

OBSCURATIONS

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Q.: When one has mastered adept powers such as clairvoyance, does he not carry over all these powers into future lives? And if he had been an adept or an Initiate in a former life, would he not be well aware of it?

A.: Not necessarily. To quote from H.P. Blavatsky, in *Reincarnations of Buddha*: “Mental or intellectual gifts and abstract knowledge follow an Initiate in his new birth, but he has to acquire phenomenal powers anew, passing through all the successive stages.”

For various purposes are these powers held back or sealed off. Sometimes it is as an aid to the individual’s evolution (and even the adepts have a distance to go) for then he is compelled to pick up and develop those points which were weak or undeveloped in other lives, thus rounding out the “total being.”

There are occult powers at various levels, the more common at a middle range, a different set at a high level, these latter for the most part incomprehensible to average man. Adepts who have astounded the world by their phenomenal powers have been known to be reborn with no knowledge of them, but for a special purpose. Sometimes these Entities, born in a new age and in an entirely different type of culture, have broken through interiorly, without recourse to other teachings, to bring through a new philosophy or to adapt it to the new age and culture.