

## ***United Lodge of Theosophists***

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### **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014**

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

##### **JANUARY**

- 5 The Meaning of A Pledge**
- 12 The Path of Action**
- 19 Which Attributes Persist From Life to Life?**
- 26 *The Greatest of All Wars***

##### **FEBRUARY**

- 2 Alaya – The Great Soul**
- 9 The Two Paths**
- 16 *Unfinished Man: Mystery or Miracle?***
- 23 *Perspectives on Spirit and Matter***

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, January 5 & February 2**

**3rd Sunday, January 19 & February 16**

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

#### ***WITH EVERY NEW YEAR***

ALL have doubtless made New Year's resolutions, and all, no doubt, have failed to keep them. There must be a reason for our failures, as well as for the fact that there comes a certain season in the year when we have the inclination to make resolutions. These reasons lie hidden in the depths of our own being. Unconsciously to ourselves, it may be, we have a natural perception of occult law in our observance of this particular period of the year.

The ancients celebrated and understood what was called by them "the birth of the Sun," or the return of the Sun on its northern course, beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. They knew that all the occult forces in nature have an upward and increasing tendency at the return of the Sun. When the Sun's rays become warmer and stronger, all the other forces behind the Sun itself, and behind ourselves, become stronger within us. In the rising wave of spiritual and psychic renewal, all that we desire to do has a greater impulsion than at some other time of the year.

To effect our respective resolutions we have to call on the will of man. As we stand, we are always using our will along the line of our desires and of our likes and dislikes, imagining these to be a proper basis for thought and action. What is most necessary for us is a proper basis for thinking. We need to eject the false idea of our being weak, sinful creatures, with all the faults of our parents and their parents before them, because we were born that way. We need to eject the mental idol of an outside creator. We need to understand the purpose of life, to see that we are the product of many of our own prior lives, and to recognize an evolution under law--a law both true and merciful--which operates everywhere. It is because that law operates in a round of impression that we have the tendency each year to make New Year's resolutions. We could by an understanding and using of this law of recurrence bring into effect those resolutions. Then, let us resolve one great thing; resolve to know; resolve to think right; resolve to acquire some of the knowledge that has always existed--the knowledge of man as a spiritual being through all his fluctuations in the realm of matter.

--ROBERT CROSBIE

## 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.*

### World Wide Locations

#### North America

Jacmel, Haiti  
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Mexico City, Mexico  
New York City, New York, US  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US  
Phoenix, Arizona, US  
San Diego, California, US  
San Francisco, California, US  
Santa Barbara, California, US  
Sarasota, Florida, US  
Washington, DC (MD), US

#### Africa

Douala, Cameroun

#### Asia

Bangaluru (Bangalore), India  
Chennai (Madras), India  
Mumbai (Bombay):  
Matunga, India  
New Marine Lines, India

#### Europe

Antwerp, Belgium  
Athens, Greece  
Dijon, France  
London, England  
Malmo, Sweden  
Paris, France  
The Hague, Netherlands  
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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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### *TWO LOST KEYS*

THE Bhagavad-Gita and the Zodiac, while differing from each other in that the one is a book and the other the sun's path in the heavens, are two great storehouses of knowledge. It is true that the former is now in book shape, but that is only because the necessities of study under conditions which have prevailed for some thousands of years require it, but it exists in the ideal world imbedded in the evolutionary history of the human race. Were all copies of it destroyed tomorrow, the materials of their reconstruction are near at hand and could be regathered by those sages who know the realities underlying all appearances. And in the same way the Zodiac could be made over again by the same sages--not, however, by our modern astronomers. The latter no doubt would be able to construct a path for the sun with certain classifications of stars thereon, but it would not be the Zodiac; it would bear little relation to the great cosmic microcosmic periods and events which that path really has. The student of the Bhagavad-Gita soon begins to feel that there is somewhere a key to the poem, something that will open up greater meanings of the mind. After a while he is able to see that in a philosophical and devotional sense the verses are full of meaning, but under it all there runs a deep suggestiveness of some other and grander sweep for its words. This is what the lost key will reveal. And so of the Zodiac. As our acquaintance, through devotion and endeavor, with the journey of our own sun through our own human zodiac grows better, we will learn the meaning of the great pilgrimage of the earthly luminary. For it is impossible in this study to learn a little of ourselves without knowing more of the great system of which we are a copy.

--WILLIAM Q. JUDGE