

Madam HPB Birthday Celebrations

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Hearty fraternal greetings to the brotherhood. On this morning, we gather here to celebrate the birthday of Madam Blavatsky with an objective to recollect her and remain in her presence. We will first read the Golden Stairs which were given by Madam HPB and then we try to discuss some aspects of her life and work.

The Golden Stairs:

A Clean Life

An Open Mind

A Pure Heart

An Eager Intellect

An Unveiled Spiritual Perception

A Brotherliness for One's Co-Disciple

A Readiness to Give and Receive Advice and Instruction

A Loyal Sense of Duty to the Teacher

A Willing Obedience to the Behests of Truth

A Courageous Endurance of Personal Injustice

A Brave Declaration of Principles

A Valiant Defence of Those who are Unjustly Attacked

A Constant Eye to the Ideal of Human Progression and Perfection which the Secret Science Depicts

These are the Golden Stairs up the steps of which the learner may climb to the Temple of Divine Wisdom.

A great soul, named Madam Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, was born in the country of Russia in a royal family. Since childhood, she possessed certain extraordinary powers. She could simultaneously witness the physical and subtle planes around her and beings in those planes. She could see intelligences moving around in space. She used to share her experiences with her younger sister though that girl could not see anything. So, Madam HPB had a deep vision and a deep hearing capability to witness the invisible planes from the time of birth itself. It was because she was in the path of Masters for many lives before that life and is the disciple of Master Morya. She was given the title "Upasika" because of the intense practice that she had done and purified herself.

At a very young age, Madam HPB used to spend most of the time in the library belonging to her grandmother and she used to read many of them at that age. She even used to discuss some of the aspects with her grandmother and her grandmother realised that this girl is a highly evolved soul who took birth for a certain purpose.

Madam HPB's vision used to be very attractive, especially eyes are filled with light and her vision is very powerful. Just by her vision, she could ensure that no one could lift an object. Once she got on a ladder to hit a nail on the wall to fix a picture. While she was hitting the nail, the ladder slips and falls down but Blavatsky does not. She kept floating in the air and came down after fixing the picture. All this was witnessed by her sister in shock. Her sister wrote some books on Madam HPB and one can refer to them to know the kind of experiences that she had in the presence of Madam HPB.

As she was born in a royal family, there used to be many royal gatherings which her family used to attend and she was also forced to go though she did not like spending time in such gatherings. Once she went to attend a wedding in England and to be alone, she goes to a nearby park. There she sees a man with a grand form coming towards her and she felt that she knew that person. That person is Master Morya. He tells that it is time for the purpose of her life to be fulfilled and she should decide whether she is prepared to the work which is expected to be very hard to fulfil. She has been waiting since childhood and she accepts the proposal of Master Morya.

After some days, she gets an instruction that she should go to Himalayas. She was guided where to go but no one in her house knew where she went and they were worried. At that time, they received a letter in a white envelope in which it was written that Madam HPB is safe and that she would return after a year. During that year, she undergoes intense training in the ancient caves of Sravasti and Kalapa. Firstly, lot of transformation in the physical tissues of the body was done to eliminate the natures that were inherited from the family she was born into. However high a soul may be, if it takes birth in a normal way, the body will contain certain aspects which are inherited from the family and they can act as hindrances to the being in that body. So, all such hindrances in the form were eliminated first. Then while she was in the ashram of Master Devapi, every morning her small brain used to be pressed with an objective to increase her mental capabilities. It was very painful as Madam HPB describes it. Then she started receiving the grand knowledge of cosmo-genesis and anthropogenesis. It was not just the outer story but all the inner stories and deeper connections between those stories were revealed to her. She had access to books and scriptures which were only available in the ashrams of Grand Masters. Then she was entrusted with the duty to hand over this knowledge to humanity. The objective was to bring out the ONE truth which was veiled by many religions and cults across the globe. She dispels the untruths that were spread by many religious preachers. She tried to spread the fact that "there is no religion higher than truth".

In her books "Isis Unveiled" and "Secret Doctrine", she tells the story of the evolution of beings on this planet and then how truth was revealed in different ways in different parts of the globe and that one can synthesise all those teachings to get a unified understanding of the truth.

Master EK was greatly inspired by Madam HPB. He used to call her the engine of his life. We can find many links between the teachings of Madam HPB and Master EK.

Madam Blavatsky is a Master of Occultism. Occultism is a way to see the invisible aspects of this creation. To spread occultism, Madam HPB started the Theosophical Society with an objective to show that the truth is ONE. She travelled across the globe extensively. In the book "Caves and Jungles of Hindustan" she describes how amazing India is and the secret caves present in this land. She talks of secret pathways that are present from one place to another in India. One example is, she talks of secret pathways present from Kashi to some of the major cities in India. There is also a secret connection from Visakhapatnam to the Vaisakha valley in the Himalayas. Madam HPB had a special liking for the Indian land because there are many occult aspects present here. She had entry to many secret caves and thick jungles in these countries and she never feared to go to such places because she was constantly under the protection of the Grand Masters. One can refer to the book "Caves and Jungles of Hindustan" for more details.

Once she visited the caves of Ajanta and Ellora which are very famous in India and because of her subtle vision, she could see paths which were not visible to others and she started taking those paths. She kept going inside and inside and finally got lost. She did not know where to go further. There was only a very small opening through which a human body cannot fit. She then recollects the Master and Master Morya enters that cave from that small hole and then pulls her out of that cave through that small hole which seemed impossible to Madam HPB.

That is how she experiences many seemingly impossible acts done by her Master and she herself performed some acts.

I personally experienced some amazing acts of Madam HPB. In 1988, I was going to Austria (Vienna) from Barcelona via Zurich. It was a long journey and we started in the morning. I did not eat anything the previous night and as we started early the next morning, I did not eat anything in the morning as well. We took a flight from Barcelona to Zurich. Then we took another flight to Vienna and we reached there at around 3:30 or 4 pm. I was feeling very hungry and tired as I did not eat anything for a long time. I just sat for a while with closed eyes and Madam Blavatsky appeared there and said, "Are you hungry?" I remained silent and she further said, "Do you know how many days I used to spend without eating anything? You can overcome hunger mentally." From that day to this day, I never had an issue with hunger and never asked anyone to serve food at a particular time. Though I am a diabetic, I eat only when the arrangements are made as per the activities of the day. I consider this as a boon which I got from Madam HPB. This is a higher science which works on faith and one's preparedness to give priority to the most important things.

Madam HPB constantly strived to show people the existence of occult dimensions in this world and showed them the path to experience those occult dimensions. Once she was asked by her followers to describe the ashram of a Grand Masters in Himalayas in which she lived. She explains so vividly and even draws a painting which is available even today in the Theosophical Society building at Adyar, Madras. She even brought colour paints out of the wall so that a colour painting can be drawn.

Madam HPB established the Theosophical Society in 140 nations which is no easy thing to do. She visited all those countries and inspired and taught people in those nations and asked them to follow the ONE truth beyond all religions. She always used to say "turn occult".

Before concluding, I will read an article which came to me recently through Madam HPB. I will read the text in English and explain it.

"Occultism must win one day. Every occult truth had passed through denial before it was finally accepted."

In your life, there should be a day when the inner life takes precedence over the outer life. There will be doubts when an occult truth is known because we mostly live in the mind. Also, there might be lot of criticism about the truth that you follow, in the society around. However, it will be finally accepted.

"A person that stands by the truth is often crowned with a thorn crown on his head. It is so as long as he is alive."

This was clearly seen in the life of Master Jesus but not only him; this might be the case with many who strictly stand by truth in their lives. The society keeps commenting and criticising in many ways. The greatness of such ones is hardly recognised when they are alive.

"Pythagoras, therefore, insisted upon his students to a pledge which is popularly known as vow of silence, which shall be renewed every 5 years."

Try to be as silent as possible without trying to demonstrate what all you know. To become a disciple of Pythagoras, this vow of silence was to be taken. If someone speaks something wrong after the vow, it is renewed again for another 5 years.

"The cultured society is too fast and too shallow and they find themselves duty-bound to deny when the truth is presented afresh."

This can be clearly observed in the lives of many great ones. They faced a lot of opposition in the initial years of their lives and many of them were properly recognised only after their departure from the physical.

“Mankind practices deception and fraud on the society. The society always consisted of meek and weak masses, who submit to the fraud and deceptive of the strong and the wicked.”

People keep presenting their words in such a manner that their words are accepted and others are ignored. In the outer world, what is truth and untruth is hardly known. It can be truly known by one who goes inside. People also get carried away by mob mentality. They simply follow just because everyone else is following. The weak-minded and ignorant ones mostly believe in deceptive and wicked people. That is why untruth spreads faster than truth.

“There are infamous critics who keep saying that the society consists of only fools and idiots, who care only for their safety all the time while they never found their safety at any point of time.”

So, there are these critics who mostly care about themselves and they keep criticising others for that sake.

“Truth is stranger than fiction. It may any day and most unexpectedly vindicate its wisdom and demonstrate the conceit of our age.”

Madam said today’s fairy-tale is tomorrow’s science. When certain predictions were made in the past, they seemed fiction at that time but gradually they turned out to be true. However, once the truth comes out, all related untruth just gets burned down into ashes.

“The edifice of untruth may fall any moment when the truth decides to step in. It is therefore important to an occultist to hold onto truth within and share it around with like-minded people, though it remains a fiction.”

Edifice means a large building. People build their lives around a lot of untrue things and those buildings fall apart when the truth steps in. That is why one should always align with the truth at any cost because finally, only the truth remains. Only truth can protect you. Truth may remain to be a fiction initially. If you believe in something to be truth, then stick onto it and follow it sincerely without getting deviated.

“There is a sacred and secret brotherhood in existence and it does not die.”

We call it the White Brotherhood and it ever remains. Many might not believe in their existence and reject it. Remember that truth is rejected when one accumulates a lot of untruths within. A sincere follower of truth will immediately recognise when a truth is told because he feels it from within.

“St. Germain, having learnt his bitter lessons in Europe, finds his expressions elsewhere in the world in a fresh and natural ambience.”

St. Germain put in a lot of effort to bring in reforms in the European continent but no one hardly paid heed to him. There are many kings who took help from him but ignored his advice. He was criticised for trying to teach the truth in Europe and that is why he moved to the American continent to continue his work. There is some progress there but not significant enough. The problem is people start thinking that they know things and start denying the truth. Master St. Germain leads a glorious life and he always appears to others at the age of 49 years. When we say such things, we are in disbelief but that is the truth.

“There are a number of these mystic brotherhoods which do not have much to do with the civilised countries. It is for the unknown communities who stand as future crop of humanity. Their work continues to flourish. These adepts could, if they choose, lay claims to strange ancestry and exhibit verifiable documents that would explain many of the mysterious phase in history. For reasons best known to them, they would rather prefer not to exhibit such proofs and documents.”

So, the mystic brotherhood works for the future humanity. Some aspects of the present are so concrete that they cannot be changed. So, it is better to look to the future. Master EK once got a message, “Leave the confused man. Plan and start afresh.” So, there is no point in trying to transform people who are stuck in concrete beliefs. It is better to start afresh where transformation is possible.

It is difficult for us to believe how ancient the mystic brotherhood is. Master Morya and Master Devapi existed for many years even before the advent of Lord Krishna and they will continue to remain on this planet until the plan is fulfilled. Madam HPB is telling us that adepts like them can even prove their ancestry through documents, if they choose to. Madam was shown such documents but they do not show the humanity because we still doubt them.

“There exists in the world a class of adepts who are mightier than the proclaimed. They are personally pure, benevolent and holy as individuals. They relentlessly help the truth seekers on the path untouched by the deceptive and fraudulent magicians of the day whose work is not magic but conceit.”

We see many claiming themselves to be Gurus but there are adepts who are way more mightier than such ones and yet they work in secrecy. They only help the truth seekers on the path.

So, this is the teaching coming from Madam HPB. Her teachings are very profound and not easy to understand. If one reads her book for long, one might even fall asleep because of the inertial nature of that person.

Madam HPB was always committed to the work entrusted to her and she did not care for any hindrances that came while doing that work. She did not care about the diseases that affected her body. Even her Masters felt sad about her situation in that body and asked her to leave but she did not until the work was complete. She completed the Secret Doctrine, gave it to print and then left the body.

As students of occultism, it is important that we study the teachings of Madam HPB regularly. If you find it difficult to read books written by her, you can read the books in which I explained her teachings. You should arrange your schedule in such a manner that you have time for such things. Try to read at least one page a day.

This month of August we celebrate the birthdays of many great ones like Master CVV, Master EK, Madam HPB, Shri Aurobindo, Master MN and Lord Krishna. It is a month full of opportunities to tune our lives and live in alignment with the Divine by studying and following the teachings of such great beings. August is a month of festivals for us and we should make the best use of this time.

We discussed very little about Madam HPB while there are many more things to know. I just spoke that we are all inspired to read further and relate to her as much as possible. It will purify us a lot in many ways. Your awareness expands and you experience better. Let us walk the path to Divinity with the help of the Hierarchy.

So today we recollect Madam HPB on the occasion of her birthday. Try to read more about her life experiences which are given in many books. Then you develop a close relationship

with her. Then when you read her teachings, they get revealed to you. May we all be inspired by her to walk the path and pray to her that we be granted the required will and strength.

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