



GREG SMITH - FLORIDA WONDER BOY

Gregory Smith started speaking at 2 1/2 months old. He was adding numbers and correcting grammar at 18 months. He went from second-grader to high school senior within three years. Soon he will start college - at age 10.

JACKSONVILLE -- The blond-haired, blue-eyed little boy peeks out from behind the rim of a big glass of chocolate milk, his feet dangling well above the floor.

For a few minutes, as he fiddles with his straw, which he has to fold down to drink from, and munches on a big mess of fried angel-hair pasta, one of his favorite snacks, Greg Smith looks every bit like the 9-year-old that he is.

That is, until he speaks.

It is then that words so intensely intelligent, so reasoned, so concise, pour out from behind his dimpled cheeks, and it becomes overwhelmingly clear that this is no ordinary little boy. There's a giant mind inside his tiny body.

His favorite philosopher, he explains, is Plato and his favorite poet is William Wordsworth. He relaxes to Mozart and finds inspiration in the teachings of Ghandi, Jesus Christ and Martin Luther King Jr., men who all share his belief in non-violence.

He committed to becoming a vegetarian at 2, a decision he came to after realizing, while studying dinosaurs, that like herbivores, humans have flat teeth. He admits, however, that it took a while to

wean himself off Chicken McNuggets

"Well, I ate Chicken McNuggets until I was 4," he says, sounding like a little boy again. "Each time, those Chicken McNuggets did not taste as good."

He can talk authoritatively about religion, his political leanings and ethnic cleansing in Kosovo.

"I know there has to be a non-violent solution. By waging this campaign, we have just helped Milosevic get rid of the Albanians faster," he says.¹

He can tell you the complete history of planet Earth, from prehistoric days to 19th century Europe.

Yes, believe it or not, he's only 9 years old.

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¹ This article is dated!!, so if subscribers wish to send us more recent material on Greg Smith, please do so! The fore-runners of the new race are coming in at an increasing pace. One thing they all share is what a Theosophist would call a conscious connection to their Higher Ego, and a radical commitment to living ethics. — Ed., A. 7.

In June, two days after he turns 10, Greg, whose IQ is so high it can't be quantified, is graduating from Orange Park High School, near Jacksonville.

He and his parents will then head off to a yet-to-be-determined college. Greg is being wooed by schools around the country.



Margaret Chambliss teaches Greg two research method classes in one period. Because Greg learns so quickly, all but one of his classes this semester consist of just him and a teacher.

If Greg remains on track, he could have his bachelor's degree before his first date, and at least one master's degree before his driver's license.

His ultimate education goal, he says, is to have three Ph.D.s by the time he is 33, the age by which he calculates he could complete the work.

He wants to become an aerospace engineer so he can design space stations; a biomedical researcher so he can cure diseases; and, oh, yeah, president of the United States so he can bring peace to the world.

For Greg's parents, Bob and Janet Smith, watching their little boy's mind grow in disproportion to his body has not always been easy.

"It's a mix of feelings," his father says of his son, who is the age of a third grader. "No one wants their child to grow

up so fast. I would have loved to watch him play high school sports. I'm not going to watch him go to his first dance or prom. On the other hand, we've gotten a lot more."

Though Greg is believed to be the youngest student ever to graduate from high school in Florida, he will not be the youngest college freshman ever.

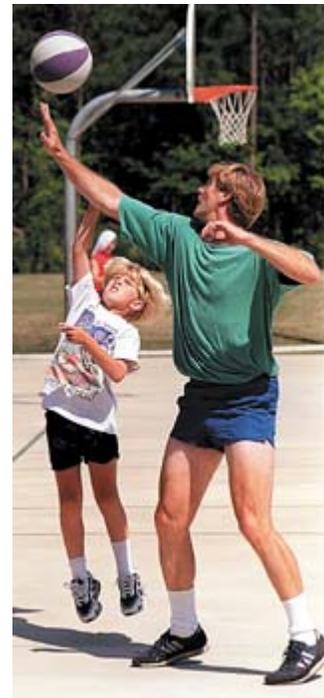
Michael Kearney, now 14, started college in California at 6, and graduated with a bachelor's

degree in anthropology from the University of South Alabama, in Mobile, at 10, according to the Guinness Book of Records. In the fall, Michael, who was home-schooled until college, begins work on his second master's degree at Middle Tennessee State.

First signs

"I know everybody thinks their child is special, and they are in their own way, but Greg really was different," Janet Smith says

The couple, who lived in Pennsylvania at the time, say they began keeping a journal and videotaping Greg's



Bob Smith likes to see his son let loose and enjoy being a boy. On the court, instead of horse, "we play G-R-E-G-A-R-I-O-U-S," Greg says.

progress so they could prove they weren't completely mad.

"We knew we had to document everything. No one would believe us," Janet Smith says.

He started speaking his first words at 21/2 months. Before he could walk, he could recite his ABCs. In one video, Greg, who is wearing a diaper and less than 1 year old, is answering his mother as she drills him on the alphabet.

"Greg, what comes after H?" his mom can be heard saying.

"I," Greg replies in a tiny voice.

"Greg, what comes after O?" she says, while Greg tries to pull himself up.

"P," he says.

By the time he turned 1, he was talking in complete sentences, telling his parents, "Read to me, please."



Greg Smith, who takes all but one class alone, listens to the Orange Park High School principal talk about the school shootings in Littleton, Colo., a day after they occurred. Greg is an advocate of non-violence, and is a vegetarian.

At 18 months, his mother, a retired model who owned a dance studio at the time, says he was adding numbers and correcting grammar.

"We were driving and my father said, "Look at all the goose out there," " she

says. "And Gregory said, "Granddad, it's one goose, many geese.' "

Six months later, he swore off meat (except for the McNuggets). At 5, while his father dashed into a fast-food restaurant to pick up lunch, Greg wrote his first poem, The Days of the Wild.

His mother says people still grill her, trying to discover the secret to Greg's phenomenal intellect, a gift that not even medical doctors can explain.

Did she and her husband, who has a master's degree in microbiology, tape flash cards to Greg's crib? Did they play dolphin sounds or classical music or read to Greg while he was still in the womb? Are there a lot of really smart people in their gene pool?

The answer to all of those questions, his parents say, is no.

They did encourage Greg to learn whenever he showed an interest, taking him everywhere from science museums to monuments in Washington, D.C.

Greg's father credits synergy — that all the right elements came together at the right time, from genes to nurturing. His mother credits God.

"I think he is the way he is because of God and God gave us the special talent it takes to help Gregory use what he has," says Janet Smith, whose family attends a variety of Christian churches. "You can't make a person want to learn. All we did was, if he showed an interest, we helped him explore it."

School time

With in weeks, his parents discovered that watching their son's unbelievable achievements from the living room couch was one thing. Sending him off to school, where he would have to fit into a grade level, was something else entirely



Greg writes some thoughts in a notebook in a hallway of his high school. He was on his way home and remembered some things he wanted to jot down.

At school, Greg already knew everything the other kids in his class were just starting to learn. His teacher's goal was for the class to master the ABCs and count to 20 by year's end. Greg could already add numbers to the trillions and had read *Journey to the Center of the Earth* and *The Last of the Mohicans*.

By Christmas break, the school decided to put him in the first grade, where he stayed until the end of the year. The next year, he went into the second grade but was taking third-grade math and fourth-grade history and science.

But when the school district refused to advance him any further, his mother didn't feel he was being handled correctly.

"He didn't really have an advocate," Janet Smith says. "They kind of looked at Greg as a problem, rather than the treasure that he is."

She persuaded her husband, reluctant to quit his job, leave his friends and sell her dance studio, that they should move. Janet Smith says she also was recovering from breast cancer and longed for warm weather.

Florida-bound

Their search led them to Orange Park, a suburb south of Jacksonville and in the Clay County School District, which agreed to form a committee of educators to help ensure that Greg's educational needs were met

The family bought a house in August 1996 in Eagle Harbor, a planned community that looks like a movie set out of *The Truman Show*.

"You don't even have to leave to go to the grocery store," Greg explains during a recent drive through the neighborhood. "Everything is here."

Bob Smith found a job as general manager of Lithographic Services, which publishes brochures for the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. He also teaches freshman biology at Florida Community College.

They enrolled Greg at Fleming Island Elementary, a brand-new school, thinking they could settle into the area for a while.

But Greg, who sped through grades faster than his legs grew, shortened their planned stay by nearly a decade.

"I guess it was (when we moved to Orange Park) that I really realized how exceptional he really is," says his father.

Doing the math

He started second grade at age 7 in August 1996. By October, he had moved to the fourth grade. By April, he was taking sixth-grade gifted classes at a second elementary school, Lakeside Elementary,

and Algebra I at Orange Park High School

Sam Ward, the principal at Orange Park, says he remembers the day a school district official called and asked him if Greg could take math at his school.

"I said, 'You've got to be kidding me,' " Ward says. " 'There's no way an elementary school kid can do algebra.' "

But the district official convinced him to give the kid a chance.

Ward enlisted the help of two teachers, who volunteered to teach him although they had misgivings. A few days after working with Greg, the teachers came knocking on Ward's door.

"They said, 'Sam, you gotta come see this. We give him all the tests and he gets all the answers right,' " Ward says.

After his success in algebra, the school district decided that Greg should skip middle school and enroll at Orange Park High full time.

High school was more equipped to teach at his level, and high school students would be kinder than middle schoolers, it was thought.

"Junior high school students are still maturing. They can have a tendency to pick on students who are different," says Jud Wilhelm, Clay County's director of secondary education. "In a very positive way, Greg is very different. We thought high school students would be more accepting."

Rumors quickly spread through the school that an 8-year-old was in their midst.

"Everyone was talking about it," says Eric Macam, a junior at the school. "I was pretty skeptical. I thought maybe he was just short. But once you see him, you can easily tell he's really just a little kid."

The students nicknamed him Albert Gregstein and Doogie Howser, after the television program in which a child prodigy becomes a doctor.

"I had to explain who Doogie Howser was because he wasn't old enough to watch that show," his mother says.

Welcome to high school

Because Greg learns so quickly, all but one of his classes this semester, political science, consist of just him and the teacher.

His mother picks him up every day for lunch and takes him home to eat. The most time he spends with the other students is a morning break, when he get a carton of chocolate milk from the cafeteria.

On one recent afternoon, while a St. Petersburg Times photographer was taking his photograph for this story, one high school girl could be heard teasing him.

"There's the little smart kid getting his picture taken again," she said.

But Greg, who also was approached by a student who asked how he was doing, insists that he has friends and that "99.999 percent of the students are very kind to me. They try to help me and protect me."

The other day, Greg says, when he gave a speech in political science class about how "age affects a person's political ideology," he was the only speaker who got applause.

He says being small also has its advantages. The school gave him two sets of textbooks so he doesn't have to lug them back and forth from home. He also had free rein on the kid rides when he attended Grad Nite at Walt Disney World last month.

Eric Macam, incoming president of the school's National Honor Society,

counts himself as one of Greg's friends, although it is not the close bond that most high school students forge.

"I don't call him on the phone or anything, but we e-mail each other," says Eric, who was on the math team with Greg.

Eric and another student, Erich Spivey, say most of their classmates have become used to seeing Greg in the halls. This year, they elected him class historian, which means he goes to all the major events, taking photographs for a memory book.

Several of his classmates also watched him recently when he appeared on 60 Minutes and on Late Show With David Letterman.

"He's great for Orange Park. Public schools don't usually get any attention unless it's bad," says Erich, junior class president.

In addition to being class historian, Greg is a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society and the Orange Park High School Academic Team. He also has played in community sport clubs, like soccer, so he could be around kids his own age.

Ward says he realizes that having a student like Greg is in a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and he's just glad Greg is well mannered and well rounded.

"Learning science and math is one thing, but I was concerned about his writing until I saw his work," Ward says. He says he also was concerned at first that his parents might be pushing him.

"I thought maybe it was the parents (pushing him), but it's the kid," he said.

Margaret Chambliss, who currently teaches Greg research methods, says she believes the reason Greg has done so well is that he's passionate about learning. For

one assignment, she says, she asked Greg to pick 25 architectural terms and photograph examples of them. He turned in 103.

"Other students want to know what they need to do to get an A and that's what they do," she says of Greg, who spends about four hours each night studying. "He does more than you would ever ask. He can't stop himself."

To ensure that Greg's gift doesn't take opportunities away from other students, his parents have refused to let him be considered for valedictorian, although he has been asked to make a special speech at his graduation ceremony.

"It's not a competition of who can be the smartest," his mother says. "It's an internal thing to be the best person each of us can be."

They also don't want him to reveal his SAT scores, although when asked, Greg beams like a little boy trying to keep a big secret.

"I did very well," he says.

College time

He put together a package, complete with a resume and examples of his work, from his term paper on Wordsworth to his poetry

He has applied to several colleges, including Duke, University of Virginia and Swarthmore College. He also has been invited to apply to other schools after admissions officials saw him on television, including some that have offered scholarships.

Not all schools were enthusiastic about admitting him, however, including Florida State University and the University of Florida. The Florida schools wouldn't even send him an information packet until Gov. Jeb Bush heard that the schools had snubbed Greg and intervened.

The state schools have since invited him to apply. University of Florida president John Lombardi even called Greg himself to apologize and invited him to visit the Gainesville campus. Greg and his family are visiting in June.

For the Smiths, who recently sold their home and are renting one until Greg graduates, deciding which college he should attend is more complicated than it would be if they were sending a teenager off to a dorm.

"I have to be able find a job," Bob Smith says. "It has to be a place where we want to live as a family."

Glipses of a little boy



Toys and soccer trophies keep company with advanced textbooks in Greg's room.

His father says he worries about the pressure of college on a 10-year-old, about whether his son will burn out, and about whether, when he turns 20, he'll look back on his years spent learning and feel that he missed out on his childhood

"I have no idea if there's an upper

limit to his learning," Bob Smith says.

His parents have told Greg that he can change his mind about college at any point.

"He is all self-driven. If it's not right, he can just stop. That would be more than okay with me," Greg's father says. "I'd prefer it, really."

Bob Smith says he's always delighted to see his son act his age, although even in play, Greg's mind keeps working.

When he and his dad play basketball, instead of playing horse, "we play G-R-E-G-A-R-I-O-U-S," Greg explains. When Greg shoots, his dad says, he's constantly calculating his percentages in his head.

On this particular day, as his father talks in a park near their former home, Greg plays on the jungle gym and chats with two little girls, one who used to go to his elementary school.

"Maybe we're seeing a change here. This is the first time I've seen him spend any time talking to girls," his father says, smiling proudly at his son. "He still acts like a 9-year-old sometimes, but not nearly enough. I love to see it when he does."

On another visit, the little boy slipped out when Greg sipped his chocolate milk, and when he tried to perfect his jump shot in his driveway, and when he was asked about — eek! — that dreaded pottery class.

"Pottery!" he squeals with embarrassment. He admits it was the one subject at which he didn't excel.

He runs from his bedroom to another room to collect a couple of lumps of fired clay, one green, one white. He holds out his tiny hands to show the lumps, which he explains are supposed to be dragons.

"Picasso!" he cries, explaining that

they look more like abstracts than the real thing.

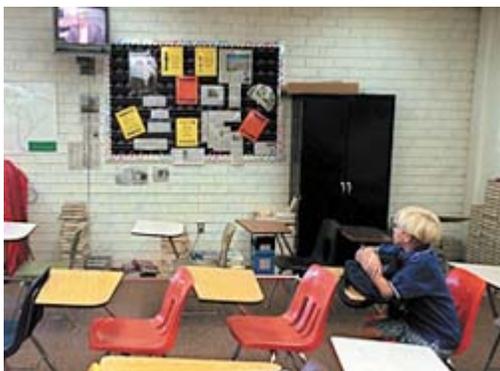
"Pottery, how can I say this, wasn't one of Gregory's best subjects," his mother says with a laugh. "It was humbling." Greg had to forgo calculus last semester to take the class so he would have enough art credits to graduate.

With the exception of pottery, his parents say, they are in constant disbelief.

Janet Smith says she asked Greg once why he is so smart.

Greg told her that at night, when she and his father are asleep, he goes up into the sky and sits at the feet of God, who tells him everything he knows.

"I said, "Oh, really. What does God look like?" " Janet Smith says, smiling as she recounts her son's reply. "He said, "I don't know. I've never seen God. I only sit at his feet.



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INNER SILENCE OR MENTAL POLLUTION?

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SACRED WISDOM IS NOT IN WORDS

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In April 2006 there was a discussion in the internet group "Theos-talk" on the relationship between inner silence and mental pollution.

After all, what are the reasons to keep secrecy, in some circumstances? What can be the actual relationship among factors like mental peace, silence and secrecy?

Life teaches us that not all things should be said at all times to every uninterested people.

This is a significant issue, as we find many pseudo-informations on the spiritual path at the internet these days. Sacred wisdom has always been protected, as much as it has been possible, from the dangers of being transformed in mere mental noise in the minds of unprepared people.

But why should it be worse than useless to publish all possible esoteric texts without criteria? Because mere words cannot convey philosophical meanings.

Mr. Daniel Caldwell mentioned in Theos-talk an article written by him and published in one of his websites. In his text, one reads:

"Since I first published [The Esoteric Papers of Madame Blavatsky](#) in early 2005, students of the United Lodge of Theosophists 'tradition' have written to me 'protesting' that I should *not* have published these *private* papers which HPB had originally intended only for her esoteric school students. Some of these ULT students even believe that this publication is an 'injustice' to HPB and the Mahatmas and that I have also created 'bad' karma for myself."

"I should also point out that some of these ULT students who have strongly objected to my publishing of HPB's esoteric papers have admitted to me that *they also have access to these esoteric papers of H.P.B. and even read and study them.* Therefore one might seriously ask: who has given permission *to these present-day ULT students* to read and study these esoteric papers which were *originally* published by H.P.B. decades *before they were even born?*"

I hope Daniel did not have to invent or fabricate those "ULT students" whom

he says wrote to him "protesting". But Daniel entirely missed the point I raised about mental pollution being the opposite of real consciousness.

I don't have much to say about the publication of HPB's Esoteric Section papers. Boris de Zirkoff published them in the "H.P. Blavatsky's Collected Writings", volume XII, but whether publishing them was the right thing to do is a more complex issue, which would have to be discussed in another occasion.

The point is that pouring HPB's Esoteric Papers into the Internet is, no doubt, a wild form of mental pollution.

A serious and balanced editor must have some empathy and responsibility with regard to the texts he edits and publishes.

It is obvious that putting information in the Internet is not the same as stimulating people's consciousness and conscience.

Anyone who has respect for the wisdom tradition knows that information must be handled with care — and not thrown out at people's faces just to show them "how much information you have".

On the other hand, it is also important the way the material is presented.

Boris de Zirkoff published the Esoteric School Papers in a respectful way. One might discuss whether de Zirkoff should have published those papers in book form. But putting them in the internet is an entirely different thing, even if they have not been actually adulterated by Daniel Caldwell in their website version.

We all know what is the Internet these says. How many "trollers" and liars circulate fake texts in the web? Worldwide, police departments have to

put more and more policemen in action to fight various kinds of internet criminals.

The main point, though, is to perceive the difference between **WORDS and CONSCIOUSNESS**.

Any irresponsible editor can copy texts and put them into the Internet. Only living Schools (either Esoteric or not) can preserve the SPIRIT which is beyond the DEAD LETTER. Then the doors of meaning will open themselves to the student.

The way we look at sacred teachings will always inevitably depend on the way we lead our own daily lives. As we learn to purify our motives and make practical progress along the path, we gradually get to see different layers of inner meaning in the philosophical texts we study.

Theosophy is not WORDS only. Words are but one of its many practical tools. Therefore there is no danger that by publishing any amount of words relative to esoteric philosophy, some website manager will suddenly reveal any true esoteric teachings. He can only cause mental noise and disinformation.

Why is that so? Because — more than in the words themselves, the teachings are in the way we look at the texts.

One cannot easily find universal compassion, selflessness and viveka (discernment) in the internet.

Yet these three factors (none of which depends on words) are among the necessary keys one must have in order to "open" the inner meaning of philosophical texts.

It is the development of **inner silence**, in fact, which gradually allows us to grasp the transcendental significance of words, and perhaps to use them more properly, without being carried away by

them but preserving peace within — A peace which belongs to all beings.

Best regards, Carlos Cardoso Aveline.



CORRESPONDENCE

Hello Jerome

Well, I am back in the US, now in Nashville visiting a friend. Soon I am back to MD to visit my family before flying back to LA. Hope all is well--

More notes from Africa

One wild animal that tourists will see plenty of is the baboon. Families hang out on the side of the road, usually in mountain country, and tourists soon come along to feed them. With their good sized muscular bodies and impressive set of teeth set into their Easter Island heads, they are a formidable animal. Most wild animals will run away when challenged by humans, but not baboons. They are not afraid of humans, and if you make an offensive gesture toward them, they will bare their canines and snarl.

Baboons are aggressive because they are big meat eaters. A large part of their diet is the monkeys and bushbabies they kill.

I asked my friend Ivan, veteran of many African safaris, what his closest wildlife encounter was.

Without hesitation he said when he had been chased around his car 2 times by a big male baboon.

Sometimes a family of baboons will terrorize small towns. Pringle Bay is a seaside town, with plenty of rent out accommodations for city weekenders.

Muriel, at the village grocery, showed me a tally list on the wall headed Baboons VS Humans. In March, for every day that a house had been ransacked by baboons, they got 10 points. For every day without a ransack, the humans got points. The total for March: Baboons -

270 points, Humans - 40.

Baboons are very clever. They can defeat simple locks. They have learned how to remove sliding glass doors from their tracks and slip in. If the windows have security bars, then adults slip the youngsters through. However they get in, this is what invariably happens. Everything inside the refrigerator, pantry and cubbards are pulled out onto the kitchen floor.

All bags of flour and sugar are ripped open, all containers opened, all glass bottles are broken. "But we only went to the beach for a half hour", the tourist laments as they look upon the mess on their floors.

It gets worse. Hikers on the trail have been mugged by families of baboons and forced to give up their day packs. At the Cape of Good Hope National Park, I saw a ranger up on the hill fighting his way through the bushes, chasing baboons. Another ranger was down on the road. I asked what happened. A baboon had swiped a woman's purse from the picnic table and run off. The ranger was trying to retrieve it, in hopes of a nice reward. The odds did not look good.

I once did have an interesting encounter with baboons. Ivan and I were on safari, camped by a stream. Suddenly he yells "baboons" — immediately we pick up everything that is mobile in the camp, throw it into the car and jump in ourselves. Just in time as a troop of 20 baboons, male, female, young, old, cruise in and start inspecting things. Anything left out was liable to be picked up and taken away, with no chance of retrieval.

We had camped along the route between their nesting tree and their feeding grounds. One baboon climbed onto the hood of our rental, and peered through the windshield, goldfish-bowl-like, at the two humans trapped inside.

Eventually they left, our quick action had prevented any losses.

Also, some one asked me about spitting cobras. The Mozambique Spitting Cobra is able to squirt its venom forwards and upwards because of an elbow in its fang canal. Venom is always aimed at the eyes, which causes instant blindness. This can be permanent, especially if the victim rubs his eyes. They are very accurate up to 10 feet. They are dangerous because they can eject their venom from any position. They just lift a lip and shoot. They do not have to be in the well known upright, spread hood, position.

The regular cobra, the Cape Cobra, an active and bold species, is a beautiful yellow gold color. They like to make their nests in the foundations of barns and houses. Some farm families have lived over a nest of cobras for years. They are tolerated because they are nocturnal, flee humans, and eliminate any rodents.

And I have a few more facts about the amazing Black Mamba. This King of African snakes is the most feared animal on the continent because of its size, alertness, aggressiveness, and extreme agility. When attacking, it holds its head up high to follow the flight of its victim. It races over the ground and seems to fly through bushes. When striking it throws its body off the ground and have been known to knock down humans. Each fang of a fully matured animal can deliver up to 20 drops of venom. Humans who accidentally block the animal's retreat to its nest, or stumble upon a mating area, do not stand much of a chance. Of all the animals on earth, the Black Mamba is the most certain to attack and kill humans.

Cheers Rob



**H.P.B. FINDS IT
DIFFICULT TO
FORGIVE OLCOTT**

Dear Friends,

In February 1885, to use Boris de Zirkoff's words, H.P. Blavatsky did make "a bitter mention to Col. Olcott's part in the tragicomic investigation" of the S.P.R.

As Zirkoff explains, "it was probably because of Olcott's "naive ambition to convert the skeptics of the Society for Psychical Research to a favourable viewpoint by his inadequate personal efforts and his careless offer of official assistance without proper safeguards against their hostile investigations". (1)

Gravelly ill, five days after writing her Last Will and Testament HPB stated in a signed note written in blue pencil in her own copy of the SPR's libellous Report:

"Never, throughout my long & sad life, never was there so much of uncalled for, contemptuous contempt & suspicion lavished upon an innocent woman as I find here in the few pages published by so-called friends! Dead or alive, I will never forgive Col. Olcott for having thrust himself & our phenomena upon the attention of the gentlemen Scientists of the P.R.S. H. P. Blavatsky." (2)

This is the stuff which John Algeo and Daniel Caldwell – so-called HPB's friends – insist in publicizing.

Best regards,

Carlos Cardoso Aveline.

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(1) "Collected Writings", H.P. Blavatsky, TPH, USA, volume VI, 1989 reprint, pp. 326.

(2) "Collected Writings", H.P. Blavatsky, same volume and page.

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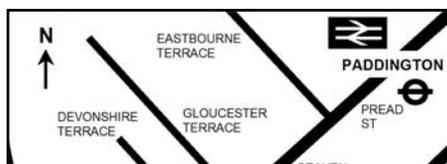
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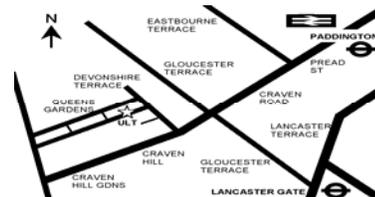
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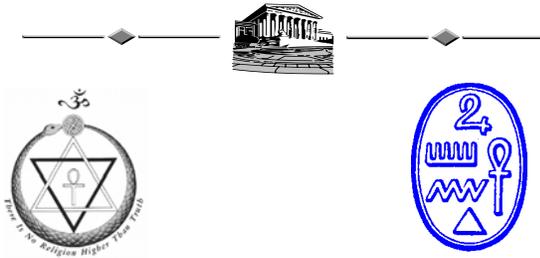
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Master's letter to Mr. Judge

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NOTICE: Thanks to friends of HPB all over the world, and most recently, *Biosofia* — Centro Lusitano, Portugal, The HPB Defense Fund has reached its goal and now stands at 10,157.87 as of April 30, 2006. Work can now proceed at a faster pace in the preparation of the MSS, and negotiations have begun with Sheridan

Books of Ann Arbor, Michigan. We will keep you informed of any major expenses or income that occur. — Jerome

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"She has no need of any man's praise; but even she has need of Justice."
William Q. Judge



THE TEMPTATION TO LOOK LIKE A SCHOLAR

Carlos Cardoso Aveline

Mr. Richard Hodgson, the author of the fake 1885 Report of the SPR which called H.P. Blavatsky a fraud, happened to set a general pattern later followed by researchers like Paul Johnson, John Algeo, Katinka Hesselink, Daniel Caldwell and others, who even now keep circulating the same old and proven slanders against H.P.B.

All these people have some fundamental ground in common. They cared, or they care, too much for their own personal images as "scholars", or "scientific-minded people". They became politically prisoners of their own outer masks as would-be academics, or at least as people who have a "modern and skeptic mind".

In a text significantly called "Judges or Calumniators?", H.P. Blavatsky writes something which perfectly applies to what we see in a handful of 21st century candidates to scholars:

"A little logic, please, Messrs. Judges and Slanderers. How could the London Psychical Research Society pronounce in favour of all the phenomena described in 'The Occult World' and elsewhere without risking its title of 'scientific'? How would its acceptance of all that was attributed to me by the phenomenalists have been received by the scientists who deny wholesale the existence of intelligent forces outside of man? It was a question of life or death, of the to be or not to be of Hamlet. (...) One or the other: (a) either to declare publicly that the charges of the Coulomb lady were inventions (...) and be flooded in a flood of ridicule, forever losing caste, as they say in India ; or (b) sailing with the current, it would have to proclaim, in order to keep from sinking, that all the phenomena, the Mahâtman and their agents, were a huge imposture." (1)

A deep desire to look like smart scientific guys is likely part of the motivation of our 21st century Soloviofs and Coulombs.

This is no true scholarship, though, and it does not help true scientific research.



THE SCIENTIST OF THE FUTURE

Book Review: *Entangled Minds*, by
Dean Radin, Paraview Pocketbooks, NY,
2006

Odin Townley

Could this be the daring answer to the “final theory” Einstein was searching for? Radin proves himself a fearless explorer of the first rank. Any research into precognition, psychokinesis, and other psychic abilities — the entire field of “PSI” — was quietly ignored by mainstream science for more than 100 years.. (Fear of possible ostracism and censorship by peers — even lose of prestige and funding?)

But Radin does not take on the Herculean task alone. Augmenting in scope and substance his first “best-seller: *“The Conscious Universe,”* Radin takes the reader on a global investigation of hundreds of research projects, and new research data that proves beyond chance that psi is reality in our everyday life. All live and beings are inseparable in a unified field (the **JELL-0**) of the universe in which all are embedded. Everything and everyone is inseparably connected.

Matter=energy=consciousness=psi=the theory of everything”!

Nonetheless, the book is written in a very user friendly style, easy to read and understand. Radin never loses sight of the “big picture” or the hard science that backs it up. He knows how to synthesize and translate scientific lingo and research methods into layman’s terms. And the complex details are all given in notes enabling more serious readers a way to do additional fact finding.

Real Science is arduous, painstaking work. Established theories along with preconceived mind-sets, even among

scientists, are hard to break. New discoveries can lead in many directions — curing disease; improving communications; renewable energy. Social, religious, political and economic flash points are reconstructed over night. The Wright Brothers, Edison, Einstein and Darwin are just a few of the pioneers who changed forever our personal and world views. This book, too, is transformational. It becomes quickly evident that Radin would deserve the title “Sscientiest-psychologist of the New Millenium.”

Recommended reading for anyone interested in peering into the fascinating underbelly of science, and how seemingly obscure research findings can impact us in life-altering ways.

Attached are some additional SD references which seemed related to the "Entanglement" concept as presented by Dean Radin:

Odin

(Relevant ideas on entanglement from *The Secret Doctrine*)
SPACE, TIME, MATTER, MIND
(“Entanglement”)

The Secret Doctrine, Vol. 1, pages 35-40:

The "Parent Space" is the eternal, ever present cause of all -- the incomprehensible DEITY, whose "invisible robes" are the mystic root of all matter, and of the Universe. Space is the *one eternal thing* that we can most easily imagine, immovable in its abstraction and uninfluenced by either the presence or absence in it of an objective Universe. It is without dimension, in every sense, and self-existent. Spirit is the first differentiation from THAT, the causeless cause of both Spirit and Matter. It is, as taught in the esoteric catechism, neither limitless void, nor conditioned fulness,

but both. It was and ever will be. (See Proem pp. 2 *et seq.*)

Thus, the "Robes" stand for the noumenon of undifferentiated Cosmic Matter. It is not matter as we know it, but the spiritual essence of matter, and is co-eternal and even one with Space in its abstract sense. Root-nature is also the source of the subtile invisible properties in visible matter. It is the Soul, so to say, of the ONE infinite Spirit. The Hindus call it Mulaprakriti, and say that it is the primordial substance, which is the basis of the Upadhi or vehicle of every phenomenon, whether physical, mental or psychic. It is the source from which Akasa radiates.

Time is only an illusion produced by the succession of our states of consciousness as we travel through eternal duration, and it does not exist where no consciousness exists in which the illusion can be produced; but "lies asleep." The present is only a mathematical line which divides that part of eternal duration which we call the future, from that part which we call the past. Nothing on earth has real duration, for nothing remains without change -- or the same -- for the billionth part of a second; and the sensation we have of the actuality of the division of "time" known as the present, comes from the blurring of that momentary glimpse, or succession of glimpses, of things that our senses give us, as those things pass from the region of ideals which we call the future, to the region of memories that we name the past. In the same way we experience a sensation of duration in the case of the instantaneous electric spark, by reason of the blurred and continuing impression on the retina. The real person or thing does not consist solely of what is seen at any particular moment, but is composed of the sum of all its various and changing conditions from its appearance in the material form to its disappearance from the earth. It is these "sum-totals" that exist from eternity in the "future,"

and pass by degrees through matter, to exist for eternity in the "past."

Mind is a name given to the sum of the states of Consciousness grouped under **Thought, Will, and Feeling**. During deep sleep, ideation ceases on the physical plane, and memory is in abeyance; thus for the time-being "Mind is not," because the organ, through which the Ego manifests ideation and memory on the material plane, has temporarily ceased to function. A noumenon can become a phenomenon on any plane of existence only by manifesting on that plane through an appropriate basis or vehicle; and during the long night of rest called Pralaya, when all the existences are dissolved, the " **UNIVERSAL MIND**" remains as a permanent possibility of mental action, or as that abstract absolute thought, of which mind is the concrete relative manifestation.

Whatever reality things possess must be looked for in them before or after they have passed like a flash through the material world; but we cannot cognise any such existence directly, so long as we have sense-instruments which bring only material existence into the field of our consciousness. Whatever plane our consciousness may be acting in, both we and the things belonging to that plane are, for the time being, our only realities. As we rise in the scale of development we perceive that during the stages through which we have passed we mistook shadows for realities, and the upward progress of the Ego is a series of progressive awakenings, each advance bringing with it the idea that now, at last, we have reached "reality;" but only when we shall have reached the absolute Consciousness, and blended our own with it, shall we be free from the delusions produced by Maya.

And to end with a auperb quote from pages 2-3 of this fascinating vol

INNER SILENCE OR MENTAL POLLUTION

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SACRED WISDOM IS NOT IN WORDS

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In April 2006 there was a discussion in the internet group "Theos-talk" on the relationship between inner silence and mental pollution.

After all, what are the reasons to keep secrecy, in some circumstances? What can be the actual relationship among factors like mental peace, silence and secrecy?

Life teaches us that not all things should be said at all times to every uninterested people.

This is a significant issue, as we find many pseudo-informations on the spiritual path at the internet these days. Sacred wisdom has always been protected, as much as it has been possible, from the dangers of being transformed in mere mental noise in the minds of unprepared people.

But why should it be worse than useless to publish all possible esoteric texts without criteria? Because mere words cannot convey philosophical meanings.

Mr. Daniel Caldwell mentioned in Theos-talk an article written by him and published in one of his websites. In his text one reads:

"Since I first published [The Esoteric Papers of Madame Blavatsky](#) in early 2005, students of the United Lodge of Theosophists 'tradition' have written to me 'protesting' that I should *not* have published

these *private* papers which HPB had originally intended only for her esoteric school students. Some of these ULT students even believe that this publication is an 'injustice' to HPB and the Mahatmas and that I have also created 'bad' karma for myself."

"I should also point out that some of these ULT students who have strongly objected to my publishing of HPB's esoteric papers have admitted to me that *they also have access to these esoteric papers of H.P.B. and even read and study them.* Therefore one might seriously ask: who has given permission *to these present-day ULT students* to read and study these esoteric papers which were *originally* published by H.P.B. decades *before they were even born?*"

I hope Daniel did not have to invent or fabricate those "ULT students" whom he says wrote to him "protesting". But Daniel entirely missed the point I raised about mental pollution being the opposite of real consciousness.

I don't have much to say about the publication of HPB's Esoteric Section papers. Boris de Zirkoff published them in the "*H.P. Blavatsky's Collected Writings*", volume XII, but whether publishing them was the right thing to do is a more complex issue, which would have to be discussed in another occasion.

The point is that pouring HPB's Esoteric Papers into the Internet is, no doubt, a wild form of mental pollution.

A serious and balanced editor must have some empathy and responsibility with regard to the texts he edits and publishes.

It is obvious that putting information in the Internet is not the same as stimulating people's consciousness and conscience.

Anyone who has respect for the wisdom tradition knows that information must be handled with care — and not

thrown out at people's faces just to show them "how much information you have."

On the other hand, it is also important the way the material is presented.

Boris de Zirkoff published the Esoteric School Papers in a respectful way. One might discuss whether Zirkoff should have published those papers in book form. But putting them in the internet is an entirely different thing, even if they have not been actually adulterated by Daniel Caldwell in their website version.

We all know what is the Internet these days. How many "trollers" and liars circulate fake texts in the web? Worldwide, police departments have to put more and more policemen in action to fight various kinds of internet criminals.

The main point, though, is to perceive **the difference between WORDS and CONSCIOUSNESS.**

Any irresponsible editor can copy texts and put them into the Internet. Only living Schools (either Esoteric or not) can preserve the SPIRIT which is beyond the DEAD LETTER. Then the doors of meaning will open themselves to the student.

The way we look at sacred teachings will always inevitably depend on the way we lead our own daily lives. As we learn to purify our motives and make practical progress along the path, we gradually see different layers of inner meaning in the philosophical texts we study.

Theosophy is not WORDS only. Words are but one of its many practical tools. Therefore, there is no danger that by publishing any amount of words relative to esoteric philosophy, some website manager will suddenly reveal any true esoteric teachings. He can only cause mental noise and disinformation.

Why is that so? Because — more than in the words themselves, the teachings are in the way we look at the texts.

One cannot easily find universal compassion, selflessness and viveka (discernment) in the internet.

Yet these three factors (none of which depends on words) are among the necessary keys one must have in order to "open" the inner meaning of philosophical texts.

It is the development of inner silence, in fact, which gradually allows us to grasp the transcendental significance of words, and perhaps to use them more properly, without being carried away by them but preserving peace within.

— A peace which belongs to all beings —

Best regards,

Carlos Cardoso Aveline.



HPB_RESPONDS_TO THE SPR REPORT —

To Theosophists and Men of Honour

by H. P. Blavatsky

See below the original version of Helena P. Blavatsky's 1886 *Manifesto* in Response to the S.P.R.'s Calumnies Against Her.¹

This document has a growing importance now, as a handful of pseudo-theosophists and would-be scholars still insist in spreading the same old 19th century calumnies against the main founder of the theosophical movement. (Carlos Cardoso Aveline)



The long threatened report by Hodgson² – the agent sent in 1884 by the S.P.R.³ to India to investigate certain

¹ Transcribed from "The Letters of H. P. Blavatsky to A. P. Sinnett", Facsimile edition, Theosophical University Press, Pasadena, California, USA, 404 pp., 1973, see pp. 136-139. A few explanatory notes are added. The date of this text is given as January 1886 by Margaret Conger in her "Combined Chronology For Use with the MAHATMA LETTERS & the LETTERS OF H. P. BLAVATSKY", Theosophical University Press, Pasadena, California, 1973, 47 pp., see p. 16.

² Richard Hodgson.

³ S.P.R. – Society for Psychic Researches, established in London. The S.P.R. finally withdrew all its charges against, and "condemnation" of, H.P.B. in 1986. See "H.P. Blavatsky and the SPR, An Examination of the Hodgson Report of 1885", by Vernon Harrison, Theosophical

phenomena alleged by the Coulomb⁴ to have been fraudulently produced by them at the instigation of the undersigned, who was directly and indirectly connected with such occult occurrences – has come out.⁵

The undersigned denies most solemnly the charges brought forward in the said Report against her, in addition to which – an implied *fraud* throughout – she is called in it more than once "forger" and a "Russian Spy".

There is not in that voluminous report one single charge that could stand a *legal* investigation and be shown correct. All in it is personal inference, hypothesis and unwarranted assumptions and conclusions. Every sentence in it is arbitrary and libellous in the extreme, according to the law – brutal and calumniating, in the sight of every unprejudiced witness acquainted with the facts that preceded the investigation and led to the Report. Only a few of the phenomena, those with which the Coulombs were well acquainted – are given in it in a distorted way, so as to meet the theory of Deception. The two thirds of the phenomena brought forward by the Theosophists, the most important as the most unanswerable, are silently skipped over. Only, and in case they should some day be placed before the public as a counterproof – the witnesses to such are pelted with mud beforehand, and an attempt is made to show them *untrustworthy*.

The said Hodgson had come to India as a friend; he was received as one, lived in the greatest intimacy with those he now accuses of confederacy and lying. None, during the time he lived at Adyar regarded

University Press, Pasadena, CA, USA, 1997, 78 pp.

⁴ Emma and Alexis Coulomb.

⁵ It came out in December 1885.

by all as a perfectly honourable man, had the remotest conception that much that was said by him in private conversations, every idle word that no one thought at the time of weighing, would be later on made public, another sense given to it, and that his words would be made use of against the Society. Every facility was given to him for investigation – nothing concealed from him – as everyone felt and knew himself quite innocent of the absurd charges made. All this is now taken advantage of, and presented in an unfavourable light before the public.

CONSIDERING ALL THIS, and that the said Hodgson and whoever may have sanctioned his indelicate proceedings and urged, or helped him on, has: —

(1) Given out in his Report nought but the evidence of malevolently disposed witnesses — bitter enemies for years; gossips, and long standing falsehoods invented by the Coulombs and his own personal inferences and made up theories; and that on the other hand he has unjustly suppressed every tittle of evidence in my favor and where he could not make away with such testimony he has invariably tried to represent my witnesses and defenders as *dupes* and *confederates*.

(2) That besides the Coulomb letters, the full authorship of which I deny as I did on the day of their appearance, not one of which, moreover, I was permitted to see in the original; that besides these I say — a number of *private* letters or passages therefrom, isolated, and therefore liable to any construction — are published — such publication being actionable by law ;

(3) That a slip from a MS page, *confessedly stolen, by the woman Coulomb from my writing desk* years ago ; evidently the translation from some passage in a Russian Daily, part of a number of articles which I had been translating for the

Pioneer — , asked to do so by Mr. Sinnett in 1881-2-3. ... That isolated fragment is reproduced *with the manifest intention of throwing a vile suspicion upon me as being a "Russian Spy."*¹

(4) That the said Hodgson and his employers know the position I am in, (having been repeatedly told the reasons *why* I could not prosecute the Coulombs, reasons known as well to every theosophist and that I am not ashamed to confess) ; and that knowing this — that is, that I am utterly helpless and defenceless in England and in India as a *hated Russian* and as a hated theosophist — they did not hesitate to take advantage of their position to dishonor with the utmost impunity a woman by branding her as a *spy* and a *forger*.

(5) Considering also, that if I am unable to prove the *reality* of the phenomena produced in any Court of law, no more can Hodgson & Co. prove their *unreality* otherwise than on circumstantial evidence and their own pre-judged ideas; but that the charge of my ever being a *Spy* could, on the other hand, be easily shown groundless, false and libellous; they still support their malicious allegations — just *because they can do so with perfect impunity and that it suits them at the present moment*, when all England rises against and suspects Russia — as nothing can ruin me more efficiently in public opinion ; this special charge, moreover, being the only one that could prove an anchor of salvation for their Report, *as a motive had to be given* for a series of frauds and deception covering ten years of incessant labour, poverty, struggles at the expense of health and the last money we had. Considering all this, and much more, what is the conclusion an honest man can

¹ The exact wording for this "(3)" can be found on page 5, Volume VII of the *Collected Writings*. — ED., A.T.

arrive at, who, acquainted with the *real facts* reads their Report ? Assuredly the following: the accusations, all Mr. Hodgson's cleverness notwithstanding, *could not stand* unless a logical motive could be found for such disgusting dishonourable course as the one I am charged with. The true motive – publicly and openly professed gave the lie to all such accusations ; it weakened thoroughly if it did not destroy utterly the filthy charges. Why not present those charges in a light the best calculated to have them accepted without one word of protest by the public in general? This could be perpetrated with impunity and it only ruins *me* for life alone. It only shuts the door before me, back to my home where I thought of dying in peace knowing I had done my duty the best I could. What does it matter to the *Honorable* professors at Cambridge that an old Russian woman has now but one course opened to her : *to die a disgraceful beggar*, far from all she loves and cares for in this life, so long as they can satisfy their spite and punish those who refused to recognize in Mr. Hodgson *an infallible* expert and in themselves as infallible leaders in things psychic and phenomenal. Well they have probably done all this : let them triumph in *their iniquity*.

This is an action that every honest man or woman *must* and *will* regard as simply *infamous*.

Thus, considering finally, that if the *Report* is an alleged expression of the writer's great integrity, of his mistaken, yet sincere and honest views (which I *now deny*), that it might have been published *in toto* in order to set off his extraordinary acuteness and still lose nothing in strength of deduction and inferences if the direct charge of *forgery* and *spying* – (the terms “forger” and “spy”) had been even laid aside; but that it was not done for reasons above given, and the libellous and

incriminating terms are published for the whole world to see and accept ; considering all this I, the undersigned, now call upon every truth and justice loving Englishman and Englishwoman in the United Kingdom of Great Britain – whose righteous laws command to regard as innocent even a criminal before he is found by that law “guilty” – to show me reasons why the said Hodgson and his employers should not be proclaimed publicly and in print by me as having been guilty of a mean, cowardly, base and a brutal action ; one to stoop to no *gentleman*, no honest man of even an average honorability would ever stoop to, in view of the existing circumstances.

In view of all the above I pray the London Lodge Theosophical Society to permit the undersigned, putting the present in a more grammatical and documentary form, to print and publish it and send it to every theosophist throughout the world ; also to have the same published in the *Theosophist*.

So long as I have not broken altogether from the Theosophical Society and am connected with it ; so long as any of my actions can by reacting upon it hurt the Cause or one of the Societies, I shall take no action that is not sanctioned by all the Councils. But if this is refused to me and I have to go about to the end of my life with the triple brand of *Fraud*, *Forger* and *Spy* upon me like a female Cain, helpless and powerless to even prove that the latter accusation is an infamous, uncalled for lie and a calumny, then it will remain for me but to take another course from which there will be no more return possible.

H. P. BLAVATSKY.



Note by Carlos Cardoso Aveline:

The above text is the first (and more frank) version of H.P.B.'s "Manifesto".

It appears in the volume "*Letters of H. P. Blavatsky to A. P. Sinnett*". A second, more "grammatical" and "toned down" version, dated 14 January 1886, was published in Mr. Alfred Sinnett's pamphlet "*The Occult World Phenomena and the Society for Psychological Research*".¹

Both versions of the document are published by Boris de Zirkoff in the "Collected Writings", under the title of "Madame Blavatsky's Protest".

The last paragraph of the second version of the document has a decisive importance for those who want to understand those events. In it, H.P.B. says:

"Mr. Hodgson knows, and the Committee² doubtless share his knowledge, that he is safe from actions for libel at my hands, because I have no money to conduct costly proceedings (having given all I ever had to the cause I serve), and also because my vindication would involve the examination into psychic mysteries which cannot be dealt fairly with in a court of law ; and again because there are questions which I am solemnly pledged never to answer, but which a legal investigation of these slanders would inevitably bring to the front, while my silence and refusal to answer certain queries would be

¹ The three answers by Madame Blavatsky appear in the second printing (1975) of Volume VII, *Collected Writings*: (1). "To Theosophists and Men Of Honour."; page: 4-8; (2) "Madame Blavatsky's Protest; page 8- 11; and (3) "Judges or Slanderers?" (pages 330-344, ["Judges ou Calomniateurs?, translated from Le Lotus, Vol I, #4. p. 193-203.]

² Committee of the S.P.R.

misconstrued into 'contempt of court'. This condition of things explains the shameless attack that has been made upon an almost defenceless woman, and the inaction in face of it to which I am so cruelly condemned. H. P. Blavatsky."

In June 1887, *Le Lotus*, in Paris, published a longer answer from H.P.B. to the S.P.R. calumnies. Entitled "Juges ou Caloumniator?" (*Judges or Slanderers?*), the text is also included in the volume VII of her "Collected Writings"³ and remains an important document in the 21st century, as it shows the moral greatness and integrity with which H.P.B. faced all her calumniators, whether they were outsiders or were infiltrated in the theosophical movement.



(END)

³ Pages 330-344, 1975 printing of Volume VII.