

# Master Serapis

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SOON after the beginning of the correspondence between A. P. Sinnett and Master Koot Hoomi, Mr Sinnett had a remarkable encounter with the Master. Sinnett writes in a brief note:

I saw KH in astral form on the night of 19 October 1880, — waking up for a moment but immediately afterwards being rendered unconscious again (in the body) and conscious out of the body in the adjacent dressing-room, where I saw another of the Brothers afterwards identified with one called “Serapis” by [Colonel Henry S.] Olcott, — “the youngest of the chohans”.

(*The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, Letter No. 3A, chron. ed. (1998).

Some three-and-a-half years later, while William Q. Judge was in London (March 1884) and on a visit to Mr Sinnett’s home, an interesting conversation arose in regards to Mr Sinnett’s above experience. Judge relates the following:

I asked him [A. P. Sinnett] about his sight of KH and he related this: He was lying in his bed in India one night, when suddenly awakening, he found KH standing by his

bed. He rose half up, when KH put his hand on his head, causing him to fall at once back on the pillow. He then, he says, found himself out of the body, and in the next room, talking to another adept whom he describes as an English or European, with light hair, fair, and of great beauty. This is the one [adept] Olcott described to me in 1876 and called by name \_\_\_\_\_. Please erase that [name] when read. . . . S[innett] says he [the adept] is very high.

(Letter from W. Q. Judge to Mrs Laura Holloway in *Letters That Have Helped Me*, Theosophy Company ed., p. 196.)

Notice that this adept is described as “English or European, with light hair, fair, and of great beauty.”

In 1883 in India, Colonel Olcott was healing people with his mesmeric “power”. He relates the following experience:

On the day in question, while under treatment for his eyes, upon which business my thoughts were closely concentrated, he [Badrinath Babu, the patient] suddenly began describing a shining man whom he saw looking benevolently on him. His

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clairvoyant sight had, it seemed, become partially developed, and what he saw was through closed eyelids. From the minute description he then proceeded to give me, I could not fail to recognise the portrait of one of the most revered of our Masters . . . [Badrinath] described to me an individual with blue eyes, light flowing hair, light beard, and European features and complexion . . . [T]he description . . . fitted accurately a real personage, the Teacher of our Teachers [Koot Hoomi and Morya], a *Paramaguru*, as one such is called in India, and who had given me a small colored sketch of himself in New York, before we left for Bombay.

(*Old Diary Leaves*, 2nd Series, pp. 430–1.)

Concerning the “small colored sketch” mentioned by Col. Olcott, C. Jinarājādāsa in *Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom*, Second Series, writes:

. . . a picture of the Master Serapis . . . is among these early letters [of Serapis]. It is painted on thin paper, and its size is 3-1/2 by 2-5/8 inches. It is drawn in pencil, and painted with a brush in a brown which is now faded. The background is blue. The picture shows an ascetic face, somewhat resembling Cardinal Newman’s, with brown flowing hair and short rounded beard. The Master wears a triangular jewel, within it a radiating sun surmounted by a cross, and at the apex of the triangle a crown and stars.

Concerning Col. Olcott’s mesmeric healing, Master Koot Hoomi writes to

A. P. Sinnett: “This [healing by Olcott] is all done thro’ the power of a lock of hair sent by our beloved younger Chohan [Serapis] to HSO.” This is KH’s comment on a newspaper article titled “Cures Effected by Colonel Olcott in Calcutta by Mesmeric Passes” that was published in the Calcutta *Indian Mirror*. (Reprinted in *The Letters of H. P. Blavatsky to A. P. Sinnett*, Appendix III.)

Confirmation that the superior, or master, of both Masters Koot Hoomi and Morya was Serapis, is again found in this statement by Col. Olcott:

One of the greatest of them, the Master of the two Masters [KH and M.] about whom the public has heard . . . , wrote me on June 22, 1875: “The time is come to let you know who I am. I am not a disembodied spirit, Brother, I am a living man; gifted with such powers by our Lodge as are in store for yourself some day. I cannot be with you otherwise than in spirit, for thousands of miles separate us at present.”

(*Old Diary Leaves*, First Series, p. 237.)

This letter Olcott is quoting from is found in part in *Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom*, 2nd Series, Letter 9 from Serapis.

Furthermore, in Letter 27 Master Morya writes to Col. Olcott about “the direct orders of our beloved Lord and Chief — him whom you know under the name of S. — and Maha Sahib”.

This further confirms the high place in the Adept Hierarchy occupied by the Master Serapis. ✧