

United Lodge of Theosophists

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NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013

Theosophical Talks and Discussions Sunday Mornings 11:00-12:00

NOVEMBER

- 3 *What is the Life Principle? Part II*
- 10 *The Inner Ruler*
- 17 *The World of Elementals*
- 24 *On Gratitude*

DECEMBER

- 1 *Practical Occultism*
- 8 *The Mystery of Numbers*
- 15 *Mysteries of the After Life*
- 22 *The Real Christmas*
- 29 *The Theosophical New Year*

U.L.T. meetings are open to all interested individuals. The library is open following each meeting for reading, study and inquiry. There are no fees, dues, or collections, the Lodge being sustained by voluntary contributions in time, work and money. All are welcome to participate, but no solicitations are ever made. All standard theosophical books and many free and inexpensive pamphlets are available.

OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL MOVEMENT

I To form the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, or color;

II The study of ancient and modern religions, philosophies and sciences, and the demonstration of the importance of such study; and

III The investigation of the unexplained laws of Nature and the psychical powers latent in man.

Round Table Reading and Discussion *The Ocean of Theosophy* by William Q. Judge 1st and 3rd Sunday Afternoons 12:30 to 1:30

**1st Sunday, November 3 & December 1
3rd Sunday, November 17 & December 22**

Note: There are no afternoon round table meetings on the 2nd, 4th, or 5th Sundays of the month.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

NEAR the cave in which was born the savior of the world grew three trees--a pine, an olive, and a palm. On the holy eve when the guiding star of Bethlehem appeared in the heavens, that star which announced to the long-suffering world the birth of Him who brought to mankind the glad tidings of a blissful hope, all nature rejoiced and is said to have carried to the feet of the Infant-God her best and holiest gifts.

Among others the olive tree that grew at the entrance of the cave of Bethlehem brought forth its golden fruit; the palm offered to the Babe its green and shadowy vault, as a protection against heat and storm; alone the pine had nought to offer. The poor tree stood in dismay and sorrow, vainly trying to think what it could present as a gift to the Child-Christ. Its branches were painfully drooping down, and the intense agony of its grief finally forced from its bark and branches a flood of hot transparent tears, whose large resinous and gummy drops fell thick and fast around it. A silent star twinkling in the blue canopy of heaven, perceived these tears; and forthwith, confabulating with her companions--lo, a miracle took place. Hosts of shooting stars fell down, like unto a great rain shower, on the pine, until they twinkled and shone from every needle, from top to bottom. Then trembling with joyful emotion, the pine proudly raised her drooping branches and appeared for the first time before the eyes of a wondering world, in most dazzling brightness.

From that time, the legends tell us, men adopted the habit of ornamenting the pine tree on Christmas Eve with numberless lighted candles.

One Source of Light and Life of Love!

The Soul's own Radiancy,

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--THE ETERNAL VERITIES

THE UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS

Declaration

The policy of this Lodge is independent devotion to the cause of Theosophy, without professing attachment to any Theosophical organization. It is loyal to the great Founders of the Theosophical movement, but does not concern itself with dissensions or differences of individual opinion.

The work it has on hand and the end it keeps in view are too absorbing and too lofty to leave it the time or inclination to take part in side issues. That work and that end is the dissemination of the fundamental principles of the Philosophy of Theosophy, and the exemplification in practice of those principles, through a truer realization of the SELF; a profounder conviction of Universal Brotherhood.

It holds that the unassailable basis for union among Theosophists, wherever and however situated, is "similarity of aim, purpose and teaching," and therefore has neither Constitution, By-Laws nor Officers, the sole bond between its Associates being that basis. And it aims to disseminate this idea among Theosophists in the furtherance of Unity.

It regards as Theosophists all who are engaged in the true service of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, condition or organization, and

It welcomes to its association all those who are in accord with its declared purposes and who desire to fit themselves, by study and otherwise, to be the better able to help and teach others.

"The true Theosophist belongs to no cult or sect, yet belongs to each and all."

The following is the form signed by Associates of the United Lodge of Theosophists:

Being in sympathy with the purposes of this Lodge, as set forth in its "Declaration," I hereby record my desire to be enrolled as an Associate, it being understood that such association calls for no obligation on my part, other than that which I, myself, determine.

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Santa Barbara, California, US
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Matunga, India
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To spread broadcast the teachings of theosophy as recorded in the writings of H. P. Blavatsky and William Q. Judge

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THE REAL CHRISTMAS

THE Real Christmas can come to us in our hearts. We can realize that there has come once more the season we can rise with. If we make up our minds to do it, we can follow the Path of our great Predecessors--the great Saviors of the world, the great Saviors of all times, for They all come from the same Body, whether we call Them Buddha, Jesus, or any other name. They are all Beings of the same nature who come among us, and, as was said of Jesus, in all things become like unto us that They may impart to us something of Their great knowledge and point us to the Path They followed. Always the object of Their coming was that we in time might become even as They are. Always They left messages for us which were set down and known as the sayings of the Founders of all the great religions. Jesus for Whom the Christian nations celebrate Christmas, was one of a Body of perfected men. There were many others before Him; there have been others since; there will yet be others.

Christmas is a time for giving and also receiving. But there is a giving that is not of things. There is a giving of heart itself. There is the giving of service, of love, of brotherhood, of every thought that makes for good--a giving open to all, however poor our personal possessions may be. It is the feeling and the thought in our hearts which reach people and stir their hearts to a better perception, a better feeling, a wider and stronger action, for all our hearts are based on the same One Life; we draw all our powers and forces from the One Life. The Real Christmas means something to the Real Man, and it applies to the whole of man's nature. Let us take advantage of the resurgence of spiritual, mental, and moral force that comes with the Christmas time.

--ROBERT CROSBIE