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“Madam HPB's Birthday Celebrations”

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Today is the grand occasion of Master EK's Birthday. Master EK was born at 5:30 pm on 11th of August. It is as per the Gregorian calendar. We generally celebrate birthday's as per the solar calendar as on this day the presence of the Sun in the same sign and degree coincides with that of the sun on the same day of that year in which the person was born. Sun corresponds to our consciousness and hence it is more significant than the moon which corresponds with the mind. That is why Master EK gave this tradition of celebrating our birthday as per the Solar calendar instead of Lunar calendar.

On 12th of August, Madam Blavatsky was born at 1:42 am as per the European time and at around 5:12 am as per Indian Time. So there is a time difference of about 12 hours between the births of Master EK and Madam HPB and generally we celebrate both their birthdays on the same on, which is on 11th August.

Madam HPB possessed great wisdom and had extraordinary capabilities. She had many divine experiences right from her childhood. She used to see many divine beings, angels, Masters moving in the space around. They were visible only to her and she could see them from the age of 3. She could see one person, among them, very often.

All this suggests us that Madam HPB is an initiate of high order even by the time of her birth. If we read Master EK's Music of the soul, we understand that she gained the presence and grace of Krishna 5000 years ago and later she evolved further for the next 5000 years and took birth as Madam HPB. We can also understand from that book that Jesus's Mother Maria and Madam HPB were classmates at the time of Krishna.

Madam Blavatsky was born into a very noble royal family and she was encouraged a lot to follow her divine interests by her parents. Her Mother, grandmother and Great Grandmother were highly evolved souls. Her father used to lead cavalry belonging to a Russian King. She used to spend lot of time in the library containing many grand books of wisdom, belonging to her

Great Grandmother and she had many experiences during that period up to 17 years of age. By her 10th year, she learnt the languages Russian and German very thoroughly.

She was married to Mr. Blavatsky, a Vice-Governor by profession, in her 17th year on 7th June, 1849. But she could not live with him because she felt that her marriage was not in tune with her life purpose. So she leaves her husband with his permission and lives together with some of her relatives. As a token of respect towards her husband she propagated his name more than her name and even signed as H.P. Blavatsky.

She wished to travel around the world and with the support of a relative she visits many places all over the globe. She first goes to England and then to Istanbul (also known as Constantinople). Then she went to Canada. She used to mingle a lot with many groups, including Red Indians, Mormons and Mayans, around the world and she kept searching for the person who she could see often in her visions. She visited North America and South America in the process but she could not find what she was looking for. In Peru, there is a mountain by name Ameru and she had wonderful experiences living in that area.

Then she goes to Ceylon and from Ceylon she enters India at Mumbai. By then, she had lot of respect for India and knew the greatness of this land through her readings. She felt very happy on landing in India. From India, she goes back to Russia. All this travel goes on for 3 years and she had many adventures during this period.

She then goes to England to attend a royal marriage along with her family. She did not have much interest in that royal gathering and she goes out the hall and sits in a nearby park, Hyde Park. It was her birthday in the year 1851. While she was sitting on a bench in that park, suddenly she could see the person, who she used to see very often in her visions and dreams, walking before her in an Indian group. As she saw him, she stood up and tried to go towards him. That person signs her not come towards him and she sat back on the bench.

(Master is reading this part in English in the words of Madam HPB).

The next day she again goes to the same park and sat down on a bench. Suddenly she felt like a dream the majestic Indian Prince coming towards her. He tells her of the purpose of her life and future work to be done by her. Without much thinking she agreed. However he warned her of the hardships that she has to face to fulfill that purpose and also tells her that she has to come and stay in Tibet for some period to be prepared to fulfill the extraordinary role. She had to think over and give her consent to the Master. A few years later, her Master had again come to England. At this occasion he told her that her destiny was in India but only in 28 to 30 years. She was in England up to 1854 and then she went to North America again. Then she travelled to Japan by ship, then to India. She then entered Tibet. By the virtue of purity of her vehicle she could meet Masters of Wisdom and she was the purest of the vehicles available at that time to transmit the Wisdom to the world.

In 1867 and 1868, she moved to Tibet and stayed there in the caves of Sravasthi in the Ashram of Master Devapi. She frequently had contact with her teacher Master Morya. She underwent intense training and went through the age old wisdom teachings of the east. To be able to receive all that wisdom, Master Devapi used to squeeze her small brain. This is cause mutation in the tissues to enable better reception and retention of wisdom. It caused her immense pain but she bore it lot of patience.

She underwent training in the language of Senzar, Sanskrit as well as English. Most of the teachings were given to her in English. Her Master used to speak with her only in English and she was encouraged to speak all that she learnt in English. For practice, she was asked to translate passages in Senzar to English. Her English is charged with Spiritual Energy. Her sentences in English were filled with immense energy. We cannot even imagine the formation of such sentences which she used in her books.

Master Devapi learnt English in the Oxford University and he was an expert in that language. So learning English from him, later she wrote monumental volumes in English. Also the sublime parts of her books were not written out of intellect but out of intuition. In this manner, for 2 years she lived in complete isolation from the objective world. No one knew about her whereabouts.

In November 1870, Master KH wrote a letter in French to her family and told them not to worry about her saying that she is undergoing a Spiritual training at a far off place and she is under the protection of Lord Buddha. He told so because Buddha was better known than himself or Master Morya. He further wrote "she would return to the family before 18 new moon returns." Her aunt received the letter without post mark. It is very surprising because the letter travelled countries without any mark. It also contained a strange mark instead of a signature. That letter was preserved by that aunt. After some days, as she was seeing the letter, the mark (symbol) disappeared gradually.

So after that period, Madam HPB was asked to leave to her place. Master KH then said "Even though you have not learned much of the holy sciences and practical occultism, you have at least learnt some English." If such is the case with Madam HPB, what is the case with us? "You now speak it a little worse than I do." :) These are the words written by Madam HPB directly as told by her Master. She used to state the facts and truths so bluntly. That is why no one could stay around her. During the last 6 years of her life, she almost led an isolated life with no one around.

You can read the book "Upasika" a compilation on Madam HPB for a brief of the life and works of Madam HPB. It was printed by our Bangalore brotherhood.

After her farewell, she went to Europe and then to America. Then she went to Egypt and then to Russia and met her family. In America, she founded theosophical society in 1875. With her, there were 15 others (total 16) in that formation. It was founded on September 13, 1875. She liked the Greek work "theosophia" and as a result she named the society so. Theos means divine

and sophia means wisdom. So Theosophia means “divine wisdom”. This word was coined by a Greek philosopher Ammonius Saccas, who lived before the period of Master Pythagoras. He used to secretly give his wisdom to very few dedicated disciples and no one else knew about him. He used to do the work of a porter for his living and hence he got the name Saccas. Madam mentions his name in Isis Unveiled and Secret Doctrine as well.

The objectives of this society are Universal Brotherhood, no differentiation based on caste, creed, etc. learning the world scriptures, understanding the creation, nature and man in all aspects. The same are the objectives of WTT in essence. Generally we forget the objectives and keep doing some routine activity. Madam believed the slogan that there is no religion higher than truth. She could not accept anything but the truth. She blatantly opposed the ones who spoke lies or manipulated the truth. That is one of reasons she had many critics and enemies. It was the work given to her and she performed it meticulously. She cleansed the world for 30 years with her fiery work.

In December, 1878, HPB left New York and sailed to India. The headquarters of the society remained in Mumbai for some period. She used to work completely as per the instructions of Master Morya that she used to receive from within. She used to taunt anyone and everyone around her, for their misdeeds, if instructed by her Master. She used to visit some secret places when instructed by her Master.

So in India, the theosophical society begins in Mumbai. Then in 1882, in December, the international head quarters of the society was started in Adyar, Chennai in a land of 25 acres which she bought in those days for 9000 rupees. She also met Annie Besant during this period.

She then started writing the book "Isis Unveiled". She wrote a letter to her sister, "I am writing Isis; that is I don't write but copy or draw from a source which is shown to me personally. I write as I hear and see everything happening in a seemingly realistic way around me. I am writing the story from far, century by century, as I see picture by picture going through my mind like a magic panorama." She refused to be regarded a medium because medium means that the person does not know anything of the wisdom being transmitted but here Madam knew everything that she wrote though it was told to her. She could explain everything that she wrote. She had been specifically trained by her masters to telepathically transmit wisdom and she was completely conscious during this transmission works, when she wrote the books. She saw and wrote but she was aware of what she wrote.

Two years after she started writing the book Isis Unveiled, it was published and released and in just 9 days, the first edition was sold out. During her life time, 14 editions of that book were published in just a period of 11 years. Though many were interested in the contents of the book, Helena felt that none in America was prepared to receive a Spiritual Training at that time as no one came to her with a sincere intent.

She tells "Whenever I am told to write, I sit down and obey and I can write easily upon almost anything - Metaphysics, Psychology, Philosophy, Ancient Religion, Zoology, Natural Science or what not. I never put myself a question, Can I write on this subject? Am I equal to this task?" That shows her brave attitude. She never questioned her eligibility to write on a subject.

Generally people, when asked to speak, start by saying that "I don't think I am eligible to speak" or "I don't know if I am eligible to speak or not but I am speaking as I was asked". It is not their humility but such words come only when there is an element of inner pride. There is a professor, Mr. Prasanna Kumar, in Visakh and Master EK once asked him in a gathering, to speak on the book written by Master EK. That person started by saying "I am not fit enough to speak on this book but as Master asked me to speak, I am speaking." Then Master EK strongly said "You are not the one to decide whether you are eligible or not. I am the one to decide. I asked you to speak only because I felt that you are fit enough. So just speak."

She tells, "I just sit down and write because I know that somebody who knows all dictates to me. Please do not imagine that I have lost my senses." This is all what she used to share with her sister in her letters. They had very close acquaintance from childhood and Blavatsky used to share most of her experiences with her Sister and her sister had very high regard for Madam. Once Madam climbed a ladder and was fixing a portrait to the wall, as her sister was watching. Then the ladder fell down but Blavatsky continued to stand in the air and this surprised her sister very much. She even wrote a book on Madam HPB.

Madam writes to her Sister, "I have hinted you before about them. I tell you candidly that I whatever I write upon a subject, I know little or nothing of it. I address myself to them and one of them inspires me. He allows me to simply copy, what I write, from manuscripts and printed matter just passes before my eyes in the air during which process I have been unconscious not even for a single moment." She wrote from all the books which appeared before her and she wrote it with all consciousness. She was at times, questioned by the President of Theosophical society about the sources of the passages that she quoted in her books. When she told about the sources present at many libraries and museums all over the globe, he himself visited most of those places and verified the content and was surprised to find it exactly as what she wrote.

"The Master is not always required for during his absence due to other work, the Master arranged for a substitute within me and at such times it is my luminous soul at work." So whenever the Master was not available due to some other work, she wrote with the divine self in her as the basis. The divine in her was like a substitute to her Master. But when the Master is available, she used to only look to him and not to the divine in her.

Later she wrote the book Secret Doctrine which she started in 1886 but her health deteriorated, but with the support of her Masters, she completed the work. "Many witnesses reported that

during the night marginal notes and commentaries appeared in the hand writing of Master KH on the manuscripts which HPB had written during the day.”

The first 2 volumes of Secret Doctrine went to press in 1888. Many of the scientific predictions given through Madam in her books are coming to be true now. For example, she gave hints to divisibility of atom which was not accepted at that time but it is now reality.

HPB herself told that untrained readers cannot read Secret Doctrine. One should not read Secret Doctrine without any training. They have to train themselves to be fit enough to read Secret Doctrine. You need to know many basics to be able to read and understand Secret Doctrine. She said, "Not many will understand this book in this century but the future generations will understand and appreciate it."

There are many more details of her life which we need time to discuss. I will conclude with some points in brief.

HPB had difficulties with her health all her life. Those sensitive to heath and surroundings cannot perform such voluminous work. She did not let her health condition hinder her work.

Her Masters were hard task Masters. They gave her the option of continuing with the work or withdrawing from the body as already she did lot of work more than they expected. She decided to continue. She withholds the prana with the help of the strength of her consciousness. It is the feature of a Yogi and a brave one. She used to dictate her prana to remain with her and work. Consciousness working under prana is common but prana working under consciousness is very rare.

She writes to her sister "Master gave me a choice that I might live and finish Secret Doctrine or I might die and be free if I would. He even told me how great would be my suffering in the coming period. But when I thought of those students to whom I shall be permitted to teach few things and of the theosophical society in general, I have already given my heart's blood, I accepted the sacrifice and now to make it complete, fetch me some coffee and give me something to eat and give me my tobacco box."

She was virtually expelled from India and given up her editorship of Theosophical society magazine and then was put to lot of vilification. All this was done by the members of Theosophical society. She writes "My heart is broken physically and morally. For the first time, I do not care. Master shall take care that it does not burst so long as I am needed."

With all will, she completes the book Secret Doctrine and the book was published only after she departed. She departed in her 60th year on 8th May. Her major works include Isis Unveiled, Secret Doctrine and Practical Occultism apart from many small books.

Whosoever wishes to read Secret Doctrine, I suggest you learn astrology and etymology to some extent. Also keep the theosophical glossary and a good dictionary with you while reading the Secret Doctrine and make it a point to understand each and every word. You can even use the Google if you want. In this manner, with the blessing of Madam, you can try to read and understand Secret Doctrine.

So tomorrow is the birthday of such a Grand Lady and it is holy occasion for all of us to recollect her and to be in her presence.

-Swasthi