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Alice goes on:

“She looked steadfastly at me for a few seconds (most uncomfortable ones for me) then, turning to Mr. Keightley, remarked indignantly: ‘You never told me she was like this!’ - absolutely ignoring his assertion that he had repeatedly done so. Exactly what ‘like this’ indicated I never subsequently discovered. Such was my introduction to the greatest incarnated Soul of our times; but at that early date I realised nothing more than that she took one’s breath away; and that ‘life was never the same again.’ From that moment I became her devoted disciple...”. [4]

Significant books and writings by Alice Cleather are available in our [associated websites](#) which help us understand the true mission shared by HPB and her students across the centuries.

## NOTES:

[1] “Echoes of the Orient”, by William Quan Judge, a three-volume compilation of the short writings by Judge; Point Loma Publications, San Diego, California, 1975, see vol. I, pp. 243-244.

[2] “Echoes of the Orient”, by W. Q. Judge, Point Loma Publications, vol. I, pp. 244-245.

[3] “[What H. P. Blavatsky Taught Us](#)”, by William Kingsland.

[4] From the article “[The Guardian Wall That Protects Mankind](#)”.

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