

Adyar, Jan. 12, 1907.

My dear Charles,

The Mahatmas have visited me several times lately in Their physical bodies and in the presence of witnesses. As My life seems to be drawing to its close, They have wished to discuss with me matters They desire arranged before it is too late.

They asked me to set right the dispute between you and Annie concerning the glamour question, and I enclose what They said about the matter, and which Mrs. Russak took down at the time. I am glad to know that it was no glamour, for I had already felt that she (Annie) made a mistake in saying that it was.

Concerning the other matter about the disturbance your teachings have caused, both Mahatma M and Mahatma K.H. ASSURED me you did well to resign; that it was right to call a Council to advise upon the matter; and that I did right in accepting your resignation; but, They said, we were wrong in allowing the matter to be made so public, for your sake and the good of the Society. They said you should have stated in your resignation that you resigned because you had offended the standard of ideals of the majority of the members of the Society by giving out certain teachings which were considered objectionable.

Because I have always cherished for you a sincere affection, I wish to beg your pardon and to tell you before I die that I am sorry that any fault of judgment on my part should have caused you such deep sorrow and mortification; for I should certainly have tried to keep the matter quiet had I not thought it would have reflected on the Society if I did so.

I feel sure that the Blessed Ones are striving to calm the present turmoil and hold together our Society from dividing against itself, and I also feel sure that you will be called upon to help and to forget yourself for the good of the whole.

There is nothing, I think, that would tend to quell the present turmoil so much (and I should die happy if I knew you had done it) as for you to bow to the will of the Divine Ones behind the movement, and save the situation. Certainly their Wisdom is your law, as it is ours; and They have told both Annie and myself that your teaching of boys to relieve themselves is wrong. I do implore you on my deathbed to bow to Their judgment and to make a public statement that you will; and that you will give Them and us your solemn promise to cease giving out such teaching.

It might be that if you did this, the Masters would open a path of reconciliation to the Society, and you could take up the great work which you were obliged to give up before you unwisely placed yourself in the position of being unable to defend yourself against charges that gravely offended the accepted moral standard of your country, thus bringing upon the Society you love a great blow which shock it to its foundations because you were so universally loved and respected.

Once more, my dear friend, I beg you to consider what I ask. With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
H. S. Olcott.