

My dear Friends:

I have found a ship here in Durban which goes direct to Madras. This will be a blessing to me, as it will avoid the journey across India from Bombay. But it also means that I must start earlier. So in a couple of days I shall be off on the "Isipingo." When I get on board I shall begin to get thrilled. It is so many years since I saw beloved Adyar. I am happy that fate has called me there once more. I shall be returning in February next year.

Many of you seemed to have specially liked the last letter where I wrote about Plato and Socrates. I have a special love for those great men and their times, perhaps because I had several incarnations in Greece and was never in Rome as so many people have been.

I am writing this in rather a hurry, as if I do not post it here it will not reach you all in time. The next letter will be from Adyar. This time I think I would like to quote to you quite a good deal from an answer to students in "Theosophia," Mr. de Zirkoff's periodical, about intuition. Someone asks what intuition really is. "Intuition is what might be termed the 'voice' of the spiritual consciousness within man, or to put it in other words, the influence emanating from the highest portion of man's constitution--his own inner god. Obviously intuition, as we know it in the present state of our evolution, is no more than occasional flashes of that spiritual influence; it sometimes manifests itself as here 'hunches,' and at other times as a more or less continuous undercurrent of ideas, suggesting a certain course of action or conduct. It is usually concerned with deeper and more permanent issues in life, and is often of a rather peremptory nature not easily set aside or disregarded, although it does become, only too often, beclouded with the influences emanating from our lower mind, our emotional or psychic consciousness. Intuition takes usually the form of a suggestion 'what to do,' in contradistinction to conscience which usually warns us 'what not to do!'"

"Intuition is the faculty of direct and instant cognition of Truth, unrelated to the exercise of reason or judgment, and superior to both. It is really spiritual vision. It is one of the noblest spiritual powers latent in us, and amounts to an infallible spiritual knowledge, incontrovertible and sure, when developed and fully awakened in men of very high evolutionary unfoldment... Intuition of course cannot be 'developed' in the usual sense of this word. It cannot 'grow.' But we can and should so purify our inner and outer psychological, psychic and intellectual veils, that this 'voice' of our Inner Self may be able to 'come through' better than it does at present."

This reminds me of H.P.B.'s advice that the student should make all his desires and aims lean towards the acquirement of spiritual knowledge. I sometimes put it to myself like this. The lower form of mind is intellect. It can be developed by books and study. Quite often it becomes over-developed and then shuts out the finer intimations of the spirit. Intelligence on the other hand has a spiritual quality, and may sometimes be seen in people who have not fully developed intellects. I have never forgotten a gardener I knew once who had never learned to read or write, but whose intelligence was of a very high order, so truly spiritual that he was a man of wonderful sensitivity and courtesy, a "nature's gentleman" in the true sense of the term. I remember also a ploughman in New Zealand who knew by heart Milton's "Paradise Lost." It was the only book he had, but it gave him a cultured and educated mind. And in Exeter in England a woman University Professor used to come every time to hear me lecture. She always laughed at me and told me that she did not believe a word I said. "Then why do you come?" I asked. "I will tell you why, Clara Codd. Because I would like to believe you!" Evidently her over-developed intellect successfully shut out the finger of the spirit. Spiritual intimations are always delicate, void of egotism, beautiful and pure. Does it not make us think of Light on the Path? "For within you is the light of the world, the only light that can be shed upon the path." And I remember, too, the Christ's saying that we should seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and all other things, even knowledge, would be added to us.

This will be a short letter for once, as I have only two days before I sail. The best of good wishes to you all, my dear friends, from  
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