

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

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### **Theosophical Talks and Discussions**

**Sunday Mornings 11:00-12:00**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 6 Memory & Imagination, Part II**
- 13 Patanjali's Yoga Aphorisms**
- 20 The Paramitas**
- 27 Theosophy Simply Stated**

#### **OCTOBER**

- 4 Patanjali's Yoga Aphorisms**
- 11 The Power of a Vow**
- 18 The Gita & The Bible**
- 25 The Paramitas**

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**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Afternoons 12:30 to 1:30**

***Living the Life by B. P. Wadia***

<b>September</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>18</b>

#### ***IS THEOSOPHY A RELIGION?***

A Religion in the true and only correct sense, is a bond uniting men together--not a particular set of dogmas and beliefs. Religion, per se, in its widest meaning is that which binds not only all MEN, but also all BEINGS and all things in the entire Universe into one grand whole. Thus Theosophy is not a Religion, we say, but RELIGION itself, the one bond of unity, which is so universal and all-embracing that no man, as no speck--from gods and mortals down to animals, the blade of grass and atom--can be outside of its light. Therefore, any organization or body of that name must necessarily be a UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD. Were it otherwise, Theosophy would be but a word added to hundreds other such words as high sounding as they are pretentious and empty. Unity of everything in the universe implies and justifies our belief in the existence of a knowledge at once scientific, philosophical and religious, showing the necessity and actuality of the connection of man and all things in the universe with each other; which knowledge, therefore, becomes essentially RELIGION, and must be called in its integrity and universality by the distinctive name of WISDOM - RELIGION. It is from this WISDOM - RELIGION that all the various individual "Religions" have sprung, forming in their turn offshoots and branches, and also all the minor creeds. The "Secret Doctrine" -- a work which gives out all that can be given out during this century, is an attempt to lay bare in part the common foundation and inheritance of all--great and small religious and philosophical schemes. It was found indispensable to tear away all the mass of concentered misconceptions and prejudice which now hides the parent trunk of (a) all the great world-religions; (b) of the smaller sects; and (c) of Theosophy as it stands now--however veiled the great Truth, by ourselves and our limited knowledge.

-- H.P. Blavatsky

## 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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Long Beach, California, US  
Los Angeles, California, US  
Los Angeles (East), California, US  
Mexico City, Mexico  
New York City, New York, US  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US  
Phoenix, Arizona, US  
San Diego, California, US  
San Diego County (North), California, US  
San Francisco, California, US  
Santa Barbara, California, US  
Ventura County, California, US  
Washington, DC (MD), US

#### Africa

Douala, Cameroon

#### Asia

Bangaluru (Bangalore), India  
Chennai (Madras), India  
Mumbai (Bombay), India

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Antwerp, Belgium  
Athens, Greece  
Dijon, 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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## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015

### AN HONEST UNIVERSE

Do we not see that we can trust a universe that moves along unerringly under the law of perfect justice? We certainly can. We can go forward with an absolute reliance on the law of our own spiritual being, knowing whatever conditions come are necessary for us, knowing that those very things we feel so hardly are object lessons for us because they indicate a wrong tendency or defect in us which this present distress affords us an opportunity to overcome, to strengthen our true character. That is all we have at the end of life, whatever of character—good, bad, or indifferent—we have acquired. Men spend their lives trying to avoid what they do not like, and trying to get what they like—what they can and while they can. Yet if they got all the wealth of the world, every possession and every possible desire, what good would it do them? At death everything would be left where they got it, because nothing adheres to Spirit. The idea of getting for themselves is one of the false notions which prevent men from understanding themselves as spiritual beings and using the power which belongs to them—for all powers of every kind—electrical, dynamic or explosive—come from the One Universal Spirit, and each man has latent in him all the powers in the universe.

— Robert Crosbie, *The Friendly Philosopher*

*There is no religion higher than truth*