

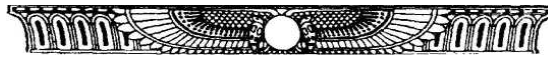
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Degrees of realized knowledge

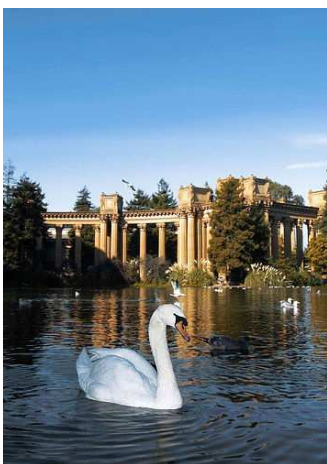
"I have found that doing what comes, with all my heart, mind and strength, in time brought me to another place and opportunity and always to a better advantage.

"I have seen in many the attitude, "I don't like this," or, "I must have something better", lead to perpetual change, dissatisfaction and poor results, invariably.

"On the other hand, I have seen those whom neither sickness nor any other cause could deter, nor diminish their courage and efforts, gain success, the reason being that no opportunity was overlooked and no effort too great for them. It was really an unconscious fulfilling of karma on their part.

"I think students too often regard their personal existence and predilections as one thing, and their student life as another. It is not so.

"Both are interwoven and interblended at every point. The student should see clearly that his present existence is his opportunity to live and learn as well as learn to live to the best advantage; it contains and presents the opportunities which, if rejected, will come before us in one form or another until we realize that a step forward can be taken in no other way than by overcoming obstacles and thus, defects. How wonderfully and perfectly this works."



(from Robert Crosbie)

Robert Crosbie opened up a way for all students to work for Theosophy and Humanity regardless of conditions or abilities.

He showed us that we do not need to depend on leaders but that each one can take hold of the ideas and begin the journey on the path. The path of service, study and application.

The platform of U.L.T. is open to all who wish to work in promulgating and understanding the writings of H.P. Blavatsky and W.Q. Judge.

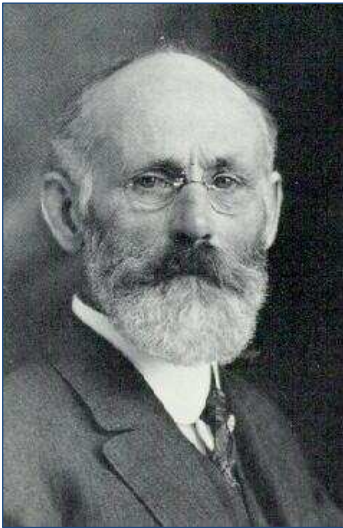
From whatever place our karma has put us we prepare for talks or presentations of Theosophy, we study to prepare to facilitate a group meeting, we contemplate the three fundamentals or declaration so as to be better able to answer questions.

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This is difficult to do and Robert Crosbie aids the student.



Robert Crosbie 1849 - 1919

He knew very well that our karma and our work in Theosophy are not separate and that there is great knowledge and progress when they are interblended.

It is the understanding of Theosophy that opens up the mind to see the truth in all forms and to discern that truth from dogma. Dogma feeds the personal man and makes him comfortable. This kind of comfort silences the inner life which depends on an unrelenting search for Truth.

Our evolution, our awakenings will be by individual effort. U.L.T. gives all students the opportunity to take up this work in earnest. It is not about waiting for an adept, great teacher or leader to come in our midst, or to look about for such a being, but it is about each student taking hold of the Ideas presented by H.P.B. and W.Q Judge and working to be the better able to help in the cycles ahead.

It is not an easy path, this path of "self induced and self devised effort". It takes into account all lives and beings visible and invisible and cannot exclude anything or anyone.

The weekly meetings and daily work of U.L.T. give a framework for this effort.

All can begin in some small way. Each one determining the effort for themselves. This kind of self-determined obligation and the mutual support offered by a group of students gives aid in checking, testing and verifying all the ideas presented in Theosophy.

"We can get rid of our hindrances only by following the Path...what we need to do is forget our estimation of ourselves, be that good or bad, and just work on. We shall find more strength and larger opportunities as we move along that road."

"...ULT is more closely akin to a journal of ideas than to an organ given over to agreement as to duties, responsibilities, and opportunities. The ideal aim in ULT is to stir the initiative of anyone who may feel moved to contribute his thoughts to a journal, to seek to serve the ends for which it stands, from his own unique vantage point, just as anyone, likewise, may enter into the work of the ULT,...."

"To implement this end... had best be a brotherhood symbolized by organically growing objectives, rather than by objectives fixed in constitutional definition. Just as Judge's "Path" was an organic growth, a fruition of years of Theosophical study, so it is the aim of ULT to provide a place and an atmosphere conducive to the Theosophical unfoldment ...This is in truth an "absorbing" and "lofty" work. Constant vigilance is necessary, but the vigilance of self-examination, not the vigilance practiced by those who feel the weight and destiny of a complicated organization upon their shoulders.

"Self examination when practiced by working members, serves automatically as encouragement to the pondering of philosophical principles. One who seeks truth concerning himself, also, learns that something new can be gained each day from a study of....the Three Fundamental propositions in "The Secret Doctrine".

"This sort of meditation – upon one's own present stance in relation both to degrees of realized knowledge and degrees of self-admitted ignorance, in relation to Theosophy – constitutes the real strength of ULT."

(from a contributor, with extracts from Theosophy Vol. 46 page 241)

**Do not distrust yourself;
have confidence in the powers
which you embody;
seek only to do your duty;
holding to that end, all necessary
power will be available.**

**Be steadfast, calm and fearless,
as becomes one who doth
forevermore endure.**

from "The Spirit In The Body" Letter Eight, R.C.
<http://www.phx-ult-lodge.org/sp1.htm>

Contemplating "What is War?"

from the Canadian Editor

on "What is War?" in [April 09 AQ p9](#)

In contemplation of these quotes (given below) it comes to mind that the **coming together of something good with something bad is a very creative moment.**

All conflict demands that each one let go of who they 'think' they are and become something more.

Each conflict indicates an evolutionary requirement, whether in personal, social, political, racial or global conflict.

We should strive to seek out that requirement, to become more than what we are currently able to express and **to let go of the forms that we allow to define us.**

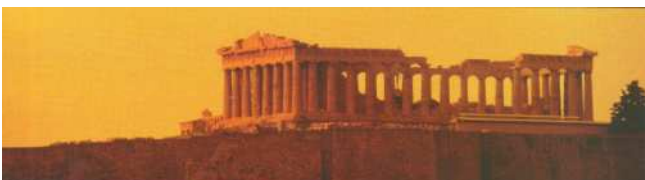
ATTRACTION & REPULSION

Plato held that gravitation was not merely a law of the magnetic attraction of lesser bodies to larger ones, but a magnetic repulsion of similars and attraction of dissimilars.

"Things brought together," says he,

"contrary to nature, are naturally at war, and repel one another."

(from Plato's *Timaeus*)



"Oriental Philosophy & Literature" #3

The third object of the TS, by H.P. Blavatsky

OCCULTISM - the science of the right hand path

Though but a minority of our members are mystically inclined, yet, in point of fact, **the key to all our successes as above enumerated is in our recognition of the fact of the Higher Self--colourless, cosmopolitan, unsectarian, sexless, unworldly, altruistic -- and the doing of our work on that basis.** To the Secularist, the Agnostic, the Sciostic Scientist, such results would have been unattainable, nay, would have been unthinkable. Peace Societies are Utopian, because no amount of argument based upon exoteric considerations of social morals or expediency, can turn the hearts of the rulers of nations away from selfish war and schemes of conquest.

Social differentiations, the result of physical evolutions and material environment, breed race hatreds and sectarian and social antipathies that are insurmountable if attacked from the outside. But, since human nature is ever identical, all men are alike open to influences which centre upon the human "heart," and appeal to the human intuition; **and as there is but one Absolute Truth, and this is the soul and life of all human creeds, it is possible to effect a reciprocal alliance for the research of and dissemination of that basic Truth.** We know that a comprehensive term for that Eternal Verity is the "Secret Doctrine"; we have preached it, have won a hearing, have, to some extent, swept away the old barriers, formed our fraternal nucleus, and, by reviving the Aryan Literature, caused its precious religious, philosophical and scientific teachings to spread among the most distant nations.

If we have not opened regular schools of adeptship in the Society, **we have at least brought forward a certain body of proof that adepts exist and that adeptship is a logical necessity in the natural order of human development.** We have thus helped the West to

a worthier ideal of man's potentialities than it before possessed. The study of Eastern psychology has given the West a clue to certain mysteries previously baffling as, for example, in the department of mesmerism and hypnotism, and in that of the supposed posthumous relations of the disincarnate entity with the living. It has also furnished a theory of the nature and relations of Force and Matter capable of practical verification by whomsoever may learn and follow out the experimental methods of the Oriental Schools of Occult science. **Our own experience leads us to say that this science and its complementary philosophy throw light upon some of the deepest problems of man and nature:** in science, bridging the "Impassable Chasm," in philosophy, making it possible to formulate a consistent theory of the origin and destiny of the heavenly orbs and their progeny of kingdoms and various planes. Where Mr. Crookes stops in his quest after the meta-elements, and finds himself at a loss to trace the missing atoms in his hypothetical series of seven, Adwaita Philosophy steps in with its perfected theory of evolution of differentiated out of undifferentiated matter, Prakriti out of Mulaprakriti--the "rootless root."

With the present publication of the "Key to Theosophy," a new work that explains clearly and in plain language what our Esoteric Theosophy believes in and what it disbelieves and positively rejects, there will remain no more pretexts for flinging at our heads fantastic accusations. Now the "correspondents" of Spiritualistic and other Weeklies, as well as those who afflict respectable daily papers with denunciations of the alleged "dogmas of the Theosophists" that never had any existence outside our traducers' heads, will have to prove what they father upon us, by showing chapter and verse for it in our Theosophical publications, and especially in the "Key to Theosophy."

They can plead ignorance no longer; and if they would still denounce, they must do so on the authority of what is stated therein, as every one has now an easy opportunity offered him of learning our philosophy.

To close, **our Society has done more within its fourteen years of life to familiarize Western thinkers with great Aryan thought and discovery than any other agency within the past nineteen centuries.** What it is likely to do in the future cannot be forecast; but experience warrants the hope that it may be very much, and that it will enlarge its already wide field of useful activity.

(from 'Our Three Objects')

Communication with Beings

from the Canadian Editor

In contemplation of this topic, my general direction has been the following.

I'm especially interested in contemplating the question:

What does it mean to have the psychic capacities held under control, checked and directed by the Manasic principle?

Any thoughts upon this question or articles that you can suggest, that sheds some light upon what this means?¹

Your position as the fore-runners of the sixth sub-race of the fifth root-race has its own special perils as well as its special advantages.

Psychism, with all its allurements and all its dangers, is necessarily developing among you, and you must beware lest the Psychic outruns the Manasic and Spiritual development.

Psychic capacities held perfectly under control, checked and directed by the Manasic principle, are valuable aids in development.

But these capacities running riot, controlling instead of controlled, using instead of being used, lead the Student into the most dangerous delusions and the certainty of moral destruction.

Watch therefore carefully this development, inevitable in your race and evolution-period so that it may finally work for good and not for evil; and receive, in advance, the sincere and potent blessing of Those whose

¹ See following article on page 5 "What sort of Poetry is in our nature?" and pages 9 and 12.

good-will will never fail you, if you do not fail yourselves."

The Fourth Message 1891, HPB

These are weighty words, and are the warnings of Those who have passed through the evolutionary period we are now in. Just as parents warn children of the dangers out on the street, the Elder Brothers who through experience have observed the dangers of the invisible or astral planes. **They give warning with very good reason.**

What does it mean to have the psychic capacities held under control, checked and directed by the Manasic principle?

Most of what is seen in humanity at the present is a very strong and well developed desire principle and most of the psychic activity centres around filling some kind of desire. For a better job, more money, greater happiness, more things and comfort. Any mention of the mind is usually to put it to work in the service of desire and to fill the needs of the personality and the body.

For the aware students this kind of effort will prove to be pointless, and for the unfortunate they will as H.P.B. indicated lead to dangerous delusions. This we can find evidence of already.

Our focus should be to unite the Buddhi-Manas of the Race. To focus on the Masters of Wisdom, who have travelled this way before us. **The lower entities, who have yet to enter the higher states of consciousness or experience self-consciousness, need humanity to emanate the highest thoughts of love, unity, brotherhood, truth and knowledge.** This then is what will be reflected back to us and to all that lives.

If our focus is right and we are working in the right direction, these lower entities will serve our high aim and purpose and be aided in that effort. To apply our psychic capacities to attaining temporary effects will only lead to confusion and increase the obstacles to be overcome.

See 'Correspondence' about a new film on p 9, and 'Wisdom in Action' on p 12.

What sort of Poetry is in our nature?

Listen to the Voice of Conscience. But first ask which Voice speaks, the one of the lower mind - subject to temptations - or the Eternal Ego, like the Hindu's Second Bird, sitting high in the tree, seeing all the conditions surrounding his lower, seated companion and friend².

Ask of what it speaks – it's often only warnings, helpful though it may be to know what not to do, but both 'what not to do' and also '**what we should do**' are needed.

The soldier of light and the poet each hear his Voice, in whispers or clearly – both the much admired Thomas Payne and Longfellow were inspired from these Buddhic planes.

Payne said **he always treated these guests with great civility and listened carefully.** For Longfellow, we are told that it was direct inspiration from his true Self, while many lesser peoples' poetry may be only fantasy, more sensual than real, and inevitably less practical in everyday life. Real Genius transcends the ordinary, and reaching up, returns with truth.

The warning is given to those sensitive souls who are passive, who may hear voices telling them to do something, which although at times may be helpful, at other occasions are not... how well this sad fact is known to the police, psychiatrists and widely within the world of criminal justice.

"Birds of a feather flock together" – so seeking, strive to keep the poetry of your nature pure and clear. By doing so the link of universal causation will provide help to your struggling neighbour.

² The Svetasvatara Upanishad (4:6) illustrates this:

Two birds of beautiful plumage — inseparable friends — live on the same tree. Of these two one eats the sweet fruit while the other looks on without eating.

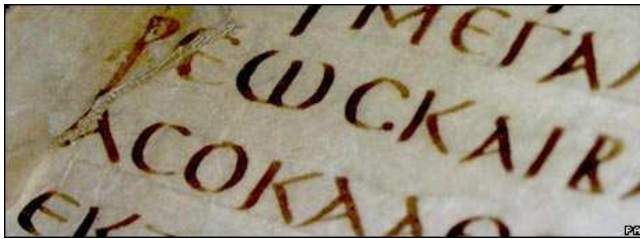
In his commentary, the first bird represents the individual soul, while the second represents Brahman or God. The soul is essentially a reflection of Brahman. The tree represents the body. The soul identifies itself with the body, reaps the fruits of its actions, and undergoes rebirth. The Lord alone stands as an eternal witness, ever contented, and does not eat, for he is the director of both the eater and the eaten.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Svetasvatara_Upanishad

The rival to the Bible

The scattered parts of what is probably the oldest known Bible are being reunited for the first time.

It is markedly different from its modern equivalent. What's left out?



The world's oldest surviving Bible is in bits.

For 1,500 years, the Codex Sinaiticus lay undisturbed in a Sinai monastery, until it was found - or stolen, as the monks say - in 1844 and split up... Now the different parts will be reunited

For those who believe the Bible is the inerrant, unaltered word of God, there will be some very uncomfortable questions... it shows there have been thousands of alterations to today's bible.

Distinguished New Testament scholar Professor Bart Ehrman was a born again Bible-believing Evangelical until he read the original Greek texts and noticed some discrepancies.

The Bible we now use can't be the inerrant word of God since what we have are the sometimes mistaken words copied by fallible scribes (**Only? Ed**).

The Codex has books which are missing from the Authorised Version... and it does not have crucial verses relating to the Resurrection.



The Codex remained hidden in St Catherine's Monastery (above) since at least the 4th Century

The Codex omits some mentions of ascension of Jesus into heaven, and key references to the Resurrection, which the Archbishop of Canterbury has said is essential for Christian belief.

For the full story – see BBC News, 6 Oct 2008

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/7651105.stm>

Solar Plane flies day & night with no fuel, no pollution

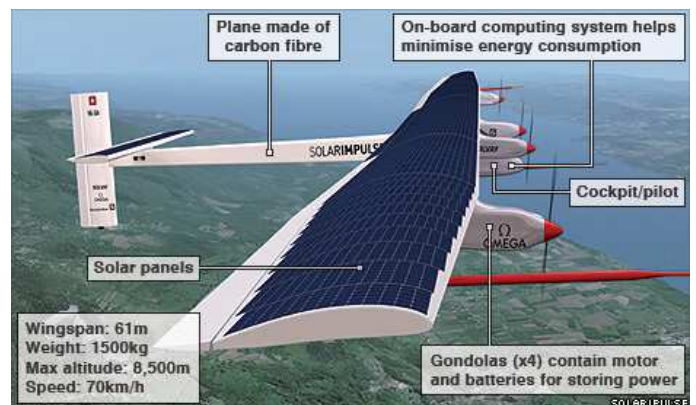
Round-the-world solar plane debut

Video at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/8120026.stm>

Swiss adventurer Bertrand Piccard has unveiled a prototype of the solar-powered plane he hopes eventually to fly around the world.

The vehicle, spanning 61m but weighing just 1,500kg, will undergo trials to prove it can fly through the night.

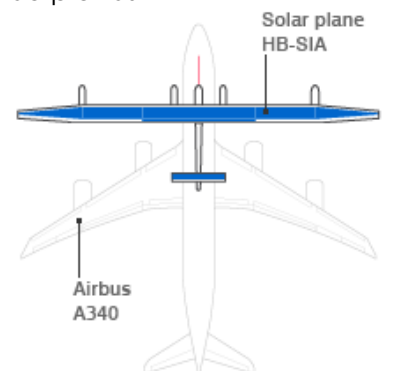
Dr Piccard, who made history in 1999 by circling the globe non-stop in a balloon, says he wants to demonstrate the potential of renewable energies.



The final version of the plane will try first to cross the Atlantic in 2012.

It will be a risky endeavour. Only now is solar and battery technology becoming mature enough to sustain flight through the night - and then only in unmanned planes.

The HB-SIA has the look of a glider but is on the scale - in terms of its width - of a modern airliner.



SOURCE: Solarimpulse

[Full text](#)

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CORRESPONDENCE

A vital discussion

“A Vitally Important Public Discussion That The World Should Undertake”

(click for link to full text of the email)

from John DeSantis, May 09
johndesantis@publicandprivateenterprise.org

Greetings,

My name is John DeSantis, a 68-year-old senior citizen who wants the people of the world to at least know about this before I die.

I live at 1113 Scotts Hill Drive, Baltimore, Maryland, 21208 (USA). My home phone number is (410)-484-1987.

I hope that every person, government & organization, after reading this e-mail will do their part -- whether the part they play is large or small -- to help get this very important issue to be a worldwide public discussion. For starters, simply forwarding a copy of this to your e-mail list of family, friends, associates & others would be very helpful.

Please know that I first started to send the content of this e-mail all over the world on Monday, March 30, 2009 (also sent in "Forms" on web sites when no e-mail address is available).

Why am I steadily, every day & night, from my home, trying to reach such a large portion of the world in this way? And why am I telling you these few things?

Because I want to inform people in every nation & territory in the world...

... my home page will give you a very clear picture of what this is all about:

<http://www.PublicAndPrivateEnterprise.org>

TO HUMANITY WITH LOVE...

Watch My Videos at

<http://www.publicandprivateenterprise.org/efetwp1.html>)

Letter from the ULT on 100th anniversary

June 25, 2009

Dear Friends and Associates:

The world often sees cycles of history unfold where karmic debts and destinies become clear, and individual lives change in ways unimaginable to the personal nature. During such transitions, the work and writings of H. P. Blavatsky and William Q. Judge help clarify the roots of the human dilemma and the role of individual choice in cyclic law. The thoughtful student who can benefit from their efforts is led by concern for others to perform the daily self-initiation at the heart of theo-sophia. With the wisdom gained, a sustained desire to be of benefit to those "starving for the bread of Wisdom and the bread which feeds the shadow..." influences cycles large and small, and nurtures all.

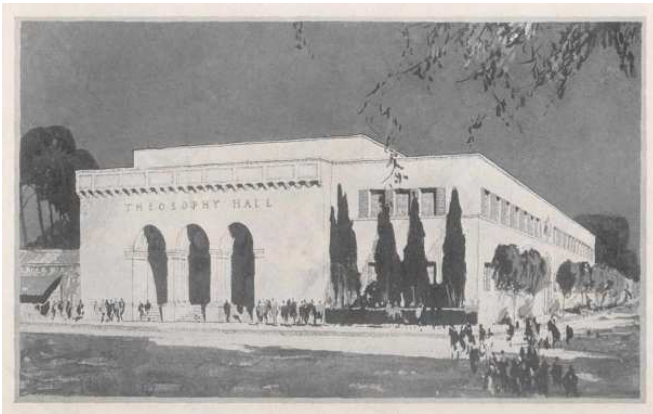
The United Lodge of Theosophists was formally inaugurated in 1909, in a similar cycle of change. During 100 years of seemingly endless global crisis and human suffering, it has maintained a firm basis for study, comradeship, and service. Valuing both independent theosophical work and on-going mutual support, a nucleus of students strives to understand the teachings and express them as a combination of head and heart-actions. As it functions from a non-personal center of human consciousness, ULT's nature is not always clear to those who look through conventional eyes. Yet, it continues to be true that:

The United Lodge of Theosophists has made no sudden and exciting successes. It has conducted no world-swaying crusades and claims no famous personages. It has been built, rather, of endless small and unsung sacrifices, of faithful study and cooperative work.

Through the years it has been, and is today, a foundation movement, with aims and ends adapted to its plastic potency – and this has meant a primary devotion to the lines of work established by the Founders. This, indeed, was the genius of Robert Crosbie, the founder of U.L.T...

(From the "ULT Day Letter" for 1951)

Noting both the cyclic changes of society and the 100 year cycle of ULT, many lodges, study classes, and individual students have made an effort this year to review ULT's purpose and mission, and to consider how best to "spread broadcast the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky and William Q. Judge." Whether simply mentioned in a study class, or marked in more concrete ways, this energy will continue to reverberate as cycles mature and changes take place in the natural order of things. While "100 years" may seem to be a long time to one human generation, as noted by an Associate, "At 100, ULT is still a seedling and the best instrument we have, yet it is always good to review the first steps of a seed-planting process."



Artist's impression of a prospective Theosophy Hall

In addition to this subjective analysis, Associates chose to mark the 100th anniversary in a variety of ways. While much of this effort was simply incorporated into on-going class discussions, some activities were specific to the anniversary. Meetings to mark the 100 years were held in many lodges as part of on-going activities, or were seen as opportunities to introduce the general public to theosophical ideas. In Antwerp, for example, a symposium on "The Heart as Hidden Wisdom: the Future of the Esoteric Tradition" was well-attended, as was the all-day Inter-Lodge Symposium on the East Coast of the U.S., which had as its theme "The Influence of the Modern Theosophical Movement on Individuals and Society: A Century of Potent Theosophical Influences and Theosophical Footprints on the Path of Progress."

The Phoenix Lodge used the event to reconsider its usual "special meeting" format, which was changed from a formal set-up – chairs in rows facing a podium, a chair-person, assigned readings, and a speaker – to a

gathering around long tables with a moderator, and a program of short talks, comments, and readings chosen by students themselves from a broad variety of Theosophical texts.

"Enthusiastic conversation was followed by a reading of the Declaration and discussion of it, how well it has served for 100 years and how it will take us through the next 100."

Mexico City saw "connections and reconnections" as students inactive for many years attended the commemorative meeting held there. It was noted that: "We were impressed by the idea of this 100 years, which is said so easily but which has been so important, while we observed that the most important work is done in the inner planes."

Associates in Brazil, who e-mail theosophical texts about three or four times a month to 3,700 recipients in Brazil, Portugal, and several Spanish-speaking countries, report that:

Around the 18th of February, 2009, material was studied on the importance of the first 100 years of the United Lodge. In June, 2009, the e-group has been studying various articles, both classical and recent, on the purpose and meaning of ULT. This will culminate around the 23rd to 26th of June with a more intense study focused on ULT and its role in stimulating the buddhi-manasic consciousness of the present cycle.

In other activity, new study classes have formed in Guadalajara, Mexico, and Gold Canyon, Arizona (50 miles east of Phoenix). On the internet, Theosophy Watch (<http://theosophywatch.com>) provides an on-going presence for basic Theosophical teachings in relation to modern thought. – And the theme for The International Theosophy Conference, www.theosconf.org, to be held this August in Los Angeles, "Theosophy: What It is, How It Works, Why Study It," – refreshes our commitment as it reminds us as of the purpose and power needed for the coming years.

With fraternal greetings to all,

THE UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS

“Something unknown”

3 June 09

Dear All!

Thank you so much for registering with "Something Unknown...", and so sorry that I have not responded earlier. The reactions have been so positive that it has almost been overwhelming.

After receiving the "Special Jury Award" at the Arizona International Film Festival, I went to LA, ... then I flew to New York, where I am right now. Doing some interviews for local radio/and TV, and a **screening of the film this Friday at 7 at the Theosophy hall in Manhattan for 200 people. (347 East, 42nd Street, NY)**

... In the meantime the film has also been selected to screen at the Docfest Berlin filmfestival! ...

I hope you enjoyed the documentary!

My best wishes, Renée

<http://www.somethingunknown.com>



Psychic phenomena

Precognition is an alleged psychic ability to predict the future. It sometimes comes as a vision, a mental flash or a dream.

Telepathy refers to mind-reading or mind-to-mind communication. It literally means "distant feeling".

Clairvoyance is the psychic ability to perceive remote places, objects or people. A scientific term for clairvoyance is "Remote Viewing".

Psychokinesis or in short "PK" is the ability to move objects with the power of the mind only.

Healing is a spiritual practice that may afford gradual relief from pain or sickness, and sometimes brings about sudden "miracle cures".

Psychism – a guide to its right development

From contemporary accounts by William Judge and Col Olcott, HPB was very capable of producing wonderful psychic phenomena.

Indeed she gave them many **private** demonstrations, especially in the early days of the society.

Her intention was to show them what was possible, to 'wake them up' to the possibilities of the human condition.

... however she also warned against developing psychic powers without a prior and greater effort made for **ethical awareness and strength of mind in the would-be magician:**

"Your position as the fore-runners of the sixth sub-race of the fifth root-race has its own special perils as well as its special advantages. Psychism, with all its allurements and all its dangers, is necessarily developing among you, and you must beware lest the Psychic outruns the Manasic and Spiritual development.

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from Letter to the 1891 American Convention of the TS, by H.P. Blavatsky. "The Fourth Message".

http://theosophy.org/Blavatsky/Five%20Messages/five_messages.htm

See 'Communication with Beings'- p 4

The Financial Crisis and the Role of Managers

extracts from a Correspondent's letter in Vienna Austria, following the article in *"Understanding the Human Element in Economic Crisis"* Manas Vol 1 no. 1, 1948 [click this link to 'May-June AQ', on p 2.](#)

The managers are playing an important role in the present financial crisis. Therefore, we should not start the discussion upon the size or structures of companies but we have to look at the three variables people, work and systems.

In the middle of the 1980s was the beginning for giving the managers an incentive for the maximization of profits and increasing the shareholder value. The result has been that the employees became step by step a question of cost. With the globalization we have reached the top of this wave. All the useful management tools and management skills have been forgotten. There is no long term planning, no motivation or development of employees. If costs of employees are too high the production has been shifted to a low cost country. The employees who are of no use have been fired. No wonder that we have more and more unemployed people in the Western countries.

Traditional Wisdom teaches that the function of work is at heart threefold:

1. to give a person a chance to utilize and develop his faculties;
2. to enable him to overcome his inborn egocentricity by joining with other people in a common task; and
3. to bring forth the goods and services needed by all of us for a decent existence.

How can we realize what the Traditional Wisdom teaches? What have we to do to change the present situation?

...

A manager has to consider that his task has two aspects. The first aspect is that he has to represent the owner of the company and to look after the owner's interests. The second aspect is he has to attend to the interests of the workers. He has to pay fair wages and he has to look for good working conditions.

How can a manager be successful in such a difficult job?

"All that is necessary is for each to do his duty by every duty. None is small or unimportant." (from "The Friendly Philosopher" p. 2-3).

What does that mean for the manager?

A manager should be paid to become more effective and to operate increasingly effective organizations. It is difficult to create or invent something that is entirely new. But it is relatively easy to improve what already exists. Creativity maybe more thrilling, but innovation is more realistic in the average firm.

He should not attach himself to any particular form of result but should leave results to the law. He should take them as that which his true self really desired.

His motive alone marks the line between black and white. Therefore, he should try to see his workers as human beings and not as a question of cost. Although men vary in every possible way – physically, intellectually and ethically – in their personalities, social skills, and adjustment they are more alike than different.

All men have the same basic nature, the same human needs. In a given culture they are likely to have very similar or even identical desires and aspirations. They differ in the quantity, not the quality. The manager has to accept this antithesis of sameness and diversity.

In the Bhagavad Gita, Chapters ii and iii, you can read: "Let then, the motive for action be in action itself, not in the event. Do not be incited to actions be the hope of the reward..."

Only a manager who is able to increase the effectiveness of a company by understanding his people will be successful and will get an additional personal reward.

Our present situation does demand a change. We have no time to wait. It would be good to consider what the Traditional Wisdom teaches about the function of work. We have a lot of hard work to do and should start at once.

The full letter is available on request from the editors tcc@clara.co.uk – due to space only part of the letter has been reproduced here.

ULT LA CONFERENCE

Opening the conference, the panel of speakers.



It was followed by three well attended days of talks, panels and discussion, given with the warmest hospitality and reception.



Students with visitors at the Wednesday evening study class in the LA Lodge before the conference.

More to follow next month.

A GREAT AMERICAN FIGURE PASSES

Senator Edward Kennedy dies aged 77.

About him it was said he "was at the center of the most important issues facing the nation for decades, and he did much to help shape them.

"A defender of the poor and politically disadvantaged, he set the standard for his party on health care, education, civil rights, campaign-finance reform and labor law..."



No matter that he had shortcomings, he also had a genuine concern for people and took their considerations seriously, and his humour and warmth was well known on both sides of the party divide.

Brothers: Teddy with JFK and Robert

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23736782-details/WORLD:+US+Senator+Teddy+Kennedy+dies,+aged+77/article.do>

THE AQ AND YOU



The AQ magazine is for independent theosophists of all stripes to keep up to date with what is happening within the movement and more generally in the lives of men of which students of theosophy aim to play their part.

It provides a forum to listen to others' views, get feedback on some of the issues of the day and to swap ideas on the philosophy in an impersonal but friendly context.

It provides a path for those attracted to the philosophy to share their interests, aspirations and questions and is kept going by its readers enthusiasm and appreciation for what theosophy has to offer to the layers or sheaths of the inner and outer life.

We'd like to hear from you, it's your magazine, your window on the world of ideas. [The Editors.](#)

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCLES - 2009

2009 has been a bountiful year for crop circles – but what is making them?



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WISDOM IN ACTION

“Do not try to open up conscious communication with beings on other planes”

Do not try to open up conscious communication with beings on other planes.

It is not the time and danger lies that way, because of the power of creating one's own images, and **because of the power and disposition of the dark forces to simulate beings of Light, and render futile your efforts to reach the goal.**

When the materials are ready the Architect will appear, but seek him not; seek only to be ready.

Do the best you can from day to day, fearing nothing, doubting nothing, putting your whole trust in the Great Law, and all will be well. With the right attitude knowledge will come.

I am sorry that so much disagreeableness assails at the beginning. I can very well understand it all: heat, dust, grind, in contrast with what you have left. It requires courage and endurance, and these are desirable qualities, just such as a Kshatriya should have, which, however, does not lessen the sense of distinction— not all at once. But as we all desire such a fight as will best prepare us, we can afford to smile inwardly while we contemplate the efforts of nature to subdue our resolves.

We all have our battles, and if we are in the army, we may be sure the Self supplies just such trials as the peculiar nature needs.

I think that things will look somewhat better after a while — they always do. **It is the personality that does not like discomfort, and the same chap gets used to things after a while.** So whatever may be the outcome in the future, it is wise to fight it out on the same lines as if you had made it your life work.

The battle won, the necessity will cease, because from the Self no Waste of effort can be. It is easy to advise and more difficult to perform, but performance is what is called for.

All these things must necessarily be tests, training—at least, I think that such is the way to look at it.

The analogy of the Secret Doctrine shows that every change is preceded by a rapid rehearsal of previous processes in evolution. It seems to me that we might use this in our own mental processes and possibly might be able to figure out our position in the cycle. We might be able to let the mind only sweep over the preliminaries, and step in when the proper point is reached, using the upward rush as motive power. We should be rushing upward from new levels all the time. “Is it not so that mountains are climbed?”

Once in a while we catch glimpses of the place we started from, as we are going up elevations; though descending again, the average rise is apparent. So, expecting these things, we take advantage of every opportunity to increase the ascent and avoid precipices—for it is said that mountainous regions abound in such things.

Also remember that there are many unexpended remnants of past Karma—“mental deposits,” Patanjali calls them—that you have called for, in order to balance up your account. They have come and will come. Be careful not to incur new indebtedness, and thus delay the final settlement. You know the difficulties and should fortify yourself to pass over them. No one can do this for you, as you well know.

It is well to feel, also, that in your apparent isolation, you are not alone. This “feeling” should help you and I think it does. Keep it up.

As ever, R. C.

FROM THE FRIENDLY PHILOSOPHER BY R. CROSBIE
THE SPIRIT IN THE BODY - END OF LETTER FIVE

(See the commentary on p 6)

Next month:

“sweeping away of the non-essentials shows the inner relinquishment”