

United Lodge of Theosophists

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

NOVEMBER

- 2 The Sun**
- 9 Patanjali's Yoga Aphorisms**
- 16 Culture of Concentration II**
- 23 What is Theosophy?**
- 30 True Nature of Man**

DECEMBER

- 7 Patanjali's Yoga Aphorisms**
- 14 The Nature of Light**
- 21 The Real Christmas**
- 28 What is God?**

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 **1st and 3rd Sunday Afternoons 12:30 to 1:30** ***Living the Life by B. P. Wadia*** ***November 2 and December 7*** ***November 16 and December 21***

THE UNIVERSAL SAVIOUR

Every country has had its saviours. He who dissipates the darkness of ignorance by the help of the torch of science, thus discovering to us the truth, deserves that title as a mark of our gratitude quite as much as he who saves us from death by healing our bodies. Such an one awakens in our benumbed souls the faculty of distinguishing the true from the false, by kindling a divine flame, hitherto absent, and he has the right to our grateful worship, for he has become our creator. What matters the name or the symbol that personifies the abstract idea, if that idea is always the same and is true! Whether the concrete symbol bears one title or another, whether the saviour in whom we believe has for an earthly name Krishna, Buddha, Jesus or Æsculapius,--also called "the saviour god"...--we have but to remember one thing: symbols of divine truths were not invented for the amusement of the ignorant; they are the *alpha* and *omega* of philosophic thought.

Theosophy being the way that leads to truth, in every religion, as in every science, occultism is, so to say, the touchstone and universal solvent. It is the thread of Ariadne given by the master to the disciple who ventures into the labyrinth of the mysteries of being; the torch that lights him through the dangerous maze of life, for ever the enigma of the Sphinx. But the light thrown by this torch can be discerned only by the eye of the awakened soul--by our spiritual senses; it blinds the eye of the materialist as the sun blinds that of the owl.

“LE PHARE DEL'INCONNU” (The Beacon-Light of the Unknown) From
H.P. Blavatsky Theosophical Articles, Vol. I.

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
Washington, DC (MD), US

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Dijon, France
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Malmo, Sweden
Paris, France
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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 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,
The Soul's own Radiancy!

--THE ETERNAL VERITIES

There is no religion higher than truth