

Blavatsky on Occult Hygiene



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[I own I should like to see phenomena . . .]

IT IS NOT IN THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY that our correspondent can ever hope to evoke spooks or to see any *physical* phenomena.

[Is not the “Esoteric Section” of the T.S.¹ likely to run counter to the views of your Editorial on “Lodges of Magic”? Who is to ensure that the Esoteric Members are not only willing to, but *will* “abide by its rules”?]

Our correspondent’s question is a natural one — coming from a European. No, it does not run counter, because it *is not* a lodge of *magic*, but of *training*. For however often the true nature of the occult training has been stated and explained, few Western students seem to realize how searching and inexorable are the tests which a candidate must pass before *power* is entrusted to his hands. Esoteric philosophy, the occult hygiene of mind and body, the unlearning of false beliefs and the acquisition of true habits of thought, are more than sufficient for a student during his period of probation, and those who rashly pledge themselves in the expectation of acquiring forthwith “magic powers” will meet only with disappointment and certain failure.



¹ [Theosophical Society]