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## The Maha-Chohan and Mahatma K.H.

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Sinnett found it difficult to present the deeper, spiritual teachings of Theosophy because the psycho-intellectual aspect appealed more strongly to his nature. He was warned by the Masters more than once against that one-sidedness of outlook which was ultimately his undoing as an exponent of Theosophy. In one of the earliest letters he received, the Master K. H. writes:

... the chief object of the T. S. is not so much to gratify individual aspirations as to serve our fellow men: ... Yet, you have ever discussed but to put down the idea of a universal Brotherhood, questioned its usefulness, and advised to remodel the T. S. on the principle of a college for the special study of occultism. This, my respected and esteemed friend and Brother — will never do! — M. L., 7-8

The *Chiefs* want a "Brotherhood of Humanity," a real Universal Fraternity started; an institution which would make itself known throughout the world and arrest the attention of the highest minds.

— M. L., 24

But lest there be any misunderstanding, the Maha-Chohan, the great Teacher, the Superior of both the Mahatmans M. and K. H. made it plain:

Rather perish the T. S. with both its hapless founders than that we should permit it to become no better than an academy of magic and a hall of occultism. That we – the devoted followers of the spirit incarnate of absolute self-sacrifice, of philanthropy, divine kindness, . . . should ever allow the Theosophical Society to represent the *embodiment of selfishness*, the refuge of the few with no thought in them for the many, is a strange idea, my brothers.

... Let us understand each other.

- L. M. W., I, 10-11

Unfortunately, Mr. Sinnett never understood, because, as the Master said, his spiritual intuitions were "dim and hazy." But he did good pioneering work for which he deserves a tribute of gratitude from the Theosophical world.

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