

can be no doubt as to the futility of explaining the perfectly obvious. Those who refuse to listen to the facts under the delusion that a knowledge of the truth would injure their occult progress must learn their lesson their own way. I was myself very hard to convince, but I was not afraid of anything or anybody and see no reason to forbid or discourage the fullest investigation. But there is a limit to all things, and if there be no replies from the U.B. authorities to the subjoined letters before next month I hope to trouble the readers of THE LAMP no further with these matters.

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LETTER FROM DR. BUCK.

To the Editor THE LAMP:

The exchange of opinions and the different view-point represented by THE LAMP is favourable to adjustment of many misunderstandings that have been authoritatively encouraged between old comrades and co-workers. History records no such travesty on the name Theosophy as has been witnessed during these last two years of the 19th century. Those into whose hearts the germ of the true Secret Doctrine had entered will eventually recover their equilibrium. One by one they have been waking from the awful nightmare that they were made to believe was a dream of devachan. Had any old friend who had refused the poisoned cup tried to wake them earlier, the insanity of resentment and the anger of fanaticism only would have been the result, and they would still have remained under the fatal spell. Hence those who had escaped earlier could only *wait*. But the lesson has been learned by all. Every art of Jesuitism with every pretence of sanctity, and the profanation of every pure precept and divine principle have been made to do duty in the name of the Sacred Science. Even the rampant methods of the bully and the "knock out" of the prize-ring, with the most shameless impudence have been openly or secretly used by those who never knew the first letter of the alphabet of

occultism, and who are organically incapable of apprehending the Sacred Science. Nothing of the outer form of the Mysteries upon which bold and impudent adventurers could lay their unholy and polluted hands has been left unprofaned. Fortunately the inner temple is forever beyond their reach. Month after month as the disgraceful travesty went on, and the band-waggon and prestidigitators scoured the country and engendered strife, one would escape here, and another there. Then would come the glad cry—"O isn't it *good* to feel that you can breathe free once more!" Threats and intimidation, a system of spies, secret assassination of character, threats of law-suits and loss of whole incarnations, had all failed, and knowing that every device of Jesuitism would be used to crush them—still, better all this, than further service of the "veiled prophet," and participation in the shameless farce.

All have learned with a vengeance what Theosophy is *not*, and when the history of it all comes to be written, including the biography of its chief actors, it will be a lesson to all coming ages of the pitfalls that are to be avoided, and the signs of the agents of the real Lodge. This is a plain statement of facts which 'hundreds know to be true. When the chief actors are relegated to silence and oblivion, which they are rapidly approaching, we may leave them to that wise law that never fails of complete Justice. Those who have dealt justly and walked uprightly need fear nothing of threats of vengeance or anything they can do. It is all a sickly impotent "bluff," born of fear that the half of the truth might be told. One may know the whole truth regarding them, and yet withhold it for the sake of the Cause *till the time has come*. It is time for those who wish to be free to shake themselves loose from this awful travesty, and turn their backs on it forever. Let it sweep by like driftwood on the ever-living ocean of destiny while we keep steadily on our course towards the goal. Not one who has ever grasped enough of the real Secret Science to live by for a single day, that does not know deep down in