

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

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### **Theosophical Talks and Discussions**

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

#### **APRIL**

**7 The Power of a Vow**

**14 Paracelsus: Philosopher**

**21 Anton Mesmer & Mesmerism, Part I**

**28 Anton Mesmer & Mesmerism, Part II**

#### **MAY**

**5 White Lotus Day**

**12 Intuition, Instinct & Intellect**

**19 The Three Fundamentals**

**26 Reflection on Elementals**

#### **JUNE**

**2 The Great Design**

**9 Lessons of the Zodiac**

**16 Aphorisms on Karma**

**23 ULT Day**

**30 The Middle Way**

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**

**on The Bhagavad Gita and Notes**

**April 7 and 21, May 5 and 19, June 2 and 16**

The Authority which we recognize is not what men term authority, which comes from outside and which demands obedience, but an *internal recognition of the value* of that which flows through any given point, focus, or individual. This is the authority of one's Self-discrimination, intuition, the highest intellection. If we follow what we recognize in that way, and still find it good, we naturally keep our faces in that direction. This means no slavish following of any person - a distinction which some are unable to grasp. H. P. B. wrote: "Don't follow me or my Path: follow the path I show, the Masters who are behind." We point always that the most and the best anyone can do is to do as Judge did - follow the lines laid down by H. P. B., regardless of any others. All that we are doing is to help others to find those lines. We do not want attention paid to us. It is true that "U. L. T." necessarily centers around those most active in it, but they could do nothing if history, evidence, and energies were not in the lines taken. So we point to those lines of direction as the things to be seen and known. For ourselves we are merely some who are able to grasp and apply, as well as aid in direction. This will prevent "U. L. T." from degenerating into some such condition as now exists throughout the theosophical world, for if attention is attracted to the living workers, it is thereby detracted from the real issue. One may have confidence, however, without making the mistake of placing anyone too high. The strength shown by any worker is not that of the personality, which has none, of itself; it lies in the words, the ideas, the conviction of truth held by the inner man.

- Robert Crosbie, *The Friendly Philosopher*, p. 372-373

## 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

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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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**SELF-KNOWLEDGE**

**Self-Knowledge is of loving deeds the child.**

**—Book of the Golden Precepts**

THE first necessity for obtaining self-knowledge is to become profoundly conscious of ignorance, to feel with every fibre of the heart that one is *ceaselessly* self-deceived. The second requisite is the still deeper conviction that such knowledge—such intuitive and certain knowledge—can be obtained by effort. The third and most important is an indomitable determination to obtain and face that knowledge. Self-knowledge of this kind is unattainable by what men usually call "self-analysis." It is not reached by reasoning or any brain process; for it is the awakening to consciousness of the Divine nature of man. To obtain this knowledge is a greater achievement than to command the elements or to know the future. "What every man needs first is to find himself, and then take an honest inventory of his subjective possessions, and, bad or bankrupt as it may be, it is not beyond redemption if we set about it in earnest. For every flower of love and charity he plants in his neighbor's garden, a loathsome weed will disappear from his own, and so this garden of the gods—Humanity—shall blossom as a rose. Let once man's immortal spirit take possession of the temple of his body, drive out the money-changers and every unclean thing, and his own divine humanity will redeem him, for when he is thus at one with himself he will know the 'builder of the temple.'" Our duty is to encourage and assist individual fellows in self-improvement, intellectual, moral and spiritual.

- H. P. Blavatsky

***There is no religion higher than truth***