

CWL receives his third letter from Master K.H.

In an article entitled ‘Two Letters of H.P.B.’, originally published in *The Theosophist*, February 1927, and reproduced below, C. Jinarajadasa presents the transcript of Madame Blavatsky’s letter to C. W. Leadbeater, written on 23 June 1886, while he was residing in Colombo, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). (CWL World)

[The first of these two letters gives a brief insight into one of the many “situations” in the early days of the T.S. After the Missionary attack on H.P.B. in 1884, she left Adyar with “Bawajee”, Dr. Franz Hartmann and Miss Mary Flynn on March 30, 1885. “Bawajee” was a familiar name for S. Krishnamachari, a young Tamil Brahmin of Tanjore. Bawajee was sent to assist H.P.B., but he got his head turned by the adulation given to him by his western admirers. Finally, he suffered from such an excessive “swelled head” that he considered himself superior to H.P.B. An interesting fact about Bawajee was the use of his body for a while by another and more advanced chela of the Master K.H., by name Darbhagiri Nath. It was Darbhagiri Nath in his own body who had been with the Master in Tibet; later, on the strength of having given his body for a while to Darbhagiri Nath, Bawajee claimed that he had been in Tibet. After Bawajee returned to India, he lost his Theosophical interest, and died a few years later.]

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TO C. W. LEADBEATER

Elberfeld, June 23/86

MY DEAREST LEADBEATER,

I was glad—sincerely—to receive your welcome letter. As to the enclosure¹ I really do not take upon myself to send it. I *cannot* do it, my dear friend; I swore not to deliver any more letters and Master has given me the right and privilege to refuse it. So that I have put it aside and send it to you back as I received it. If Mahatma K. H. had accepted or wanted to read the letter he would have taken it away from my box, and it remaining in its place shows to me that he refuses it.

Now learn new developments. Bawajee is entirely *against us and bent on the ruin of the T.S.* A month ago he was in London and ready to sail back to India. Now he is here—heaven knows *when* he will go away for he lives with Frank Gebhard (the elder son who sides with him and whom he has entirely *psychologized*) and he has sown dissension and strife in the Gebhard family, the mother, father, and two sons Arthur and Rudolph remaining true to the teachings of Masters and me and Frank siding with him. He never comes to us though he lives over the way—and he writes and writes volumes of teachings *against our doctrines*. He

¹ C.W.L. wrote a letter to his Master, the Master K.H., and sent it to H.P.B. to forward. This she did not do. However, as will be seen at the end, the Master acknowledged direct, writing on H.P.B.’s letter, after she wrote end posted it.—C. J.

does more, he declared to all that he was going to publish a *manifesto* in which he will express regret at having contributed for five [years] to bamboozle the public as to the character of the Masters and what They *will* and *can* do. He maintains that he was for five years under *maya*, a psychological illusion. He firmly believed during that time that all the phenomena were produced by the Masters, that he himself was in direct communication with Them, and received letters and orders, etc.; but now he (Bawajee) knows better. Since he came to Europe he has learned the truth having been *illuminated* (!!!) He learned that the Master could NEVER, in no case communicate with us, *not even with their chelas*; They could never write themselves or even *cause* to be precipitated letters or notes by Their chelas. All such were the production of *maya*, Elementals, spooks, when not “frauds”, he says, “Esoteric Buddhism” is all nonsense and hallucination. Nothing what is given out in *Theosophist* is true. My “Isis” and even the *Secret Doctrine* may he said have been dictated to me by some occultist or “spirits” —never by Masters. When asked how is it that he came with me to Europe on an *order from* his Master as he said—he now declares coolly that he was *mistaken*; he has “changed his mind” and knows now it was an illusion of his own. Olcott has never, never healed anyone with mesmerism; never was helped by Masters, etc., etc.

Moreover, he has slandered persistently Subba Row, Damodar, Olcott and everyone at Advar. He made many Europeans lose confidence in them. Subba Row, he says, never said a truth in his life to a European; he bamboozles them *always*; and is a liar; Damodar is a great liar, also; he alone (Bawajee) knows the Masters, and what They are. In short, he makes of our Mahatmas inaccessible, *impersonal* Beings, so far away that no one can reach Them!!! At the same time he contradicts himself; to one he says he was 10 y. with Mahatma K.H.; to another 3 years, again he went several times to Tibet and saw the Master only from afar when He entered and came out of the temple. He lies most awfully. The truth is that he (B.) has never been to Tibet and has never seen his Master 100 miles off. Now, I have the assurance of it from my Master Himself. He was a chela on probation. When he came to Bombay to the Headquarters, your Master ordered me to tell all He accepted Krishna Swami, and had sent him to live with us and work for the T. S. He was sent to Simla to Mr. S. that is to say, *he gave up his personality to a real chela*, Darbhagiri Nath, and assumed his name since then. As I was under pledge of silence I could not contradict him when I heard him bragging that *he had lived with his Master in Tibet and was an accepted regular chela*. But now when he failed as a “probationary” owing to personal ambition, jealousy of Mohini and a suddenly developed rage and envy even to hatred of Colonel and myself—now Master ordered me to say the truth. What do you think he did? Why, he looked me in the face and asked me what I knew of his past life! That certainly he did not go to Master during the five years he was with us, but that he knew Mahatma K.H. 12 years before he had heard of the T. S.!!! When I showed him Master’s writing in which your Mahatma corroborated my statement and affirmed that he (Bawajee) “had never seen HIM or go to Tibet”—Mr. B. coolly said it was a *spook* letter, for the Mahatma could neither write letters, nor would He ever say anything about his chelas.

Thus he hides himself behind a triple armour of *non responsibility*—and it is impossible to catch him for him, who, like Frank Gebhard believes that every word of B.’s is *gospel*. B. denies nothing; admits everything, every phenomenon, and gets out of it by saying that it was an *illusion*, his Karma. When caught in a flagrant contradiction, he gets

out of it by saying that *no chela has any recollection of time, space or figures* (!!)) hence the contradictions. When shown over his own signature that he defended phenomena and preached the doctrines of the Society and the Masters, he answers “Oh yes; but I was under an illusion. *Now I have CHANGED MY MIND.*” What can you do? He is bent upon the destruction of our Society and when he returns to India he will throw doubt into every Hindu’s mind. Damodar who knows the truth about him and could *expose* him is far away and has no desire to return. Thus, unless Subba Row and a few earnest Hindus help Colonel to expose him (and Subbaya Chetty knows *he never was in Tibet*) the Society is lost, or will have another tremendous convulsion. Good bye [sic] my dear fellow don’t lose courage however. The Masters *are* with us and will protect all those who stand firm by Them. Write to Ostende, poste restante to me. I will be there tomorrow.

Yours ever faithfully and fraternally,

H. P. BLAVATSKY

[P. S. added at top of first page]

My love and blessings to Don David² and all the Brethren. My greatest respectful salaams to the High Priest Rev. Sumangala. Ask his blessing to me.

[Written *during transit*³ in the post —from Elberfeld to Colombo, where C.W.L. was residing, across the writing on the last page, in blue pencil:]

TAKE COURAGE. I AM PLEASED WITH YOU. KEEP YOUR OWN COUNSEL AND BELIEVE IN YOUR BETTER INTUITIONS. THE LITTLE MAN HAS FAILED AND WILL REAP HIS REWARD. SILENCE MEANWHILE.

K.H.

² H. Dharmapala; with several other Sinhalese young men, “H. Don David” changed his Christian name to a Buddhist one, as a result of the Buddhist revival by Colonel Olcott.

³ See the facsimile of the letter on the next page.

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Facsimile of HPB's letter to CWL with Master K.H.'s precipitated message in transit.
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