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A True Bodhisattva

If you could travel back in history and meet and interview just one person; who would it be? Some people choose Jesus or Plato; and others choose the people they admire the most. My choice would be to meet and interview the Russian high priestess of metaphysics: Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, better known by her friends as HPB.



HPB was a controversial figure born in Russia¹ in 1831 and died in England in 1891. She was married twice², became an American citizen, wrote the most prolific volumes of occult science ever written, fought in a war as a horse soldier, was wounded in her shoulder while being stabbed with a

bayonet and left for dead. In her old age she suffered from chronic kidney inflammation, rheumatism, sciatica, and obesity. She loved coffee, was a chain smoker of cigarettes, ate some meat, and had temper tantrums that were unpredictable.

In spite of all these ambiguous personality traits, those who were lucky enough to know her, all spoke highly of the true self behind the personality of HPB. She was the chosen vehicle that brought to the Western world knowledge of the spiritual sciences that were hidden from the world at large for several millennia. Her opus magnum was titled *The Secret Doctrine*. In this work of 1500 pages, a portion of the hidden knowledge about cosmology, anthropology, theology, and science was again shown to the world.

Developing Years

From an early age HPB played alone most of the time with her invisible friends she called her hunchbacks. These hunchbacks turn out to be

elemental forces and beings that HPB could naturally see and interact with.

When HPB was ten years of age her mother suddenly died. There was no warning of this event and HPB treasured the memory of her mother all her life. She did not allow others who wrote articles and books about her to ever mention her mother in their writings. Her memory was that sacred to HPB.

When out riding on her horse at about twelve years of age, the horse buckled throwing HPB backwards with her foot still caught in the stirrup. Her brains would have been battered by the moving ground beneath her when two invisible hands held her head steadily and stopped the horse. For a moment she could see him, a tall handsome man dressed in white. She recognized him as the man she often saw within her dreams. Instantly he was gone. She did not know then, but this was her Master from many lifetimes who later become known as Master M.³

HPB being an aristocrat had a full classical education. She was also a fine pianist and was at concert level when she had an encounter at twenty years of age that would change her life and the history of the world forever.

Enter the Master M.

In 1851 while visiting in London, she saw the man dressed in white who was the very man from within her dreams. He was marching in procession with other dignitaries from India, himself being a Raja from India. Being impulsive as HPB is she ran into the street to confront him. Instantly he held up his hand and stayed her actions while telling to, "Wait till later."

Later came the next day while HPB was resting on a park bench. Her Master came to her in the flesh and began to refresh her as to who he was and how long they had known each other through many lifetimes. He also gave her a challenge or choice, for her to make for this lifetime. She could either serve the

cause of the Masters to help humanity or she could continue her career as a concert pianist. Thankfully, HPB choose to serve the cause of the Masters, also known as the Masters of Wisdom by the world today.

Many years later, when HPB was in her late fifties, she was asked how old Master M. really was. Her reply was that she did not know, only that when she was twenty years old and had met him for the first time, she was impressed with his masculine beauty, Master M. being six feet eight inches tall, muscular, and handsome. She said that now that she was an old woman, Master M. still looked exactly the same. He apparently never ages.

HPB's Initiations

HPB had many objectives to be completed within her physical life span. Being a natural positive medium and clairvoyant, meaning she was conscious during her visions and so forth, she was a natural choice for the occult lodges to employ. Both the Western and Eastern secret lodges knew that she was a pivotal and unique figure in the history of human evolution. Both East and West had lodges that were of both white and black motivations.

She was not popular with the darker Western lodges because of two reasons. Their first objection being the teaching of reincarnation to the Western culture. Certain dark Western lodges did not want this doctrine taught in America, for political reasons. Their second objection was that it turned out that HPB had perfect recall. She could remember all that she had seen in the higher realms. Many lodges used mediums like spiritual telescopes to help them see into the higher realms vicariously. They therefore shared secret knowledge with her not realizing she was seeing more than they ever imagined she could, information they wanted to keep only to themselves.

As Dr. Rudolf Steiner documents for us, how these darker forces of the West using ceremonial magic practices created an astral occult prison around HPB.⁴ This simply stated made her clairvoyant abilities completely subjective and therefore unable to see past her own reflection in the spiritual realms.

Master M. and the brotherhoods of the higher white Eastern lodges of Tibet and India, decided they

could use HPB in a more productive and perfect way to benefit humanity and their causes. Thus, Master M. took HPB under his wing of protection and she was freed from the occult astral prison the dark lodges of the West had wrongly put upon her.

HPB was eventually taken to Tibet with Master M. where she spent seven years in hard training and initiation into higher consciousness. When her training was completed she was sent back into the world to spread the news. It has been speculated that the high ranking Lamas did not trust HPB with so much of their knowledge and kept part of her spiritually back in Tibet. Many who accept this theory say it explains why she had such an explosive unpredictable personality. She may have been a psychological cripple by design.⁵

HPB's Mission

HPB had several things to accomplish. First, she had to write her first great work, *Isis Unveiled*. When HPB wrote, she would hear an astral bell, which was a signal from Master M. or whoever, that they were ready to mentally dictate the information to be taken down. The Master would send it with his intention, in Tibetan or English if possible, and HPB would have to perceive it in her Russian mind and put it down into an English format. She also could look into the astral realms and see books, pages, and could write them down first hand. HPB's endnotes from various astral books were always verified as correct only after they were crosschecked in the actually physical libraries and museums. *Isis Unveiled* was published in 1877.

Second, she was to establish the *Theosophical Society*⁶ under the guidance of the Masters, which she did successfully in 1875 along with Col. Olcott and William Q. Judge. This organization exists today and has given birth to multiple spin off spiritual impulses and organizations.

Thirdly, she was to write her greatest work, *The Secret Doctrine*. This she did and published in 1888. It took an army of readers and editors to get the English right since it was meant for the Western world's consumption.

Fourthly, HPB was to show occult manifestations to the world so that humanity may begin to believe in higher realities. Phenomenon after phenomenon was

displayed by HPB all her life. She could gaze at a heavy object for a few seconds and cause it to become lighter or the reverse process causing a light object to become immovable. She could manifest astral bells, perfumes in midair, rapping on table tops or your head to any number requested. She could duplicate objects like a hand mirror within minutes. She could take metal objects like a lead key, hold it in her hands and transform it into a whistle. A complete compilation of all the witnesses who documented these things can be found in Daniel Caldwell's book, *The Esoteric World of Madame Blavatsky*. HPB claimed that all her phenomena were based upon understanding the hidden laws of reality. They were not magic or miracles.

Some Conclusions

What can one say about a phenomenal figure such as HPB? She gave tirelessly of herself for the will of her Eastern Masters and their mission to humanity. She never gained or sought a fortune for herself. She was fearless and did not mind her own passing away into the spiritual world on May 8, 1891.

She was a true Bodhisattva. A Bodhisattva is one who seeks enlightenment and Buddhahood for the benefit of all others. This type of motivation ends most karma and propels one faster along the path of light. The reason being is that good karma is multiplied overshadowing negative karma. This is a type of Tibetan grace or atonement.

Yes, HPB is the person I would want to interview if I could travel back in time to meet her.⁷ She has gone on to the spiritual world, but her writings remain along with her great affirmation, "There is no religion higher than truth."

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¹ Born August 12, 1831 at Dnepropetrovsk (Ekaterinoslav), Ukraine. Daughter of Col. Peter von Hahn and Helena Andreyevna, Nee de Fadeyev.

² Jean Overton Fuller, *Blavatsky and Her Teachers: An Investigative Biography* (East West Publications, 1988) p. 41. Her second marriage like her first is a mystery. She was

married to Michael C. Betanelly on April 3, 1875, at the Unitarian Church of Philadelphia, by Rev. William Furness.

³ Master M. was later known as Master Morya. However, HPB considered the names of the Masters too sacred for public use and tended to use Master M. as a sign of respect.

⁴ Rudolph Steiner, *The Occult Movement in the Nineteenth Century* (London: Rudolph Steiner Press, 1973), 190 pages. This book is a treasure of knowledge given by Rudolph Steiner and yet even he was under submission to higher forces that limited its full admission.

⁵ I first heard this theory by Joy Mills, a key officer in the Theosophical Society at that time.

⁶ See Grail Newsletter, Volume 15, September, 2009 for more information about the Theosophical Society. www.BrianJohnPiccolo.com

⁷ It is true that one may sort of travel through time if one can read the Akashic Records. They are the universal memory of universal consciousness. However, this takes a highly developed upper mind and spirit (Buddhi-Manas).