

## C. W. Leadbeater and AI

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*Gemini, formerly known as Bard, is a generative artificial intelligence chatbot developed by Google. ([Wikipedia](#))*

*As a researcher on the life and work of C. W. Leadbeater for the past twenty years, I asked Gemini the following question:*

***Did C. W. Leadbeater receive letters from the Master?***

*The following was Gemini's reply:*

C.W. Leadbeater claimed to have received letters from the Masters of Wisdom, but the validity of these claims is highly disputed. Here's a breakdown of the situation:

### **Leadbeater's Accounts:**

- Leadbeater wrote extensively about receiving letters from the Masters, both through traditional mail and through what he described as psychic phenomena like precipitation (materialization) on existing letters.
- These letters supposedly contained guidance and instructions related to Theosophy and his spiritual development.

### **Evidence and Challenges:**

- No physical proof exists for these letters.
- Leadbeater's credibility was tarnished by later accusations of sexual misconduct, making some skeptical of his earlier claims.
- There are inconsistencies in the accounts of receiving letters, with some descriptions differing between Leadbeater and other Theosophists like Helena Blavatsky.

### **Alternative Interpretations:**

- Some view these communications as symbolic or metaphorical representations of spiritual insights, rather than literal letters from physical beings.

### **Overall:**

Whether C.W. Leadbeater actually received letters from the Masters remains a matter of personal belief. The lack of verifiable evidence and the controversies surrounding Leadbeater make his claims difficult to substantiate.

### **Additional Points:**

- Some Theosophists accept Leadbeater's accounts at face value.

- The concept of the Masters itself is a core belief in Theosophy, further complicating the issue.

**In conclusion:** The existence of letters from the Masters to Leadbeater is a contested aspect of Theosophical history. There's no definitive proof, and the historical context raises questions about their validity.

(Gemini Google AI)

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Historical Evidence:

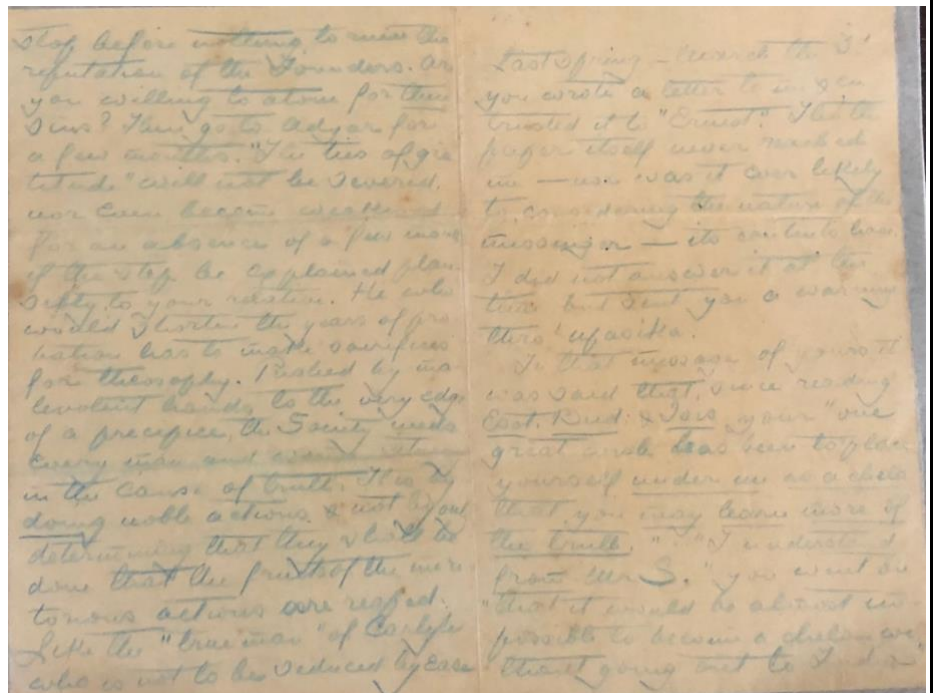
Books:

*Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom*, First Series, The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, Madras, India, first published in 1919 and reprinted in 1923, 1945, 1945, 1948, 1964, 1973. The Master's letters to CWL are included as Letters #7 and #8 in this volume.

*The "K.H." Letters to C. W. Leadbeater*, The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, Madras, India, first published in 1941 and reprinted in 1980.

Website: [www.cwlworld.info](http://www.cwlworld.info) Contains extensive information about CWL, his life and work, including the accusations against him, and also facsimiles of the three original letters received by him, the second of which was phenomenally transmitted by Madame Blavatsky. The first letter from Mahatma K.H. to C. W. Leadbeater was received on 31 October 1884, twelve years before the accusations against him were received by Annie Besant in Benares in February 1906.

**First letter:**



Continuation of first letter:

You hoped to be able to do that in a few years. The force of the present ties of gratitude bind you to remain in this country. etc. I would answer the above & your other questions.

[1] It is not necessary that one should be in India during the seven years of probation & the law can pass there anywhere.

[2] To accept anyone as a chela does not depend on my personal will. It can be only the result of one's personal interest and cooperation in that direction. Force any one of the "masters" you may happen to choose; do good works in his name & for the love of mankind; be pure & resolute in the path of righteous ness [as laid out in our rules]; be honest & unselfish; forget your Self but to remember the good of other people - and you will have forced that Master to accept you.

So much for candidates during the periods of the undisturbed progress of your Society. There is something more to be done, however, when there is a - the Cause of Truth, is, as at the present moment on its stand for life or death before the tribunal of Public Opinion - the most flippantly cruel, prejudiced & unjust of all tribunals. There is also the extent of the Karma of the caste you belong to - to be considered. It is undeniable that the Cause you have at heart is now suffering owing to the dark intrigues, the base conspiracy of the Christian clergy and missionaries against the Society. They will

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- difficulty, allegation, martyrdom, death are the allurements that act "during the hours of trial on the heart of a true chela."

You ask me - "what rules I must observe during this time of probation?" and I venture to hope that it could be given. I answer: You know the weaving of your own future, in your own hands as shown above and every day you may be weaving its web. If I were to die - and that you should do one thing or the other instead of simply advising, I would be responsible for every effect that might flow from the Web & you acquire but a secondary merit. I think if you will see that this is true. So cast the lot yourself into the lap of Justice, and

fearing but that its response will be absolutely true. The Master is an educational as well as a probationary stage & the chela alone can determine whether it shall end in adeptship or failure. He is to wait for orders, waiting previous time which should be taken up with personal effort. Our cause needs missionaries, devotees, agents, even martyrs perhaps. But it cannot demand of any man in work himself either. You choose & grasp your own destiny - and may our Lord & the Tathagata's memory aid you to decide for the best.

R. H.

Source: Theosophy Wiki: [https://theosophy.wiki/en/Mahatma Letter to Leadbeater - LMW 1 No. 7](https://theosophy.wiki/en/Mahatma_Letter_to_Leadbeater_-_LMW_1_No._7)

Historical background: [https://www.cw1world.info/First Letter received by CWL.pdf](https://www.cw1world.info/First_Letter_received_by_CWL.pdf)

The second letter (via Madame Blavatsky):

Since your intuition  
led you in the right direc-  
tion & made you understand  
that it was my desire you  
should go to Adyar im-  
mediately - I may say  
more. The sooner you  
go the better. Do not lose  
one day more than you  
can help. Sail on the  
5<sup>th</sup> if possible. Your  
refusal is at all times  
done. Let us on Heaven  
you are going and  
may the blessing of

our Lord, and my  
poor blessing shall  
shield you from Ev-  
ery Evil in your  
new life.  
Greetings to you  
my dear Chela  
R H  
I show my notes  
to us one

Source: Theosophy Wiki [https://theosophy.wiki/ML/LMW1-8\\_2.jpg](https://theosophy.wiki/ML/LMW1-8_2.jpg)

Historical background: [https://www.cwlworld.info/On\\_KH\\_second\\_letter\\_to\\_CWL.pdf](https://www.cwlworld.info/On_KH_second_letter_to_CWL.pdf)

The third message (via Madame Blavatsky):

caught in a flagrant contradiction, he gets out of it by saying that acchela has any recollection of time, space, or figures (!!) hence the contradictions when shown over his own signature that he defended phenomena & preached the doctrines of the Society of the Eastern he answers "Oh yes, but I was under an illusion. Now I have changed my mind!" What can you do? is bent upon the destruction of our Society & when he returns to India he will throw doubt into every kind of mind. Dowd as who knows the truth about him & would expose him is far away & has no hope to return. Thus, unless Subba Row & a few earnest Hindus help Colquhoun calpon him (Subba Row Chetty Hindus he never was in Tibet) the Society is lost, or will have another tremendous convulsion; God by a very dear fellow don't lose courage however. The chesters are with us & will protect all those who stand firm by them. Write to Ostende poste restante to me I will be there tomorrow. Yours

Source: Theosophy Wiki [https://theosophy.wiki/ML/LMW1-50\\_6.jpg](https://theosophy.wiki/ML/LMW1-50_6.jpg)

Historical background:

[https://www.cwlworld.info/CWL\\_receives\\_his\\_third\\_letter\\_from\\_Master\\_K.H..pdf](https://www.cwlworld.info/CWL_receives_his_third_letter_from_Master_K.H..pdf)

It is now known that a AI chatbot gathers its information from its internal database as well as from many websites. In the case of the Master's letters to C. W. Leadbeater it may have exercised an active form of historical or intellectual prejudice against him or the prejudice may have been internalized in its own database, and against existing, factual and concrete evidence, as shown.

The prejudice against CWL does not come only from the allegations of sexual misconduct against him, although he was the object of one enquiry in the United States, which led to the charges sent to Annie Besant in India; another enquiry in London, in 1906; and two professional police enquiries in Sydney, Australia. In spite of those, he was never charged or prosecuted. It is important that the allegations against him were never tested in a court of law, except in 1913, in Madras, when the accusation, by Krishnamurti's father, that he had unnatural relations with the young Krishnamurti was thrown out by the Presiding Judge.

Another source of extreme prejudice against C. W. Leadbeater are his books, which have been labelled "pseudo-theosophy" for, according to his detractors, he "betrayed" the original teachings given by Madame Blavatsky. Such detractors include Annie Besant and almost every author in the Theosophical Society as exponents of "pseudo-theosophy". In spite of this, the main online bookstores continue to sell many of his books, which generate the demand for reprints.

The prejudice against CWL has now, unsurprisingly, reached the world of Artificial Intelligence. Unsurprisingly, he and Annie Besant are among the greatest popularisers of Theosophy in the last century. How come such tremendous, vicious, continuous, relentless and one-sided campaign did not reduce their books to oblivion? Their secret was in a passage from a letter of a great Adept, the Mahachohan, to A. O. Hume and A. P. Sinnett, leading Theosophists in India, in 1881:

For our doctrines to practically re-act on the so-called moral code or the ideas of truthfulness, purity, self-denial, charity, etc., we have to preach and popularise a knowledge of Theosophy. It is not the individual and determined purpose of attaining oneself Nirvana (the culmination of all knowledge and absolute wisdom) which is, after all only an exalted and glorious selfishness, but the self-sacrificing pursuit of the best means to lead on the right path our neighbour, to cause as many of our fellow creatures as we possibly can to benefit by it, which constitutes the true Theosophist.

C. W. Leadbeater had another source of inspiration, support and protection:

... may the blessing of our Lord and my poor blessing shield you from every evil in your new life.  
Greeting to you, *my new chela*.

K. H.