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Dear Mrs. Edmondson:

Certainly appreciate your reply to my query about Isabel Devereaux. Frankly I was curious about her relations with the occult Gerald Light. I have heard she sponsored him in some classes there in New Orleans in 1954, I believe. Then apparently she discovered he wasn't all he claimed to be and tried to expose him. If she succeeded in this apparently it had no effect because have recently received publicity from him, with a New Orleans address. Many of our Associates are still interested in him and his work and are asking about him. If my advice is to be of any value to them I must know the truth. I certainly wouldn't want to be responsible for urging anyone to study under a charlatan.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Crabb :

I am just up from a relapse attack of FLW and trying to get caught up with long overdue letters .

No one should be condemned on flimsey, Neptunian evidence and I have nothing concrete on Gerald Light .

I have talked with every person I know who should know what happened between Isabel Devereaux and him, and each one knows there "was something"--but to pin them down to real words--or acts--is like capturing a cloud !

I did not know he was in New Orleans----at the time Isabel was chummy with him he lived in COVINGTON (across the river) People there who are Theosophists, felt at that time, they had evidence ---sufficient for them--- that he was NOT a desirable person---however, I can not get anyone to give a good clear picture of just what he did , which they discovered was SHOWMANSHIP and not real phenomena ---nor clairvoyance . I have been able to find no person who is "for" him--but they again do not want to be quoted on anything AGAINST him . I will end with my own experience . I am one person who is never "wishy-washy" .

Several years back, at a time I was President of both the Theosophical Society and the local Astrological group, I was told of Gerald Light, and that he should be asked to speak for our Astrological group . Naturally I wanted to meet him first, so I invited him to an Astrological meeting . He came--with a male secretary .He is quite impressive (?) looking, if you are not a keen student of humanity . They came in early, while I was still putting work on the board, and I began a discussion with him on the topic of the evening .Isabel BELIEVED in Astrology--had a very superficial knowledge of same-- so was easily deceived by the platitudes he could hand out in an impressive manner . I gave him plenty of rope---and he "hung himself in moments" with me . He realized that he had somewhere made a mis-step (far as ASTROLOGY and me were concerned)-- so then he said he was waiting for a certain party (she is Spiritualist, and was officer in A-- group) The room filled up but this lady did not arrive , and just as we were to start, Gerald Light slipped out- telling someone at door, he had another engagement ! I have contacted this lady since your letter.....she is neutral ...he has written her much--been at their CHURCH, and wanted to be active there , but no one seems to be FOR him . In my books he is finished. My experience being as little as related. When you prove "pseudo" in one branch--I trust you in none. (HE COULD HAVE STUDIED ASSIDUOUSLY SINCE, fo all I know)

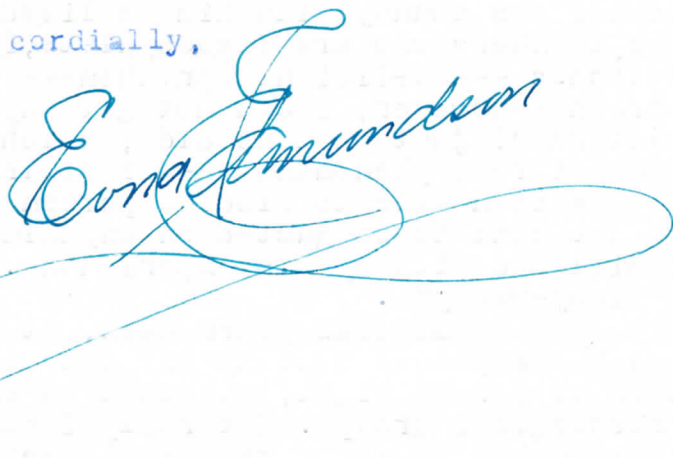
In the occult we are TRUTH SEEKERS -- we should all be humble and then , we are entitled to mistakes . Whenever anyone POSES they have no place in helping others to TRUTH .

This now is just my personal position . I would not want to do the man injustice...we are here to LEARN, and to PROFIT BY OUR MISTAKES .

That you may judge more fairly, I would want to say, that I am rather opposed to Spiritualism---at least as conducted by any local folk.... this is spite of fact that I am very friendly with some of them....in fact there are members in my Lodge who are members also of the Spiritualist church here . In Theosophy we study the after death conditions ---however we do allow everyone to follow their convictions as to 'churches'--Spiritualistic or otherwise. I add this paragraph, because I know I was more prejudiced against Gerald Light , for walking out of my meeting, because he did not make a "spiritualistic contact"---than I would have been under other circumstances .

I have no slightest concept of what your ASSOCIATES are--since Isabel was quite carried away with FLYING SAUCERS, I presume it includes research on those .

Yours cordially,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "E. E. Emerson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop at the end.