

A Valuable Lesson ¹

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The following letter was written by HPB to a member. It conveys a valuable lesson.

For I can do you no good if you yourself fail to place yourselves in the atmosphere of Theosophy, or rather if you still fail to sense Them around you. There is an uninterrupted concatenation of causes and effects in the life of every Theosophist, if not of every member of our Society.

No one seems even to suspect the real true nature of our Society, which *cannot die*. The Parent Body, wherever it has its seat, is the nursery of the Societies of the twentieth century. I mention the law (of cause and effect) in the life of every Theosophist who is in *dead earnest*. None of you has ever thought of watching, studying and thus profiting by the lessons contained therein, the web of life woven round each of you, yet it is that intangible, yet ever plainly web (to those who would see its working) in that ever open book, sacred in the mystic light around you, that you *could* learn, aye, even those possessed of no clairvoyant powers.

Why have you never followed (even helped by your reasoning powers and physical, let alone spiritual, intellect) those daily records in the life of every one of you, those trifling events of which life is composed? For no better proof can you get of the ever invisible *Presence* among yourselves. I say that you have attained contact with the Master, and that *before you can hope to go further you must realize that which you have had*. I know that Master has (without interfering with karma) precipitated and in other cases retarded some events and contingencies in the lives of all of you who are earnest and true. Had you paid attention to these casualties and little events, the working of these alone might have revealed to you a guiding hand. It is the first rule in the daily life of a student of Occultism never to take off his attention from the smallest circumstances that may happen in his own or other fellow-students' lives; to record and place them in order on those records, whether they are or are not connected with your spiritual pursuits, and then bind them together by comparing them with the records of the others and thus extract from them their inner meaning. This you ought to do at least once a week. It is from this totals that you will find out the path to pursue. It is the phenomenon of thought-transference and guessing thoughts applied to the events in life.

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For once compared and summed up, these events (the most trifling are often the most illuminative) would perceptibly reveal to you the course you have to follow. Working by himself no man can achieve this. Where you work in common it is comparatively easy. It concentrates the attention upon the laws governing the simplest events in life, those events being guided by the invisible Guru, the Master under whose guidance is the Theosophical Society. It draws attention from things that would only interfere with mental training; it sharpens and develops the intuition, and makes you gradually sensitive to the smallest changes in the spiritual influence of the Guru. Once an earnest student joins the T.S., there are no more meaningless or trifling circumstances in his life, for each is a link purposely placed in the chain of events that is to lead him to the Golden Gate. Each step, each person he meets with, every word uttered may be a word purposely placed in the day's sentence with the purpose of giving certain importance to the chapter it belongs to, and such or another karmic meaning to the volume of life.

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