

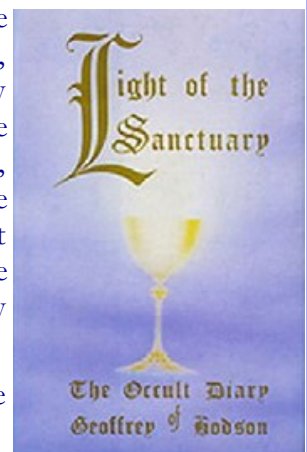
Light of the Sanctuary



Geoffrey Hodson was a spiritual light-bringer to humanity. He is known and respected internationally for his clairvoyant powers which he used both for healing and for occult research, some of which were carried out in collaboration with physicians, physicists, and anthropologists. 71 of the 96 years in his life were dedicated to the cause of the TS. He made valuable contributions to Theosophical literature. He was the author of over 60 books and booklets starting from the publication of his first book in 1925, notable among them being those on the Angelic Hierarchy, biblical interpretation, and symbolism. In addition to these publications, Geoffrey Hodson wrote almost 400 articles for the magazines of various countries. Many, like us, have benefitted from his writings but few realized his true occult status and significance until his occult diary, *Light of the Sanctuary* was published by his wife, Sandra Hodson, after his death.

Of his diary, the Master M. says, "Your *Diary* will be like a continuation of the *Mahatma Letters* . . . and will greatly validate all that which has already been revealed. This will be very helpful - hence the idea." Says another Adept to Sandra, "You are most wisely saving, collecting, and including the spiritual and occult events in Geoffrey's life for the book that is to be published after he leaves the physical plane - material of occult and spiritual value especially, which Geoffrey has produced both privately and semi-publicly. It will be likely to live monumentally long after you both have left the earth." Adding, "We wish *The Diary* to be not only an account of Geoffrey's life, inner and outer, but also an instrument for the teaching of the Occult Sciences." And the Master K.H. says, "Your dedicated building of *The Diary* is of very great importance to both ourselves and the world. This book will be one of the greatest aids - powers, indeed - in supporting the work of Our Society throughout many future years."

The importance and significance of *Light of the Sanctuary* can be seen from the following comments of the Masters on *The Diary*.



**The Importance and Significance of
Light of the Sanctuary
The Occult Diary of Geoffrey Hodson**

30 June 1975

Master Polidorus Isurenus

ADEPTIC DIRECTION

[An Adeptic direction to Geoffrey to leave a document regarding his knowledge of the validity of the existence of the Masters of the Wisdom upon earth . . .]

The necessity has arisen with regard to our Cause (the Parent Theosophical Society), for an affirmation [to be prepared, stating], perhaps in all modesty, that you know by direct and continuing experience, that the Great Brotherhood exists, that its named Masters, Who associated with the Parent Theosophical Society during its formative years, continue to take a vital interest in its development and to help where activities and dedicated members and workers exist.

You may also leave on record - to be revealed after your passing, however far ahead - that since the night of your First Great Initiation, you have been capable of full and unbroken consciousness. Then, from your knowledge and memory, describe your experience on waking next morning and how it has remained even clearer and more evident in your life ever since. State how, about a month later, you received the information from Brother Jinarajadasa - Our Agent at that time - affirming that you had passed the Initiation during the night that preceded your experience on waking, at Mt Maunganui. At your discretion and according to your personal outlook, but always with a view to usefulness, you may affirm that your relationship with Ourselves has remained not only unbroken in your consciousness, but active in your work of writing, teaching, counselling, and healing. For the sake of the continuance of the Occult Tradition, both on earth and in the Parent Theosophical Society, We ask that you make affirmation of your continuous knowledge whilst in good health, and even when ill, of the existence and ministrations of Our Brotherhood.

You may very usefully draw up your declaration and leave your request to Sandra that it be made known at a suitable time.

You might decide to describe the restoration of your life by Master Morya at a hospital in Sydney, Australia (you were in the process of leaving your body finally at that time, you know), and to record other very vital and vivid experiences through which you have passed and continue to pass, your mind and faculties being completely unaffected by the passing of the years of your life.

Yes, your occult *Diary* and even story, from Jane, fairy and *deva*, Middleton, Quail, Sandra, and scientific research experiences, the production of literature, world

travel in response to invitations to lecture on Theosophy, and fulfilments of the office of Director of Studies at the School of Theosophy at Adyar, as also at Krotona, Geneva, Huizen [Naarden, North Holland], Australia, New Zealand; and continuous, effective healings as a channel for spiritualizing and psychologically corrective forces - these could all be included.

We are aware of the heavy demands upon you and of your complete shrinking from self-acclamation, but strongly suggest the production of such a testament before you complete the present incarnation . . .

2 January 1976

Master Polidorus Isurenus

Yes, of course, Sandra, *The Diary* will consist of two parts at least. One of these must simply be a consecutive record of the events in time of Geoffrey's occult and semi-occult experiences from childhood right on to today, for they will continue for a long time yet.

Then, another part of *The Diary* will be the inborn and generated philosophy of life, developing in concordance with the experiences and discovered by illumination as they occurred.¹ In some cases the philosophy section will need to be related to the occult experience, thereby bridging or blending the two together occasionally. So proceed dually, as it were, with two aspects. Sandra, feel free.

7 March 1976

Master Polidorus Isurenus

Yes, finish the wonderful *Diary*, to be left in Sandra's hands, and then let us get to work on the Kabbalah. Yes, I did venture to tap.

6 June 1976

The Master Rakoczy

Yes, Geoffrey, I became aware of the reading of your *Diary* and collected quotations, remembering with you those early days in London. Do proceed with the publication of all material that **may** permissibly appear . . . So find typists with whom the intimacies may be preserved and who may take up the whole work of typing and preliminary arrangements. And now retire and come to Me.

¹ See *Illuminations of the Mystery Tradition*, compiled by Sandra Hodson.

19 October 1976

Master Polidorus Isurenus

Whatever you think, Sandra, will add to the presentation of Geoffrey as Our agent and a Self-illuminated man, should be included in *The Diary*.

Late December 1976

Master Polidorus Isurenus

You are quite right, Sandra, in regarding your work in producing *The Diary* of Geoffrey's life as of **great** importance and for the very reasons you have enunciated, namely: assurance that the Masters continue to train and to use a human agent as vehicle for Their teaching and yogic and psychological influences.

I recognize the heavy demands upon you both, but wonder whether - however briefly, at a particular time - both books could not continue side by side as it were.² *The Diary* will not make such demands upon Geoffrey's brain as does reception of ideas for books, though of course literary work itself is tiring. So continue pulling together and arranging in as correct a sequence as possible such of Geoffrey's occult experiences as lend themselves to support for the above described objective. Through him, I will also help you in this on appropriate occasions, bringing to mind, for example, certain temporarily forgotten expansions and assisting in descriptions of the others in appropriately occult language:

1. His vision of his deceased brother, Stanley.
2. His fellow Scottish tank commander in the cave.
3. Even his experience on the eve of his first actual tank action when he sought to become the rightly activated soldier and, on looking up as he lay beside his tank, saw two wounded soldiers, one German and one British, supporting each other along the road to the rear and his Ego-brain exclaimed, "The Brotherhood of Man!"
4. Somewhat earlier appearance within his head of the full "incarnated" portrait of the Master Kuthumi on entering the School (E.S.) and the Master's words to him, "Welcome back to the Ranks, Geoffrey."
5. His experience with Mrs and Miss Case concerning the life after death, at Wigan, England.
6. The copying action of the tree nature spirit at Thirlmere [Lake district, England] and, on that occasion, the sudden vision of the *deva* of Helvellen.
7. Of course, the first and totally unexpected vision of Bethelda must be clearly and vividly described with references to following experiences, not only in Sheepscombe but in many distant parts of the world.

² *The Diary* and *The Concealed Wisdom in World Mythology*, by Geoffrey Hodson.

8. Then, if he can recall them, some of the dramatic occult healings might be described, Geoffrey going back into his memory for these.
9. Yes, the loss of his home (in teenage boyhood) and very painful experiences in London thereafter, were of course decided by *karma* . . .

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Master Morya

Your *Diary* will be like a continuation of the *Mahatma Letters*³ . . . and will greatly validate all that which has already been revealed. This will be very helpful - hence the idea.

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January 1977

Master Polidorus Isurenus

Therefore, Sandra, in *The Diary*, please be sure to make clear concerning Geoffrey's writings the following: Every single idea that is transferred to Geoffrey is always absorbed, fully comprehended, and then consciously formulated into his best English. The process, therefore, in no slightest degree resembles mediumship, because he himself thinks out every single contribution received from the mind of one of Us [the Adept Teachers], himself fully understands, and is mentally illumined by it before and during the process of its communication. Thus it may truly be said that **Geoffrey himself knows exactly each and every truth that he receives or hears and dictates**. At suitable places repeat this statement.

3 February 1977

Master Polidorus Isurenus

Yes, Sandra, *The Diary* of Geoffrey is very important indeed because of the reasons you advance, whilst the accounts of his occult experiences will prove extremely interesting and encouraging to occult-minded readers. The reassurance to members of the Theosophical Society in recent and later times that We, their Teachers, continue to contribute and communicate will be a great source of encouragement. Therefore, proceed as I know you are doing.

³ *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, transcribed and compiled by A.T. Barker.

8 February 1977

Master Morya

Sandra, as you must present Geoffrey's *Diary*, the affirmation will need to be made by you, quite solemnly as it were, that very definite, quite unmistakable physical phenomena frequently occurred whenever the Masters wished to obtain his attention for the receipt of special communications.

You may well, if so moved, fully affirm this fact as a regular experience - the taps, knocks, and even rattle sounds occurring within and from our Shrine.

True, Geoffrey was at all times readily responsive to and aware of the Masters' intention to communicate. But sometimes he was deeply preoccupied with various matters, both occult and worldly, so that a brief knock readily served the Masters' purpose when They decided to communicate, to guide in some matter, or to teach concerning our books or Geoffrey's lectures, for example.⁴

13 March 1977

Master Morya

Then, yes of course, *The Diary* (apart from its direct personal interest, especially for all who respond to true occultism) also assures the members of the Theosophical Society that We have not deserted the Movement. Note that this is clear in introductory articles.

8 April 1977 (Good Friday)

Master Morya

Yes, indeed, you may truthfully affirm to intimates, and Sandra to include it in *The Diary*, your attestation that you have seen Me physically, for I temporarily materialized My face before you on one occasion.

⁴ See entry after 18 November 1975.

22 May 1977

Master Morya

At private meetings, wherever held, endeavour to make Ourselves once more a living reality, as indeed you valuably have done. If you like, describe My room and even refer to the existence of My library, with rolls and The Scroll, using your best judgement always.

Describe My Brother's long room with the window along one side and the two smaller rooms off on the other side, with a third at the far end and the entrance door at the other end, as pictured by C.W.L.

Tell also, if you wish, of your experience in the partially underground crypt and other parts used by the Brotherhood of Luxor at Thebes, and even of your vision there of the long procession of the monarchs . . .

Then tell of that ruined castle and adjoining house where once you saw Master Rakoczy emerging and, on other occasions, in the castle itself. He receives visitors there. Describe Him and His wonderful eyes and powers, perhaps using Sandra's notes from your descriptions of visits and presentations.

Whilst making no personal claim, it will be reasonably obvious that you will convey realism, which is Our wish, concerning Ourselves, which is, not unnaturally, tending to be lost.

[Geoffrey asked the Master how They, the Adepts, preserve the privacy of Their homes and Themselves, even against aerial photography. The Master answered at once:]

By a deflection of light, just as when a qualified yogi makes himself, or herself, invisible as did H.P.B. If possible, find and quote that passage. In addition, whenever the projected result is worthy, meaning "white" in the occult sense, then also, the consciousness of observers can be influenced so that they see, hear, and feel as decided upon by the yogi - **always for the benefit of the Work, remember.**

The Altyn Tagh Retreat is similarly preserved, as also are all Our Retreats throughout the world and by the same methods will continue so to be preserved; likewise, the physical bodies of certain of Us Who - again for the sake of the work - are enabled to maintain them in a state of efficiency, and by the processes referred to -the deflection of light, etc. - to prevent even the slightest intrusions upon Our personalities at any time.

Needless to say, a physical appearance to a collaborator, as once to yourself, is always both possible and permissible. Thus, Our Valley is still Ours and

undisturbed as you have experienced many times, and this also will continue as long as needed, whether by Ourselves or by Our successors.

Speak thus, in an easy manner, of all things in order to bring back the reality to our members of Our continued existence and function.

We still inspire members - particularly workers in important movements, writers, and speakers - causing ideas to arise in their minds which are in harmony with the **Theosophical Plan**.

Yes, refresh E.S. and members' minds about the Ancient Mysteries, speak of their more or less public manifestations down the ages and in the modern movements of which you are aware, assuring that this - the Mystery Tradition - will never be allowed to be effaced from the earth, always being available to those likely to respond to the Mysteries in their WHITE form only.

I wish you at your leisure to pick out from early Theosophical literature, references to My personal appearances and known activities, perhaps putting them together in both article and E.S. talk forms for magazines and members. The same could be done concerning My Brother Kuthumi more particularly, including references to the appearances and work of other Adepts.

This is all designed to reawaken in the members' minds and to bring realism about Us, the fact of Our existence, not only at the founding [of the Theosophical Society], but continually and ever continuously . . .

You are valuably gathering around yourself potentially very useful co-workers and workers for the future - a most useful activity.

19 June 1977

Master Polidorus Isurenus

All the more exquisite and sensitive parts of *The Diary* may well be extracted at leisure and given their places in your talks, especially to groups. I am aware that this - suggestion only - will make demands upon you, but the contributions especially at Krotona for example, will be enriched and beautified by those that are extracted and put in their places in the talks to which they could belong. You can easily mark them - not on the paper itself, I know - and then between you, you could collect and save the best of them for more immediate use. This may sound like putting extra work on you both, but as *The Diary* will not appear for many years, the helpful sayings could very well be put to use right away . . .

The Krotona work could prove to be very far-reaching indeed, not only in talks themselves, but in the help and possibilities that arise. You will see. Sandra, We think you may very well find a collaborator with *The Diary* there and find yourself greatly helped and encouraged with regard to the work you have so nobly undertaken in determining to save and give to humanity the story of Geoffrey's life and activities.

Neither of you need really feel any stress or pressure of speed, even though all you are doing together does demand fairly continuous attention. But my dear colleagues, believe me, whilst not wishing to slow anything up, I wish you (especially Sandra) not to feel overdriven at any time, even whilst doing your best with the work. Krotona should, if all goes well, be very productive concerning the myth and *Diary* work.

22 July 1977

Master Polidorus Isurenus

The two great works, as you know, are the myth book series and the book which you, Sandra, at present call *The Diary*. You are most wisely saving, collecting, and including the spiritual and occult events in Geoffrey's life for the book that is to be published after he leaves the physical plane - material of occult and spiritual value especially, which Geoffrey has produced both privately and semi-publicly. It will be likely to live monumentally long after you both have left the earth.

7 October 1977

Master Polidorus Isurenus

Geoffrey, We wish you to be sure to include in *The Diary*, but not necessarily in your introduction, the account of your First Initiation. This was and is one of those very remarkable experiences which, when so overwhelmingly true and real as yours was, bestow the mark of **reality** and **truth** to your own experience of being Initiated . . . The unmistakable and overwhelming reality of the memory on waking, and the pressure which was upon you throughout that day and has been with you ever since, is quite rare when the recipient is also a person living out in the world and obliged to conform to all the customs of the world.

The experience is nearly always brought through by those Initiates who are living under *ashram* conditions - not unnaturally - but is rare otherwise. The time, the occasion when you were personally free throughout the day which followed, as well as the fact of your arrival at the necessary stage of unfoldment - all contributed to bring about that very consciousness of the existence and power of . . . and His bestowal of His Initiatory Grace upon you. Therefore, include it in *The Diary*, though perhaps not in the introduction.

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We wish *The Diary* to be not only an account of Geoffrey's life, inner and outer, **but also an instrument for the teaching of the Occult Sciences**. All the other material [that I asked about] will remain in the book itself.

6 November 1977

Master Kuthumi

Sandra, be assured that progress will be made with the books when you arrive home. I am aware of your regrets in this field, but the demands upon Geoffrey have been too great. The arrangements for *The Diary* and the help received are particularly fortunate; congratulations for these advancements and the future to which they will surely lead. Yes, next year could be largely a “book year”, with music and *deva* research continuing and later to be published.

21 December 1977

Master Polidorus Isurenus

Your responsibilities to Us for the New Year consist very largely of procedure with literature. We would wish the myth book⁵ completed and presented, and of course, natural but not enforced progress with *The Diary*.

15 October 1979

Master Polidorus Isurenus

If you keep on as now, you will be able to complete the work designated for you: ‘The Yogic Ascent to Spiritual Heights’, the second *deva* and music forms books,⁶ *The Diary*, teaching, healing, dictating articles, writing, clairvoyant research, and reception of communications from Us.

30 December 1979

Master Kuthumi

It would even seem possible that certain of your own experiences as prepared for *The Diary* might possibly find reference in suitable forms, thereby opening out the idea that WE HAVE NOT WITHDRAWN BUT REMAIN AS MUCH AVAILABLE AS EVER TO THOSE WHO GENUINELY CLIMB “THE GOLDEN STAIRS”.⁷

⁵ *The Concealed Wisdom in World Mythology*, by Geoffrey Hodson.

⁶ *Clairvoyant Investigations*, by Geoffrey Hodson.

⁷ See entry of December 1978.

25 May 1980

Master Morya

Your time may yet come to make a statement of your knowledge concerning Ourselves. We will, of course, inform you, for We know full well that otherwise your “voice” will not be heard. *The Diary* will perform the task, hence the great value of the perceptive action of recording every event and word that may permissibly be recorded.

24 July 1980

Master Morya

THE OCCULT LIGHT IN OUR SOCIETY

Everything which proves that the Occult Light is still BRIGHTLY SHINING in the Theosophical Society should be preserved (as is being done within *The Diary*) and at a suitable later date, presented.

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17 September 1980

Master Polidorus Isurenus

Yes, Geoffrey, your sensitivity is increasing as recent events have indicated. Yes, take your lecture notes and especially your Introductions to *The Diary* with you tomorrow and we will study them together. All of them are of very great importance. Use attractive titles for the youth group next year if they wish to continue as almost surely they will. For them, naturally, titles mean a great deal.

31 December 1980

An Adept

Your Introduction to *The Diary* should be read over carefully, for there are two if not more places where some modifications and even additions are necessary; otherwise an excellent Introduction, not only to your *Diary*, but also to Ourselves.

20 January 1981

Master Kuthumi

Your dedicated building of *The Diary* is of very great importance to both Ourselves and the world. This book will be one of the greatest aids - powers, indeed - in supporting the work of Our Society throughout many future years; for, as you know, Geoffrey . . . can speak in full consciousness concerning Our views and advice. This is an exceedingly important activity; for a decline in the occult aspect of the work of Our Society **must not occur**. We of the Brotherhood greatly appreciate your dedication and continuing service in this particular field.

7 June 1981

An Adept

One part of the great value of *The Diary* is that it demonstrates that, although publicly closed, the Occult Life and Tradition of the planet continues.