into following them - to their own damnation, the poor idiots!

No, dear, I do not mean damnation in the Orthodox Christian way. By this I mean that they have been lured into paths which will take them back instead of forward. Instead of pursuing the way which leads to their own Divine Glory, they are led into the ways of idolatry. Instead of realising and magnifying the wonder of their own Divine Soul, these poor fools are made to bow  
ED. It is pathetic, but it is fundamentally true!

down before false gods and by so doing ruin their own chances of fulfilment.

The tragedy of all this lies in the fact that the Masters who are unwittingly involved in all this hate the very idea of being made objects of adoration. They are the last people in the world to want this sort of thing.

In my estimation the worst service ever done to the Western world was the dissemination of the knowledge of the Masters. Those who know anything about me will realise what pain the writing of the above sentence has caused me. Of course, the Masters exist. God knows, I have reason to know this, but they are not gods nor do they wish to be treated as such. They are people even as you and I. They have reached a higher stage in their evolution simply because they have had more time - more lives, if you prefer - to do so, *that is all*. You and I will also get there in time and, no doubt, someone in the future may bow down and worship us. You may enjoy it, personally, I should probably give them a swift kick! It might help to save their souls a bit more quickly than they will ever manage on their own.

The Masters who exist do have pupils but until you are ready for your probation you will never know who they are. When you are ready you will not find any Mrs. B. coming up to you and saying "*I am a pupil of Master Poo, come, follow me.*" Oh, no, dear hearts, it is all much, much more subtle and delicate. You go along for a period, the length of which depends on you, and then, without a word about Masters or Gurus or anything of that sort, you find that it has happened. You know the joy and comfort of His presence - you are yourself a pupil. The joy of being in this state is so great that you cannot express it, even if you would. There are no words for it.

Aside from the above, there are two other things, one is the fact that although a Master

may be known as Poo in the books written by the camp-followers of Occultism, He has an entirely different name among his pupils and they must NEVER refer to him by any other. The second is the small matter of AN OATH which they take NEVER to reveal to ANYONE that they are his pupils unless in exceptional circumstances, and then certainly not publicly.

As I said earlier, the knowledge of the existence of the Masters was the worst thing that could have happened to the Western world. It was thought, however, that time was ripe for further wisdom to be given to you. It was considered that in the 20th century you would be spiritually adult - you are not - in the main you are spiritually adolescent, you need the Freudian Father-figure and the Masters have been turned into just that. If that is all They mean to you, return to Jehovah, he is much more suitable. Worship him, he laps it up, the Masters, bless Them, do not.

Most of you were at one time Christians - that is, members of some church calling itself Christian. Why did you leave it? Was it because you found the figure of Jesus inadequate for your own personal salvation? If you are truthful you will answer "Yes". Fine, of course it is true, the Jesus of the Churches cannot bring you salvation, for that can only be found in and through yourself. However, having left the church and discarded Jesus, you now latch on to Master Poo. *Is there a difference?*

You, you, you, are your own salvation. The development of your own Divinity alone will 'save you'. Remember Omar Khyyam:

*" I sent my Soul through the invisible,  
Some letter of that After-life to spell:  
And by and by my Soul return'd to me,  
And answer'd 'I myself am Heav'n and Hell'?"*

There are certain persons placed here on earth whose function it is to guide the rest of us..

These persons are in turn guided by those whom we call the Masters, however, you will never find one of these Leaders claiming to be more advanced because he or she is a "pupil". You will never find them telling you that what they teach is given directly by a "Master" through them. While they do not deny the guidance they receive, what they teach you has been acquired through their own experience, out of the "blood, sweat and tears" shed by their own Soul in its own Dark Night. Your job and my job is to listen to these people, to follow what they are trying to show us. Do you seriously think that any Master, who has a great deal to do, is going to spend time with Mrs. B. who, let's face it, knows very little more than you and I - and that little more we would know if we went to the same library - do you really honestly think she is more 'advanced' than the rest of us? What proof - apart from her word - have you? If she, indeed, does need to receive every word of what she teaches from some third source, whether it be a "Master" or a "Guide" or the local Theosophical library, it is because she is either too lazy or too frightened to acquire her own knowledge.

I am writing this because I love you all, because I love Them, and even, God help me, I love Mrs. B., and it hurts me to see you dazzled by all this false glamour, to see you miss your opportunities. Please, please, return a little of my love by at least checking before you fall for the spiel of the Mrs. B's of this world.

One thing I ask; the next time someone comes to you with this tale of being a pupil of Master Poo or What-you-will, ask them these questions:

- (1) By what name do you call your Master?
- (2) By what name does He refer to you?
- (3) Have you been absolved from your oath?

Then, no matter what you feel about the person, no matter how sincere you may feel they are,

before you decide to follow them, please write to me giving me their answers. I promise you a truthful reply. If I feel that it is your benefit to go with them, I will say so. If not, I will tell you that, too. I have in my time been called many things but never untruthful - in fact, on many an occasion, I have been too candid!

I have written much in my time, sometimes ecstatically, sometimes indignantly in a bad temper, but this article has been written sincerely and with love, whatever you may think of it. All I ask is that before you do anything drastic about these things, let's get together. You never know, I may be able to help, I know that I'd like to.

I also know that, in spite of all this, some of you are going to fall under the spell woven of these latter-day Witches of Endor, some of you are going, eventually, to follow Mrs. B., and get what? a rehash of what she gathered during her two weeks in Theosophy, her reading of 'that book by What's-his-name, you know, the Rosicrucian man', and, of course, her guidance by Master Poo. Can you take it? Me, I've got a delicate stomach!

However, if that's the way you want it, O.K. Annie, get your Guru and, in the words of Master Shakespeare: "*My blessings light on thee*" you'll need them!

P.S. To the ladies who may read this:

Mrs. B. was merely a convenient character upon whom to hang this article. I had no intention of conveying the impression that women alone are guilty. Men are just as gullible and silly.

To all who may have read this:

"Master Poo" is fictitious and therefore, does not have pupils!

## THEOSOPHY, FREEMASONRY and CHRISTIANITY

by

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Great civilisations are accompanied by great buildings and the finest buildings are usually temples and cathedrals. The temples of long past ages were centres of learning and skill, and their priests the curators of accumulated knowledge. The men who knew how to construct massive, imposing and well-proportioned buildings were under temple protection. Their profession lent itself to moral instruction through the symbolism of their tasks. To them the centre of the building was of major practical importance...The success of their work and the safety of their structures depended upon exact levels, true perpendiculars and right angles. They had daily demonstrated before their eyes examples of rectitude of construction, and of the need for rectifying the untrue. Rectitude of conduct in true social relations would be an obvious application. The moral symbolism is self-evident.

The moral analogies of building and the builder's tools are indeed ancient and widespread. A square is sometimes found as one of the amulets upon Egyptian mummies. An ancient Persian inscription reads :-

*" O square thyself for use; a stone that may  
Fit in the wall is not left in the way " .*

Mencius of China said that " when...the ministers upset the law, the court has no respect for truth, and workmen no longer follow the square and compasses; when educated people violate their principles, and the common people violate the laws, it will be sheer good luck if such a country can continue to exist " .

St.Paul describes himself as "a wise master-builder" who has " laid the foundation and

another builded thereon" (1 CORINTHIANS 3:10); repeatedly he describes man as a temple of God in whom the Holy Ghost dwells. "Ye are God's building" (ibid 3:9); and not only this physical body, he says, "for we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens". (2 CORINTHIANS 5:1). There is a dual building symbolism in Paul. The individual is a temple, part of the "workmanship" of God (EPHESIANS 2:10), and he forms part of a greater temple, the temple of the community, "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye are also builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit". (ibid 2:20/2).

The ancients carried the analogy also to God as Architect of His Universe, constructed upon true Geometrical principles. As Plato put it: "God geometrizes". According to Plutarch, the Egyptians imagined the nature of the Universe as a right-angled triangle, with a perpendicular of 3, base of 4 and hypotenuse of 5. "The perpendicular is the Male, Osiris, the originating principle; the base is the female, Isis, the receptive principle; and the hypotenuse is the offspring of both, Horus, the product". (ISIS and OSIRIS). Wisdom says in THE PROVERBS: "When He established the heavens I was there, when He set a compass upon the face of the deep...when He marked out the foundations of the Earth: then I was by Him as a master workman" (op.cit.8:27/30, revised edition): and again from THE PROVERBS: "Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars" (9:1), which may have the same significance, in another symbolism, as Isis of Egypt and her seven robes.

In the ancient world the fundamental truths of man's relationship with the Creative Power behind the Universe were taught in the Temple



Mysteries, represented to the public by myths and allegories, and communicated to initiates in secret rituals. There are indications that there was a world-wide fraternity of ancient wisdom. For certain signs and symbols were well-nigh universal in distribution, and great philosophers are known to have travelled to foreign lands and been received and instructed in the Mysteries of the countries they visited. The modern Masonic Lodges have characteristics that identify them with some of this universal symbolism and mythology. How has this happened?

The connection is not conclusively traceable. Tradition consistently points back to Egypt. The Greeks turned to Egypt for instruction. About 1000 B.C. a colony of Grecians emigrated to Asia Minor and called their new home Iona, one of their cities Byblos. They took their Mysteries with them and formed a famous corps of architects and builders, the Dionysian Artificers. King Solomon may be a mythical figure: his Temple as described in THE BOOK OF KINGS may be allegorical; yet there was a Temple at Jerusalem. According to the story, "Solomon obtained from Hiram of Tyre men skilled in the art of building from Byblos. - or in other words, Dionysian Artificers; and Josephus says that the Grecian style of architecture was used at the Temple of Jerusalem. Did the mystery story of Hiram Abiff, as a Hebrew version of a universal myth, originate later out of such an association of Dionysian and Hebrew Builders? There is no proof. Is there any more likely hypothesis? If it be true, by what type of transmission did it turn up in the Speculative Freemasonry of 17th century England?

Building in the Roman era was under the control of Colleges of Architecture, founded by King Numa in the 7th century B.C., according to Plutarch. Numa was a philosopher of austere self-discipline who sent messengers to gather wisdom from Egypt, Greece and Asia Minor, and he founded the Roman Mysteries. A College of Archi-

sects was attached to each Roman Legion, and so were the Mithraic Rites. It has been suggested that when the Roman Empire collapsed the tradition of the Colleges passed through the Comacine Masons of Lombardy, who were employed by the Popes on Cathedral and Church building in Europe, to the mediaeval guilds and companies of Masons. This is unproven, but if it be true, and the myth of the slain masterbuilder came by this route, how came the tradition to be in Hebrew guise? Naturally an Old Testament colouration would be less dangerous than a so-called 'pagan' version, in those days of Church persecution, but the links are missing.

This much is clear. There were guilds and companies of Masons in England. They had secrets, and one of the oldest of their known charges (early 15th century) says that the children of Israel learned the craft of Masonry when they dwelt in Egypt. King David loved the Masons and gave them charges which King Solomon confirmed, and they built the Temple of Jerusalem. This worthy science was later brought to France, where Charles II loved Masons and cherished them, for he was a Mason before he was king. The Masonry was brought to England by St. Alban, who also loved Masons, and first brought the charges and customs to this country. That was their story. They formed their groups, preserved their trade secrets, and protected themselves from the intrusion of untrained dry wall-builders, or cowans. In London the Mason's Company became a building authority, but after the fire of London in 1666 there was so much building to be done that Masons from other places were allowed to come and help. One such Lodge worked on St. Pauls Cathedral. The members mostly dispersed when the Cathedral was finished.

(To be concluded)

EDITOR: There is still in London a Secret Lodge whose records go far back before the Romans came to England and who can trace their descent direct from the Mysteries of Egypt, Greece and Chaldea.

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