

A Letter from Damodar K. Mavalankar to Laura C. Holloway

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In the very first issue of the Theosophical magazine THE WORD, an article titled REAL KNOWLEDGE by Damodar K. Mavalankar was published.

See the article at this link:

[THE WORD, Vol. I, No. 1, October 21, 1904, pp. 31-32]

<http://blavatskyarchives.com/damodarword.pdf>

A brief note at the beginning of the article is signed L.C.L.

L.C.L. stands for Laura Carter Langford. Laura is best known in Theosophical circles as Laura C. Holloway. Mrs. Holloway received letters from the Mahatmas K.H. and M. See my book MRS. HOLLOWAY AND THE MAHATMAS at this link:

<https://www.lulu.com/shop/laura-holloway/mrs-holloway-and-the-mahatmas/hardcover/product-23255758.html>

The above article by Damodar was REPRINTED in the following book on pages 515-517:

Sven Eek (comp.), Dâmodar and the Pioneers of the Theosophical Movement, Adyar, Madras, India: Theosophical Publishing House (TPH), 1965.

Sven Eek added the following prefatory note to Damodar's article:

"[This is the only known article by Dâmodar where he openly assumes the role of teacher. It is fair to infer that he had written others now lost or not yet discovered. It was

written in February 1885, shortly before his departure for Tibet and H.P.B.'s final journey to Europe. - Compiler.]"

In my research on Mrs. Holloway, I have found the original Damodar document that is the basis for the REAL KNOWLEDGE article first published in THE WORD.

It turns out that the original Damodar document is NOT an article but actually a letter that Damodar wrote to Mrs. Holloway on May 11, 1884.

Mrs. Holloway extracted portions of the letter and published this material in THE WORD. She also made a number of changes to the text

Below is a link to a scan of Damodar's original letter:

<https://blavatskyarchives.com/damodarholloway.pdf>

This scan was provided COURTESY of:

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library  
5105 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, Delaware

<https://www.winterthur.org>

This letter by Damodar is preserved among the papers of Mrs. Holloway in the Winterthur Library.

I give a transcription of the letter at this link:

[https://blavatskyarchives.com/damodar\\_to\\_holloway.pdf](https://blavatskyarchives.com/damodar_to_holloway.pdf)

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