



Introduction to Theosophy

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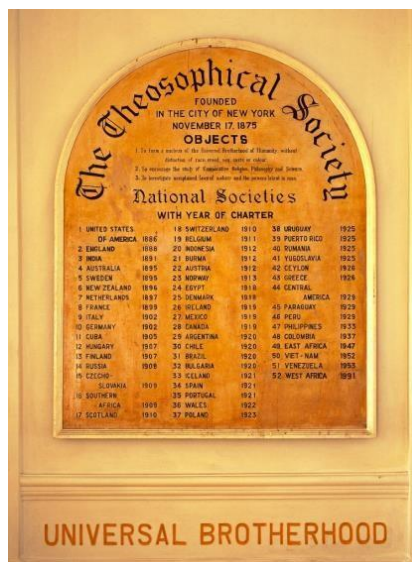
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The study of Theosophical material may bring a greater understanding of our purpose, the nature of our being, and how better to approach the fundamental problem of relationship. Or in other words, to lead us towards a deeper awareness of where we have come from, where we are going and why we are here.

However, the prospect of navigating through the vast array of books and media about Theosophy and its many related subjects may appear daunting to those new to its study.

Therefore, it is hoped that Theosophical group facilitators and students of Theosophy, wishing to begin a progressive study of Theosophy, may find the enclosed resources useful in planning and setting a direction and path for their studies.

We hope to inspire an exploration of the ageless wisdom, a deeper inquiry leading towards Self-discovery, and the desire to make practical the application of Theosophy to the guiding ethics and principles of everyday life.



Introduction

“Whatever may be the private opinions of its members, the Society has no dogmas to enforce, no creed to disseminate. It is formed neither as a Spiritualistic schism, nor to serve as the foe or friend of any sectarian or philosophic body. Its only axiom is the omnipotence of truth, its only creed a profession of unqualified devotion to its discovery and propagation. In considering the qualifications of applicants for membership, it knows neither race, sex, color, country nor creed.”

From Preamble to the By-Laws of the Theosophical Society, New York, 1875

Theosophical teachings have the potential to help us to move away from a sense of confusion about Life into a sense of a creative and intelligent cooperation with it, retaining a sense of mystery and hope. As above stated about The Theosophical Society, “Its only axiom is the *omnipotence of truth*, its only creed a profession of *unqualified devotion to its discovery and propagation*.” The intent behind the word ‘propagation’ is one based on principles of compassion and love—sharing without imposing, or proselytising.

While there are spiritual and moral laws which govern spiritual progress, there are as many and varied approaches as there are seekers. For this reason it is important to honour the Theosophical resolution concerning Freedom of Thought in the investigation of truth by remembering that the resolution is subject to one of the dominant ideals concerning the Society, which is Brotherhood, as described in the First Object of the Society. In the very first edition of *The Theosophist* in October 1879, HPB set the keynote concerning the importance of our freedom to search and inquire unimpeded by the views of others, giving the same freedom to others that we would wish for ourselves, by writing that “the very root idea of the Society is free and fearless investigation.” (see *What Are The Theosophists*).

In the posthumously published *The Original Programme Of The Theosophical Society*, HPB describes how she was given general instructions by the inner founders of the Society as to what the TS should and should not be, that members should not have their minds caged by materialism or theological dogmas. She went on to say: ‘*The greatest spirit of free research untrammelled by anyone or anything, had to be encouraged.*’ The freedom and spirit of Theosophy lives in its members through their mutual support and kindness and through their enquiry into higher wisdom, accumulating the best of that wisdom in their libraries, and giving consideration to its practical application, morally, ethically and physically. She said in *The Key To Theosophy* the Society was formed to assist in showing to all “that such a thing as Theosophy exists, and to help them to ascend towards it by studying and assimilating its eternal verities.” (See *The Abstract And The Concrete*.)

We begin here with works that may be used to give an introduction to the main points of Theosophy. Col. Olcott, founding President, once said the main principles could be taught to anyone in an hour. Yet truth is a pathless land, as Krishnamurti once observed, and its depths are endless. *You will enter the light, but you will never touch the flame* (*Light On The Path*.)

While some may find more recent material easier to assimilate, some may be interested to come closer to the source by studying the writings of significant members of the early years of the Society, receiving as it did in those years a profound stimulus from the inner founders of the Society. You will enjoy the storehouse of universal wisdom through its use.

Simon O’Rourke

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HPB, The Original Programme Of The TS

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A note on language in older books:

Any dedicated student of Theosophical literature would recognize that the abstract Ageless Wisdom may be concealed behind many different cultural forms and expressions, but will persevere to find the truth that lays behind the literal word. Though the wisdom of some texts may be obscured behind the language of the time, if the intention of the author is pure in sharing, and the intention of the recipient is pure in receiving, then something of that wisdom may pass to the student, and in return, something of gratitude for the wisdom received may pass to the author.

For example, older books may refer to Man, when referring to the generic or collective human being, or God with the masculine pronoun, when referring to the manifested One Life. The

word 'Man', found for example in the third object of The Theosophical Society, has a meaning in metaphysics which represents different degrees of consciousness working through subtle vehicles of matter—expressed at the Temple at Delphi as 'Oh man, know thyself, and thou shalt know the Universe and the gods'. It is etymologically derived from a Proto-Indo-European root meaning 'thinker'; is related to the Sanskrit words *Manas*, meaning 'mind' and also *Manu*, the human progenitor of all humanity; *Mahat* 'divine mind'; and Men 'to think', the basis of the words mental, manage etc; and therefore here is inclusive of ALL people. In Theosophy, the immortal soul is considered to be an abstract principle beyond sex and gender, but that will incarnate in both masculine and feminine forms, at different times, to learn about the active and passive qualities and tendencies associated with nature and with each. In Australia, the objects are generally printed with the expression 'the human being' as a substitution for the word 'Man'.

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How to study Theosophy

An open mind,
a pure heart,
an eager intellect,
an unveiled spiritual perception.

– Extract from “The Golden Stairs” by HPB

For the sake of clarity, the main suggestion the student may keep in the back of the mind throughout their theosophical study is that divine wisdom, or *Theosophia*, requires a complementary divine receptacle for its expression. Or, so to speak, new wine needs new bottles. We may see our studies as helping towards a conscious and intelligent Self-transformation, complementary to service and meditation. As we learn and put into practice what we have learnt, this study, as HPB had similarly mentioned in the Bowen notes, will develop parts of our nature and establish new connections not touched by other studies or experiences. Past students who have benefitted from Theosophical studies in their youth have included J. Krishnamurti and Dora Kunz among others, as well as a number of past international Presidents George Arundale, C. Jinarājādāsa N. Sri Ram and Radha Burnier.

Study and practice will continually overlap, yet to be a healthy and true channel for divine knowledge, the student needs to begin to acquire the right tools, those qualities that begin “The Golden Stairs”—an open mind, a pure heart, an eager intellect and an unveiled spiritual perception. From one point of view, one leads to the other, and for union with higher spiritual wisdom the student must be willing to gradually put into practice self-purity, the gradual exchange of coarser material in their outer nature for that which is finer and more sensitive; compassion towards all life; and to see it as not just an intellectual study, but the practice of inner contemplation or self-inquiry. To help in this quest, a great deal of guiding knowledge has already been supplied through Theosophical literature produced by members of our Society.

The Dharma or Responsibility Of Knowledge

It may be useful to remind ourselves that the study of Theosophy brings additional opportunities and responsibilities, or Dharma. Some knowledge will bring skills that may be of use for only one task, or bring material benefits that affect the course of a life. The study of things related to the Spirit and to the hidden forces of Nature may change the trajectory of our future lives and the future lives of others. As one Master had said to an early Treasurer of the London Lodge of the TS, Francesca Arundale;

“You should, even as a simple member, much more as an officer, learn that you may teach, acquire spiritual knowledge and strength that the work may lean upon you, and the sorrowing victims of ignorance learn from you the cause and remedy of their pain. Think you truth has been shown to you for your sole advantage? That we have broken the silence of centuries for the profit of a handful of dreamers only? The converging lines of your karma have drawn each and all of you into this Society as to a common focus, that you may each help to work out the results of your interrupted beginnings in the last birth.

None of you can be so blind as to suppose that this is your first dealing with Theosophy? You surely must realize that this would be the same as to say that effects came without causes. Know then that it depends now upon each of you whether you shall henceforth struggle alone after spiritual wisdom thro' this and the next incarnate life, or, in company of your present associates and greatly helped by the mutual sympathy and aspiration. Blessing to all—deserving them.” [\[1\]](#)

In commenting on the materialism and superstition of our age, the Mahachohan wrote in another letter the same idea that there is a Dharma, or responsibility and duty to others, attached to the acquirement of higher knowledge:

“For our doctrines to practically react on the so-called moral code, or the ideas of truthfulness, purity, self-denial, charity, etc., we have to popularize a knowledge of theosophy. It is not the individual and determined purpose of attaining oneself Nirvana (the culmination of all knowledge and absolute wisdom) which is after all only an exalted and glorious *selfishness*—***but the self-sacrificing pursuit of the best means to lead on the right path our neighbour***, to cause as many of our fellow-creatures as we possibly can to benefit by it, which constitutes the true theosophist.” (Bold italics added) [\[2\]](#)

A Pure Heart, The Question Of Motive

This brings us to the heart of the question of why we study—the question of *Motive*, the psychic and spiritual impulse which is often the power behind the natural interest to learn and grow. How important is *motive*? An Adept, a Master of the Wisdom, states simply “motive is everything for us”.[\[3\]](#)

Another student has written:

The right motive for seeking self-knowledge is that which pertains to *knowledge* and not to *self*. Self-knowledge is worth seeking by virtue of its being knowledge, and not by virtue of its pertaining to self. The main requisite for acquiring self-knowledge is *pure love*. Seek knowledge for pure love, and self-knowledge eventually crowns the effort. The fact of a student growing impatient is proof positive that he works for reward, and not for love, and that, in its turn proves that he does not deserve the great victory in store for those who really work for pure love. [\[4\]](#)

Impatience, competitiveness, inquisitiveness and fluctuating interest tends to indicate that the impulse towards spiritual study is being led by the personality rather than by the intuitions of a deeper state. An old saying reminds the student ‘Knowledge is Power’ and it is easy to forget that knowledge is also love. Annie Besant suggested Wisdom is unity in spirit while Love is unity in form. Some students may believe that through certain kinds of occult study one may gain knowledge of the powers of the mind, magical incantations and perhaps mastery over others. HPB warns that anything less than purity of heart and mastery over oneself, if left unchanged as knowledge is acquired, may lead the aspirant to the ‘dark side’. She tells us:

Occultism is not magic. It is *comparatively* easy to learn the trick of spells and the methods of using the subtler, but still material, forces of physical nature; the powers of the animal soul in man are soon awakened; the forces which his love, his hate, his passion, can call

into operation, are readily developed. But this is Black Magic- *Sorcery*. For it is the motive, and *the motive alone*, which makes any exercise of power become black, malignant, or white, beneficent Magic. It is impossible to employ *spiritual* forces if there is the slightest tinge of selfishness remaining in the operator. For, unless the intention is entirely unalloyed, the spiritual will transform itself into the psychic, act on the astral plane, and dire results may be produced by it. The powers and forces of animal nature can equally be used by the selfish and revengeful, as by the unselfish and the all-forgiving; the powers and forces of spirit lend themselves only to the perfectly pure in heart- and this is DIVINE MAGIC. [\[5\]](#)

Discrimination And Discernment

The quest for knowledge begins, and continues with, right understanding or discrimination. The desire for wisdom for its own sake and for the sake of being able to help others must have an influence in what we choose to study. Search for that Truth which has its own inherent light, regardless who has written or said it, and for the good that it may produce. Some people quite naturally may regard a statement as being true because of the authority of the person or source from which it comes. But the Buddha has reportedly said not to believe something just because he, as a Buddha or sage or authority, has said it. St Paul has also said to prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good. To put it as it was once put to members of the TS by a Master of The Wisdom: "Cease to judge a movement, a cause, an opinion, by the extent to which it appeals to you, satisfies you, or perhaps antagonizes you. Examine rather the measure of its power to be of service to others in their need." [\[6\]](#)

Every experience will have something to teach us. We may observe a scene in nature which evokes a response from within. An example that comes to mind is the allegorical story of how the Buddha came to realise the importance of the middle way. He was listening to a young girl passing by who was playing on her musical stringed instrument. He realised that the notes played on the strings were in perfect harmony when they were attuned and balanced, with the strings producing the right tone by being stretched neither too loosely nor too tightly.

However this kind of inspiration is rare. Not all lessons are the same and much of how we learn is given directly by the benefit of a skilled and experienced teacher, whether speaking directly to a few in person, or to many though the words of a book or some other recording. The degree to which we learn the lesson will depend from one side on our own intelligence, abilities and willingness, and from the other side, the source of the teaching, the intelligence with which the lesson is taught. We may tune into that intelligence consciously or unconsciously, or both. A passage in the Bowen notes, which reported the advice of HPB in the study of *The Secret Doctrine*, touches on this idea, in which we may magnetically and subtly attune ourselves to the inner knowledge of the author:

This "world" will find in the two volumes of the S.D. (Secret Doctrine) all its utmost comprehension can grasp, but no more. But this is not to say that the Disciple who is not living in "the world" cannot find any more in the book than the "world" finds. Every form, no matter how crude, contains the image of its "creator" concealed within it. So likewise does an author's work, no matter how obscure, contain the concealed image of the author's knowledge. . . From this saying, I take it that the S.D. must contain all the H.P.B.

knows herself, and a great deal more than that, seeing that much of it comes from men whose knowledge is immensely wider than hers. Furthermore, she implies unmistakably that another may well find knowledge in it which she does not possess herself. It is a stimulating thought to consider that it is possible that I myself may find in H.P.B.'s words knowledge of which she herself is unconscious. She dwelt on this idea a good deal. X said afterwards: "H.P.B. must be losing her grip," meaning, I suppose, confidence, in her own knowledge. But...and..., myself, also, see her meaning better, I think. She is telling us without a doubt not to anchor ourselves to her as the final authority, nor to anyone else, but to depend altogether upon our own widening perceptions. (Later note on above: I was right. I put it to her direct and she nodded and smiled. It was worth something to get her approving smile!) [7]

Equally, a number of Theosophical works suggest we may also benefit from past readings and studies conducted by other students. There is a magnetic link not only between an author and their work, but between the reader and the accumulated thought forms surrounding the work from others who have studied that same work or subject. Articles, and especially books, being especially strong centres of thought-forms, which may exert an unnoticed and powerful influence in a person's life.

Patience, Perseverance, And The Joy Of New Discoveries

The study of Theosophy may appear without end, as we delve into the abstract and the eternal, and as often said, the more we know the more there *is* to know. Still the basic concepts and ideas can be learnt fairly quickly as mentioned earlier. Just as a musician for instance may become a master in the art through a lifetime of dedication, yet will still be able to play and enjoy the instrument after only a few months of practice, so can the student of Theosophy benefit from seeing a little beyond the veil, so to speak. Natural and gradual growth is as necessary for us as human beings as it is for the tree that produces fruit. Therefore it is usually better to avoid comparisons with what others have attained. The growth of each is unique. It does not matter whether one learns early in life or late, the knowledge gained will make it easier in the next life if not in this one.

The patience and perseverance of both the inward looking philosopher and outward looking scientist are necessary to discover truth and to prove it satisfactorily to ourselves. To quote from a letter from the Mahachohan, "The doctrine we promulgate being the only true one, must, supported by such evidence as we are preparing to give, become ultimately triumphant as every other truth. Yet it is absolutely necessary to inculcate it gradually, enforcing its theories, unimpeachable facts for those who know, with direct inferences deduced from and corroborated by the evidence furnished by modern exact science." [8]

We draw on the fruits of our hard won studies, which we develop and retain as qualities in future lives, to the degree with which we have put them into use in this life. We see in life everything develops with practice. This is explained in the Theosophical studies relating to Devachan and the period between lives. On being complemented as a great public speaker, Annie Besant was reported as saying that she ought to be, as she had been doing it for ten thousand years. Annie Besant wrote in her autobiography about her first experience with Theosophy, when she was asked to give a book review of *The Secret Doctrine* by HPB:

“Home I carried my burden, and sat me down to read. As I turned over page after page the interest became absorbing; but how familiar it seemed; how my mind leapt forward to presage the conclusions, how natural it was, how coherent, how subtle, and yet how intelligible. I was dazzled, blinded by the light in which all my puzzles, riddles, problems, seemed to disappear. The effect was partially illusory in one sense, in that they all had to be slowly unravelled later, the brain gradually assimilating that which the swift intuition had grasped as truth. But the light had been seen, and in that flash of illumination I knew that the weary search was over and the very Truth was found.” [\[9\]](#)

On the same subject, the memory of the essence of our studies from past lives, Col. H. S. Olcott wrote, in his Obituary Notice of T. Subba Row, concerning his incredible powers of recall:

T. Subba Row gave no early signs of possessing mystical knowledge: . . . I particularly questioned his mother on this point, and she told me that her son first talked metaphysics after forming a connection with the Founders of the Theosophical Society: . . . It was as though a storehouse of occult experience, long forgotten, had been suddenly opened to him; recollections of his last preceding birth came in upon him: he recognized his Guru, and thenceforward held intercourse with him and other Mahatmas; with some, personally at our Headquarters, with others elsewhere and by correspondence. He told his mother that H.P.B. was a great Yogi, and that he had seen many strange phenomena in her presence. His stored up knowledge of Sanskrit literature came back to him, and his brother-in-law told me that if you would recite any verse of Gita, Brahma-Sutras or Upanishads, he could at once tell you whence it was taken and in what connection employed.[\[10\]](#)

Intuition Or Memory

The remembrance of past lives is a faculty of the immortal inner nature, Buddhi-Manas or Wisdom-Mind. Ordinary memory is useful but it is not the main goal of education. According to the Wikipedia *Education* “is the process of facilitating learning, or the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, morals, beliefs, habits, and personal development. Educational methods include teaching, training, storytelling, discussion and directed research.”

However, from a Theosophical perspective it is much more than this. At a radio broadcast from the studios of 2GB in Sydney on May 15 1932, and relayed around Australia and to New Zealand, C. W. Leadbeater, who “already reached the age of 85”, said that the real significance of the word education should never be forgotten. The word *duco* in Latin means “*I lead*,” and the prefix means *out*, so to educate a child is to draw out the best that is in them in every way. “To draw *out*, remember, not to cram *in*.” [\[11\]](#) And this is equally the purpose of Theosophical study, not to acquire information as if the body is only a storehouse but to learn to read and listen with the eyes and ears of the inner life, draw out from within to better fulfill our role in life, and to wisely and kindly help others in their turn. He went on to say, one of those Masters, Who formed our Theosophical Society, once said: “Those who are Mine, love to teach and to serve. They long for an opportunity of service as a hungry person longs for food, and they are always watching for it. Their hearts are so full of divine love that it must *always be overflowing in love for those around them*. Only such are fit to be teachers—those to whom teaching is

not only a holy and imperative duty, but also the greatest of pleasures." [12] All can benefit from education. There are those who love to teach but there are also those who love to act, those who love to create, those who love to beautify, those who love to know, those who love to embody an ideal, and those who love to be part of something greater than themselves, and so on.

Yet with some exceptions, such as Theosophical Schools, Montessori Schools, the schools of Waldorf or Steiner, Krishnamurti and possibly a few others, one would think that Education and memorisation were almost synonymous. While memorisation and cultivation of the short term physical brain memory is helpful in the early stages of life, it is worth noting that memory, particularly as taught by HPB and Annie Besant, is the power of the individual to access the one universal memory of the divine mind, the memory of the universal Akasha, and to reflect those images of light and sound etc through our subtle vehicles of consciousness into the physical awareness.

Education is not the final goal or an end in itself but a means to an end, which is to put the attitudes and principles learnt into practice in our everyday life, into the community, into our wider society and into our work. Education is only a part of the process of preparation towards higher service. Possibly the greatest thing to learn is that which helps to give us a philosophical basis for the concept of brotherhood as it described in the First Object of the TS. As was said by a brother at the 50th anniversary of the TS, strive for “a recognition of the truth of the Brotherhood of all life and an earnest desire to make such recognition effective.” [13]

We may hesitate to give service judging our capacity to help against the amount of information we hold in memory. But every step to propagate Theosophy sets out ripples in a pond. Annie Besant noted advice on this point given to younger disciples from a Master of the Wisdom: “Avoid the mistake made by many enthusiastic and well-intentioned students who set the means above the end, and let the claims of their training hold them back from a definite opportunity of present service. Every new faculty or power that you can develop, all new knowledge that you can acquire, will help you to do the work better; but some lines of study are more useful for your object than others, so here again discrimination is required. *The best training of all is to begin to do the work even now, in such measure as you can.*” (Italics added.) [14]

We live in an age where the development of the printing press and later computing systems, including the internet, have reduced the necessity to memorise large tracts or scrolls of sacred scripture and commentaries. As we develop there are other talents which are more important and more vital to the development of ourselves as human beings working together in an integrated human society. The most important to draw out is the power of *Intuition*, that sensitivity to inner as well as external Truth and Wisdom. There were times, in his correspondence with several of the Masters of the Wisdom, that A. P. Sinnett and others were given only partial teachings, and were encouraged to seek within for their own answers, utilising the power of their own Intuition. They were many times asked to *Try*. The most difficult thing in the beginning is learning to differentiate between genuine intuitions of the impersonal nature and the dreams and hopes of the desire nature. The Intuition needs to be tested and validated through experience, so that there is a balance between the inner and the

outer. “But *look to the future*; see to it that the continual performance of duty, under the guidance of a well-developed Intuition, shall keep the balance well poised.” [15]

This principle of balance between the inner and outer is a key principle in the activities of both study and meditation. Damodar Mavalankar describes Intuition as “the inexpressible yearning of the inner [Being] to ‘go out towards the infinite,’ which in the olden time was the real meaning of adoration...” He goes on to say:

“The student must first learn the general axioms. For the time being, he will of course have to take them as assumptions, if he prefers to call them so.” What the student has first to do is to *comprehend* these axioms and, by employing the deductive method, to proceed from universals to particulars. He has then to reason from the ‘known to the unknown,’ and see if the inductive method of proceeding from particulars to universals supports those axioms. This process forms the primary stage of true contemplation. The student must first grasp the subject intellectually before he can hope to realise his aspirations.” [16]

Read for 5 minutes, think for 10

As we have noted, some study methods encourage the development of memory while modern reading habits on the other hand frequently encourage the satisfaction of curiosity. A paper from a Master of the Wisdom, and published by HPB, suggests: “If you read for ten minutes, reflect for as many hours.” [17]

Annie Besant provides a more modest period, though the principle is the same, saying: “We should read less, and think more, if we would have our minds grow, and our intelligence develop. If we are in earnest in the culture of our minds, we should daily spend an hour in the study of some serious and weighty book, and, *reading for five minutes, we should think for ten*, and so on through the hour. The usual way is to read quickly for the hour, and then to put away the book till the next hour comes for reading. Hence people grow very slowly in thought power.” (Italics added.) [18]

Conclusion

If we take the statement, as above so below, and consider the Dharma or responsibility of our lives, we may come to understand that how we live our lives is more important than the role we occupy. The same principle may be applied to work and to study, that what we do is of less importance than how we do it. Putting ourselves into every task and piece of work completely and to the best of our abilities. If we do less than our very best, then we diminish ourselves. As wholeness and unity in our thinking bring us closer to perfection so does disunity and fragmentation push us further away. We are advised as said earlier that the “best training of all is to begin to do the work even now”. [19] If the great Theosophical Teachers from HPB down had waited until they had become fully realised to share in their knowledge, we would be waiting many more lifetimes. Even worse, we would be passing that delay on to others and so on progressively, and creating ripples in the pond of a different kind. It has been said before that no matter how little we know, there are always others who will know less, just as there are always others who know more.

The study of Theosophy does not require one to be an intellectual, but it does require one to cultivate their full nature, physical, emotional and mental, to a higher degree, which means one must develop the power to think. Physical, mental, moral and spiritual development should run on parallel lines. Or in other words, meditation, study and service. The Three Truths following are given in the eighth chapter of “*The Idyll Of The White Lotus*” (1884), and later the priceless work “*Light On The Path*” (1885):

Regard the three truths. They are equal.

There are Three Truths which are absolute, and cannot be lost, but yet may remain silent for lack of speech.

The soul of man is immortal, and its future is the future of a thing whose growth and splendour has no limit.

The principle which gives life dwells in us, and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, is not heard, or seen, or smelt, but is perceived by the man who desires perception.

Each man is his own absolute law-giver, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself; the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment.

These Truths, which are as great as is life itself, are as simple as the simplest mind of man. Feed the hungry with them.



Notes—:

- [1] Letter no. 4 from *Letters From The Masters Of The Wisdom Series 1*, edited by C. Jinarājadāsa, TPH 1919.
- [2] Letter no. 1 from *Letters From The Masters Of The Wisdom Series 1* (Op. Cit.).
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- [10] The Obituary of T. Subba Row from *Death Of T. Subba Row* by H. S. Olcott, *The Theosophist*, July 1890, p.576.
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- [12] *The Keynote of the New Era* by Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater (Op. Cit.)
- [13] *A Message to the Members of the Theosophical Society From an Elder Brother*, (Op. Cit.)
- [14] *From A Master To Some Of His Younger Disciples*, with an introduction by Annie Besant, *The Theosophist* April 1932 P 9-12
- [15] Quotation for May 24 by KH from *Daily Meditations* (Op. Cit.)

[16] *Contemplation* by Damodar Mavalankar from *The Theosophist* February 1884.

[17] *Some Practical Suggestions For Daily Life* from *Practical Occultism* compiled by H. P. Blavatsky, TPH Adyar 2nd edition 2019.

[18] *Thought Power, Its Control and Culture* by Annie Besant, TPH Adyar 1901 p28.

[19] *A Message to the Members of the Theosophical Society From an Elder Brother*, (Op. Cit.)

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Example plans of study

These plans form examples of how the material may be combined.

Example Plan 1

for teaching Theosophy in one two-hour session, allowing time for questions and discussion.

[Theosophy—An Introductory Study Course](#) by John Algeo

Topics may include: the Absolute, the Unity of Life, Reincarnation, Karma, the evolution of the Human Being, the Spiritual Path and Meditation.

It may later touch on The Theosophical Society, its Three Objects, Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinctions, Freedom of Thought etc etc.

Example Plan 2

for teaching Theosophy over a few sessions.

[Basic Theosophy](#)

And show a video during a later session to provoke discussion, such as

[Working With Life's Challenges: A Spiritual Approach](#) by Pablo Sender

Example Plan 3

for teaching and exploring in a fairly regular study group.

[The Pilgrim and the Path](#), by John Algeo and I. K. Taimni, exploring the different fields of consciousness and the state of consciousness within those fields.

And then possibly the [7 Theosophical Manuals](#), a series of simple works by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater on the unity of life, the principles of the human being, the life after death, karma and reincarnation

Example Plan 4

for teaching and exploring in a more Theosophically knowledgeable study group.

[The Etheric Double, The Astral Body, The Mental Body and The Solar System](#), a series of books compiled by Col. A. E. Powell.

And then possibly an [Introduction to The Mahatma Letters](#), beginning the study of letters from the Masters.

A video at this time may also be useful, such as [The Masters And Their Wisdom](#) by the eighth International President of The Theosophical Society, Tim Boyd.

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1 Introductory Courses and Books

For a full listing of all printed courses and books available through The Theosophical Society in Australia website and online Bookstore, please see—

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Books: <https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books?show=all#list>

Theosophy—An Introductory Study Course by John Algeo

Course:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/theosophy-an-introductory-study-course>

<https://www.theosophical.org/files/resources/selfstudy/theosophyintro.pdf>

This study course provides an introduction to basic Theosophical concepts. It is based on a course originally compiled by Emogene Simons of the American Section and later revised by John Algeo.

With clear and helpful diagrams, its contents are:

1. What Is Theosophy?
2. The Ancient Wisdom in the Modern World
3. Universal Brotherhood
4. Human Beings and Our Bodies
5. Life after Death
6. Reincarnation
7. Karma
8. The Power of Thought
9. The Question of Evil
10. The Plan and Purpose of Life
11. The Rise and Fall of Civilizations
12. The Ancient Wisdom in Daily Life

Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom by Anna Kennedy Winner

Course:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/studyguides/The%20Basic%20Ideas%20of%20Occult%20Wisdom.pdf>

A Ten Part Introduction of the Wisdom Tradition

1. The Problem
2. Lines of Investigation
3. The Basic Idea of One Life in All Things
4. The Basic Idea of Different States of Matter
5. The Basic Idea of Progressive Development
6. The Basic Idea of Periods or Cycles
7. The Basic Idea of Reincarnation
8. The Basic Idea of Justice
9. The Basic Idea of Life in the Subtly Worlds
10. The Basic Idea of the Goal of Life.

Study Course—Basic Theosophy

Course:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/study-guides/study-course-basic-theosophy>

This course is made available by the Philippines Section of the Theosophical Society. Here are your downloadable resources that are required to undertake this course:

[Course Registration Form](#)

[Course Guideline](#)

[Lesson 1: What is Theosophy?](#)

[Lesson 2: The Human Constitution](#)

[Lesson 3: Death and the After-death States](#)

[Lesson 4: Reincarnation](#)

[Lesson 5: Karma](#)

[Lesson 6: The Existence of the Masters](#)

[Lesson 7: The Path](#)

[Lesson 8: The Spiritual Life for the Man of the World](#)

[Lesson 9: Unity of Life](#)

[Lesson 10: Unity of Religions](#)

[Lesson 11: Practical Theosophy](#)

[Lesson 12: Meditation](#)

[For Further Reading](#)

[Glossary of Terms](#)

[Download Complete Book, 2.31MB](#)

Additional Online Books and References for this study:

- [Key to Theosophy](#) by H. P. Blavatsky
- [The Ancient Wisdom](#) by Annie Besant
- [At the Feet of the Master](#) by J. Krishnamurti
- [Light on the Path](#) by Mabel Collins
- [Karma](#) by Annie Besant
- [Esoteric Christianity](#) by Annie Besant
- [The Masters and the Path](#) by Charles W. Leadbeater

This course is made available by the Philippines Section of the Theosophical Society.

Theosophy for the 21st Century

Course (English and Spanish):

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/study-guides/theosophy-21st-century>

https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/studyguides/CURSO%20TEOSOFIA%20S21_2018%20-%20CARLOS%20PEREZ/Theosophy%20in%20the%2021st%20century.zip

This course of twelve sessions is aimed at those who want to systematically embark on study and research about Theosophy, understanding its sources, its reflection in modern knowledge, discrepancies with common ideas, and especially the potential of Theosophy to transform our practical life and improve the world.

1. What is Theosophy?
2. Fundamental ideas of Theosophy
3. The Unity of Life
4. The Manifestation
5. Who are we?
6. The cyclical evolution
7. Karma: the universal law of cause and effect
8. The mind and beyond
9. Symbolism and the esoteric tradition
10. Theosophy through the ages
11. The Evolution
12. The Awakening of Consciousness

Introductory Study Guides

Brief study papers:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/study-guides/introductory-study-guides-theosophy>

The following 8 guides can be downloaded and used for individual or group study. They form the basis of various topics to which the enquirer can add additional readings and discussions.

Each point needs to be elaborated upon, but they are useful in forming the agenda over a period of days or even weeks of study.

Download topics below:

Introductory Study Paper 1: [The Theosophical Society](#)

Introductory Study Paper 2: [Theosophy](#)

Introductory Study Paper 3: [The Unity of All Things](#)

Introductory Study Paper 4: [Universal Law](#)

Introductory Study Paper 5: [‘The Constitution of Man](#)

Introductory Study Paper 6: [Death & the Process of Dying](#)

Introductory Study Paper 7: [The Doctrine of Rebirth](#)

Introductory Study Paper 8: [Towards a Higher Life](#)

Ancient Wisdom–Modern Insight by Shirley Nicholson

Course and Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/ancient-wisdom-modern-insight-by-shirleynicholson>

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/intermediate-course>

<https://www.theosophyforward.com/pdf/AWMI.pdf>

The Secret Doctrine by H.P. Blavatsky published in 1888, presented compelling evidence for the existence of a timeless wisdom tradition which has a world view based on the fundamental principles of oneness, interconnectedness and periodicity. The essential teaching of this tradition points to the unity of all life, the interdependence of all natural processes and the profound identity between the human being's true self and the cosmos.

This book, in its second and revised edition, identifies remarkable parallels between the Ancient Wisdom and the insights of both modern science and contemporary thought. The author correlates main ideas from Blavatsky's magnum opus with the views of eminent scientists like Albert Einstein, Ilya Prigogine, David Bohm, Niels Bohr and many others. She

successfully shows that the findings of modern science has a resonance with the insight of ancient seers about the nature of Reality.

The Secret Gateway by Ed Abdill

Book (Quest, however available commercially):

<https://www.amazon.com.au/Secret-Gateway-Theosophy-Ancient-Tradition/dp/0835608425>

This is a refreshing modern introduction to Theosophy, written in, and for, the 21st Century. It has been found to be very enlightening without being either too complex or simplistic, and is recommended this to anyone interested in learning about Theosophy.

Life—Your Great Adventure by Eunice and Felix Layton

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/life-your-great-adventure-by-eunice-and-felix-layton>

The fundamental questions in an accessible style, with chapters including those on Our Inner Nature, The Power of Thought, Reincarnation—An Ancient and Modern Idea. This popular book explores some of life's enduring questions:

Is there meaning to existence?

Is there life after death?

Will we live again?

How can we find inner peace?

Unlocking The Door— A Study Of HPB's 'Key To Theosophy' by John Algeo

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/unlocking-the-door-by-john-algeo>

A contemporary approach to the teachings of the perennial Wisdom. Dr John Algeo was an American professor of English and Linguistics who was President of the Theosophical Society in America from 1993–2002, and then served as Vice President of the international Theosophical Society in Adyar, Chennai, India until 2008. This work is a study of The Key to

Theosophy, H.P. Blavatsky's seminal introduction to Theosophy and the Theosophical Society.

Introduction to 'The Key to Theosophy' by Pedro Oliveira

Course:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/introduction-to-the-key-to-theosophy>

Although written in 1889, this Theosophical classic contains much food for thought while outlining essential teachings in the field of Theosophy and the core work of the Theosophical Society. This study paper concentrates on selected key passages in every chapter of the book, with additional questions for individual or group study and discussion. (Available from the National Headquarters)

The Key to Theosophy by H. P. Blavatsky

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/blavatsky-the-key-to-theosophy>

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The Key to Theosophy V1.5.pdf>

Or <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/55618>

The classic presentation, written in 1889, throws light on the nature and the work of the Theosophical Society and the core Theosophical principles.

The Pilgrim and the Path by John Algeo

Course and Book:

Course: <https://www.theosophy.world/resource/study-guides/pilgrim-and-path>

Book: <https://www.theosophy.world/resource/ebooks/self-culture-light-occultism>

Theosophy tells us that we are pilgrims, implying that we are on a journey to a particular place. If we decide that we are indeed pilgrims and start to look for the path that will take us to the goal of our pilgrimage, we should also have some idea of why we are traveling and where we are headed. To begin a process of self-unfoldment, we had also better know what is being unfolded.

These matters are considered in the following lesson and some subsequent ones, based on chapters from a book by I. K. Taimni called *Self-Culture* or, in later American editions, *A Way to Self-Discovery*. Two other books will also be referred to (*The Pilgrim Self* by Robert Ellwood and *The Pilgrim and the Pilgrimage* by Emily Sellon), and some supplementary material will be included.

Ancient Wisdom by Annie Besant

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Ancient_Wisdom-AB.htm

Contents: The Physical Plane, the Astral Plane, Kamaloka, the Mental Plan, Devachan, the Buddhic and Nirvanic Planes, Reincarnation, Karma, the Law of Sacrifice, the Human Ascent; and Building a Kosmos.

7 Theosophical Manuals—

Theosophical Manual No. I *The Seven Principles Of Man by Annie Besant*

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Seven_Principles_Of_Man-AB.htm

Who am I? What am I? What is the real me? Questions that have been asked for centuries. This work highlights the subtle vehicles of the human constitution, discussing the bodies of form; the physical body, its counterpart the etheric body, the astral body, the lower mental body. Then discussing the higher and formless vehicles of consciousness, the abstract mind, the wisdom self and the higher self, our universal nature, the highest of which is the God within.

Theosophical Manual No. II *Reincarnation by Annie Besant*

Book:

<http://www.anandgholap.net/Reincarnation-AB.htm>

The original classic which provides an understanding of the method, object and causes of reincarnation, as well as a discussion of what it is that does not reincarnate.

Theosophical Manual No. III ***Death—And After* by Annie Besant**

Book:

<https://www.anandgholap.net/Death And After-AB.htm>

<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/18266>

A classic of Theosophical literature, this examines the different views about death and focuses on the teachings of Theosophy about the process of death, the destiny of the lower principles of the human constitution and the experience of the Heaven World (Devachan).

Theosophical Manual No. IV ***Karma* by Annie Besant**

Book:

<https://www.anandgholap.net/Karma-AB.htm>

Topics include: Fundamental Principles; Laws: Natural and Man-made;; The Law of Laws; The Eternal Now Succession; Causation; The Laws of Nature; A Lesson of the Law; Karma Does Not Crush; Apply This Law; Man in the Three Worlds; Understand the Truth; Man and His Surroundings; The Three Fates; The Pair of Triplets; Thought, The Builder; Practical Meditation; Will and Desire; The Mastery of Desire; The Other Points; The Third Thread; Perfect Justice; Our Environment; Our Kith and Kin; Our Nation; The Light for a Good Man; Knowledge of Law; The Opposing Schools; The More Modern View; Self-Examination; Out of the Past; Old Friendships; We Grow by Giving; Collective Karma; Family Karma; National Karma; India's Karma; National Disasters; How the Ego Selects; England's Karma; The French Revolution; A Noble National Ideal.

Theosophical Manual No. V ***The Astral Plane* by C. W. Leadbeater**

Book:

<https://www.anandgholap.net/Astral Plane-CWL.htm>

An original gem, and the first book to really describe the conditions and states of Astral existence and the Human and non-Human inhabitants of this realm. Topics include: The

Seven Subdivisions; Characteristics of Astral Vision; The Aura; Power of Magnifying Minute Objects; The "Summerland"; Records in Astral Matter.

It deals the Astral Bodies of Humans and Animals; Various Classes of Nature-Spirits, commonly called Fairies; Churchyard Ghosts; Apparitions of the Dying; Haunted Localities; Family Ghosts; Bell-ringing, Stone-throwing, etc.; Communicating Entities; Astral Resources; Clairvoyance; Prevision; Second-Sight; Astral Force; Etheric Currents; Etheric Pressure; Latent Energy; Sympathetic Vibration; Mantras; Disintegration; Materialization; Why Darkness is Required at a Séance; Spirit Photographs; Reduplication; Precipitation of Letters and Pictures; Slate-writing; Levitation; Spirit Lights; Handling Fire; Transmutation; Repercussion.

Theosophical Manual No. VI ***The Devachanic Plane (The Mental Plane) by C. W. Leadbeater***

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Devachanic_Plane-CWL.htm

An examination of the Heaven world, a companion to the earlier book *The Astral Plane*, and of great interest in examining the effects of the study of spirituality during physical life, and how the power of love can bring people closer together than was ever possible during physical existence.

Theosophical Manual No. VII ***Man And His Bodies by Annie Besant***

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Man_And_His_Bodies-AB.htm

It is important to understand the nature of the Inner Ruler Immortal, the Higher Self, as distinct from the vestures in which we are encased during our sojourns on the earthly plane. This is a simple explanation of our subtle and invisible nature.

The Astral Body, The Mental Body, and other books **by Col. A. E. Powell**

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/portfolio/term/ae-powell>

A series of books compiled from the clairvoyant investigations and writings of a number of prominent Theosophists, notably Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater. These books describe in a systematic way the subtle bodies, the planes on which they reside, and the Solar System in which the journey unfolds. These books provide a comprehensive picture of the streams of life, passing from stage to stage of development, to the level of humanity and beyond.

The Health Aura:

See [The Etheric Double](#)

The function of the Astral Body and the conditions of the Astral Plane:

See [The Astral Body](#)

The function of the Mental Body and the conditions primarily of the lower Mental Plane:

See [The Mental Body](#)

This work discusses the Causal Body, the generator of Karmic causes by coming into incarnation, and higher energy bodies and planes: the Causal, Buddhic (Universal Wisdom), and Nirvanic (abode of the Higher Self, a ray of the Divine). The Ego here refers to the universal 'I', the Causal body on the higher Mental field, not the personal ego of psychology.

See [The Causal Body and the Ego](#)

The Solar System discusses Globes; Schemes of evolution; Solar Logos; Life streams; Degrees of attainment; Involution and evolution; Manus; Moon chain; The Earth and all its chains; Lemuria; Civilization of Atlantis; City of the bridge and so on.

See [The Solar System](#)

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1.1 Consciousness, Thought and Karma

A Study in Karma by Annie Besant

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Study_In_Karma-AB.htm

Karma is the law of causation, universal and complex, yet extremely important to understand. The science of karma teaches that each person's future is in his or her own hands. This book adds to the previous text called Karma (Theosophical Manual No. IV) and provides basic knowledge both of principles and practice, to set the reader well on the way to happiness. This should also be read in conjunction with any books on the nature of 'thought'.

Thought Forms by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Thought_Forms-AB_CWL.htm

A world-renowned classic, of widespread influence, this book presents the graphic nature and influence of our thoughts on ourselves and on the lives of others. Thoughts have much of a power for good or evil, for us and for others. The book includes many coloured plates and graphic drawings conveying the reach of thought's power.

Thought Power, Its Control And Culture by Annie Besant

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Thought_Power-AB.htm

A practical book, if the student masters the principles herein laid down, they will be in a fair way to cooperate with Nature in their own evolution, and to increase their mental stature far more rapidly than is possible while they remain ignorant of the conditions of their growth.

The Search For Happiness by N. Sri Ram

Article:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/Sri%20Ram/The%20Search%20for%20Happiness%20-%20N%20Sri%20Ram.pdf>

“The search for happiness is a universal phenomenon. Where Life is, there is this search. But when that principle which we call “mind” enters this process, it differentiates itself from life; because the mind is ever objective in its outlook - there is the cognizer, and the cognized - which differentiation is a false view, a delusion.”

Thus, an illusion which persists until the mind redresses itself; thus conflict; thus Karma; thus unhappiness. Happiness lies in the restoration of the wholeness, following the transcendence of attachments, which are not in reality attachment to persons or things, but an attachment to the gratification which one derives from them.

The Power and Use of Thought by C. W. Leadbeater

Book:

<https://www.anandgholap.net/Power And Use Of Thought-CWL.htm>

This book provides valuable guidelines on the correct use and control of the power of thought and emotion and of our responsibility for their effect upon others for good or evil.

The Chakras by C. W. Leadbeater

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/the-chakras-by-c-w-leadbeater>

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/Chakras-CWL.pdf>

For many decades this was the best selling Theosophical book and is a classic in the field. This book contains magnificent colour illustrations of the 7 principal Chakras or ‘wheels’ which are the conduit between the human being’s physical nature, involving the nervous system, and the subtle realms, or the bridge to higher consciousness.

Topics include, the force centres, the forces, the Vitality Globule, the relation of Vitality or Prana, Life-Force and Kundalini to the Three Outpourings, psychic forces, development of the Chakras, and Laya Yoga.

Higher Dimensions of Consciousness by Dora Kunz

Article:

<https://www.theosophical.org/files/resources/articles/DimensionsConsciousness.pdf>

Dora writes: What I try to do in this book [*The Personal Aura*] is share with you something of my perception and appreciation of the hidden dimensions of consciousness within us, and in so doing, make you more aware of these aspects of your own life, and of your ability to effect conscious changes in yourself.

The Personal Aura by Dora Kunz

Book (available through commercial sources only):

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Personal-Aura-Dora-Kunz/9780835606752?ref=grid-view&qid=1635984956684&sr=1-2>

A fascinating, clairvoyant look at the emotional energy field that surrounds each person. *Nineteen exceptional color plates* show changes in the field as people age or during times of illness. Including the aura of a subject who was examined as a child and the same subject again 50 years later, to see how the aura has developed. A fresh view of the subtle aspects of the human constitution, which usually are hidden from most of us.

***The Chakras and the Human Energy Fields* by Shafica Karagulla MD and Dora van Gelder Kunz**

Book (available through commercial sources only):

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Chakras-Human-Energy-Fields-Shafica-Karagulla/9780835606417>

A presentation of experimental evidence that illness can be seen in the subtle energy fields of the body. Fascinating case studies of actual patients show that clairvoyant observation can diagnose disease and even reveal potential illness before it manifests in physical symptoms. The key to health and disease lies in the dynamic interaction between the body's physical, emotional, and mental fields, and universal energy fields. Understanding this interaction can help us alter our energy patterns in the direction of better health.

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Books: <https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books?show=all#list>

The Theosophic Life by Annie Besant

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/the-theosophic-life>

<https://theosophists.org/library/booklets/the-theosophic-life/>

In a classic text the author presents a way in which the truths of Theosophy find expression in a life of understanding, compassion and altruistic service.

Madame Blavatsky On How to Study Theosophy by Robert Bowen

Article:

<https://www.theosophical.org/component/content/article/23-online-resources/online-books/1699->

Clear and concise instructions on how to approach the deeper Theosophical teachings, and what to study first. A highly recommended booklet for those interested in deeper studies. Much of the value of the Bowen notes lies in the fact that they contain principles which can be applied not only to the study of The Secret Doctrine but to all theosophical studies. Repeatedly they assert that any descriptive Theosophy is not to be taken as a necessarily correct picture of the universe. It is rather a secondary pattern which is brought into being in the course of an experience of a Truth which is beyond words, beyond description and beyond relative values. Such a Theosophy is intended not to portray Truth but to lead towards it.

Introduction to Esoteric Principles by Doss McDavid

Course:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/an-introduction-to-esoteric-principles>

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/study-guides/introduction-esoteric-principlesdoss-mcdavid>

An intermediate level course presenting concepts of the Wisdom Tradition as put forth by H. P. Blavatsky, contrasted with the interpretations of subsequent generations of Theosophists. Contents include: Introduction—Schools of Esoteric Teaching, First Principles, Microcosm, Evolution—The Law of Unfoldment, Macrocosm, The Scope of Planetary Evolution, and The Path of Initiation, plus several appendixes.

Foundations Of The Ageless Wisdom by Ed Abdill (See DVDs Below)

Course:

This course, which is in 5 parts, is presented by Ed Abdill of the American Section.

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/foundations-of-the-ageless-wisdom>

This course is also available on video. TS in America, 1995, 132 minutes

Parts 1-3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e28A_I1cvU

Parts 4-5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U252SUr3vFs>

Although this video accompanies a study course of the same name, it also stands well on its own as a clear and insightful exposition of the Three Fundamental Propositions of The Secret Doctrine. The five parts are: The Ultimate Real, Meaningful Motion, Sevenfold Human Nature, Progressive Evolution and The Path and the Spiritual Life.

DVD-PAL No. 98

The Myths of Our Lives: A way to personal transformation, by Joy Mills

Course:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/myths-of-our-lives-a-way-to-personal-transformation>

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/studyguides/The%20Myths%20of%20our%20Lives%20-%20Study%20Course%20by%20Joy%20Mills.pdf>

The following study program is designed for use either in groups or by individuals.

While the program is divided into four parts, each part can be expanded into several sessions or compressed into one session. Participants in the program may determine how long or short a course they want it to be. Not included, but recommended, is a fifth section in which group members meet to share in total the myths they have written. Such a sharing is both personally valuable and provides a useful review to the material covered in the course.

Includes the nature and function of myth, discovering our own archetypes, the stages of individual growth, and creating rituals. Each chapter gives suggestions for group exercises and discussions.

Joy Mills has been a member of The Theosophical Society since 1940. She has served as President of the Theosophical Society in America, General Secretary of the Australian Section 1992-95, and International Vice-President. She has lectured in more than 50 countries, and worked as Director of the Krotona Institute of Theosophy, in Ojai, California.

This course was made available by the Theosophical Society in America.

Spiritual Healing by Dora Kunz

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/ebooks/spiritual-healing-dora-kunz>

With a foreword by Dolores Krieger, Ph.D., R.N., and author of *Therapeutic Touch*, Dora Kunz, codeveloper of the healing method of *Therapeutic Touch*, presents the thoughts of physicians and other healers on the spiritual dimensions of medical treatment. In this updated version of a classic among holistic health manuals, accomplished healers including Bernie Siegel, M.D., and Larry Dossey, M.D., reveal their transcendent techniques for treating the whole patient, not just the patient's symptoms. In the new chapter on pain reduction, Kunz and Dr. Erik Pepper, director of the Biofeedback and Family Therapy

Institute in San Francisco, present step-by-step therapy for emotional pain, acute and chronic physical pain, and the malignant pain of the dying patient. All six parts of their well-known paper "Fields and their Clinical Implications" are included. Healing for the healer is also addressed with specific suggestions that help physicians and others sustain centeredness when treating patients in pain.

The Seven Human Temperaments **by Geoffrey Hodson**

Book:

https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/the_seven_human_temperaments.pdf

An overview of the Seven Rays as they affect the nature of the Human Being. Just as the 7 colours of the spectrum resolve into the one colour of white or unity, so do the 7 Rays. Every life, and every Human Being, contain all of the Rays, though in each life one or two predominate, reflecting the Ray type of the soul. This book discusses the 7 Rays as archetypes or qualities, how they relate to the Chakras, the 7 Sacred Planets, and how the qualities manifest in humanity. The author describes the characteristics of people in each of these rays, their strengths and weaknesses, ideals and methods. He also points out that most people show forth in daily life the characteristics of several rays. Ultimately, we must develop the qualities of all the rays.

The Kingdom of the Gods by Geoffrey Hodson

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The%20Kingdom%20of%20the%20Gods%20-%20Geoffrey%20Hodson.pdf>

The successful study of the subject of the Devic or Angelic Hosts restores to its essential unity every apparently polytheistic religion. At the heart of every great World Faith is the concept of an Absolute, Unknowable, Infinite and Unchanging Source and Foundation. From this, at regular intervals, emanates the potentiality of divine Ideation as the purest abstraction. This is the reality behind the One Life, however formalized, of all religions and especially of the esotericism of the Ancient Mysteries.

Contents: Foundations and definition of terms, creative processes, the human being the microcosm; descriptions concerning the Gods or Earth's Angelic hierarchies, Color language of the Angels; the Auric Tree of Life, Ten Sephiroth; and cooperation with Devas or Angels.

Christmas of the Angels by Dora Kunz

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/ebooks/christmas-angels-dora-kunz>

This is not Christmas according to a particular religion or denomination. This work clairvoyantly describes the underlying truths in nature, the germination of life in the frozen ground in preparation for the season of awakening, Spring. To students of the hidden side of life, Christmas is a most wonderful reality—a far greater reality than most of us think, since it involves the whole course of Nature, and not humanity alone. With some, Christmas is the Birthday of Our Lord, the anniversary of His physical Incarnation upon earth; and because of that we try to make it a time of peace and goodwill toward all people, of unity and brotherly love. But have we ever wondered how such a unity is possible at Christmas, or why it is at this time of the year alone that people really do feel good will toward each other and think only of giving and not taking? For the “Christmas spirit” is proverbial; and it is so widespread, so genuine and so real that we must look deeper for an explanation of it than can be found in the mere commemoration of the Nativity of the Christ, whom so few today seem really to worship in their hearts.

Seeking Wisdom by N. Sri Ram

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/seeking-wisdom>

This compilation of articles includes subjects such as Seeking Wisdom , Truth or Semblance of Truth, Freedom from Opposites, The Beauty of Virtue, Psyche and Intellect, The Extraordinariness of Life, Attention Interest and Love, The Changing Self; its Progression, Meeting Death as a Friend, The Song of Life, The Most Beautiful State of Mind and Heart, The Real and the Unreal, Precepts of the Gurus, The Three Paths in One and The Elixir of life.

Buddhist Catechism by Henry S. Olcott

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/buddhist-catechism-by-henry-s-olcott>

<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/30216>

A classic in its field of being a simple catechism, or exposition of questions and responses, concerning the basic principles of Buddhism. This little gem includes an outline of fourteen

foundational Buddhist tenets. Written to be acceptable to all Buddhists regardless of their school of philosophy and used widely throughout the Buddhist world.

Science and Theosophy—Selected Articles
by Dr. Hugh Murdoch
(with a foreword by Dr. Victor Gostin)

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/science-and-theosophy>

Astrophysicist Hugh Murdoch (1924-2015) was a lifelong member of the Theosophical Society with a penetrating insight into the confluence of science and Theosophy. Dr Murdoch once tentatively defined Theosophy as—a field of enquiry that tries to understand the meaning of life at all levels—spiritual, physical, personal, universal. Theosophy embraces all of them.

When asked what advice he would give to new members of the Theosophical Society, he replied—read widely, read many points of view, keep an open mind, try to engage in your own search for truth in your own way ... Seek your own wisdom.

The present anthology includes articles on the cyclic universe; Isaac Newton the Truth seeker; the scientific aspect of The Secret Doctrine; science as it relates to the second Object of the TS; Stonehenge as an astronomical treatise; Kirlian photography; the origin of our solid earth; David Bohm and his extraordinary work on undivided wholeness; and much more.

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2.1 Meditation and the Spiritual Life

HPB writes: *In his hours of silent meditation the student will find that there is one space of silence within him where he can find refuge from the thoughts and desires, from the turmoil of the senses, and the delusions of the mind. By sinking his consciousness deep into his heart he can reach this place—at first only when he is alone in silence and darkness. But when the need for the silence has grown great enough, he will turn to seek it even in the midst of the struggle with self, and he will find it. Only he must not let go of his outer self, or his body; he must learn to retire into this citadel when the battle grows fierce, but to do so without losing sight of the battle; without allowing himself to fancy that by so doing he has won the victory. That victory is won only when all is silence without as within the inner citadel. Fighting thus, from within that silence, the student will find that he has solved the first great paradox.* (HPB's *Collected Writings*, Vol. VIII, p. 128)

The Spiritual Self and Its Goal of Perfection **by Geoffrey Hodson**

Article:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/articles/spiritual-self-and-its-goal-perfection>

How is this state of perfection or adeptship attained? Theosophy replies: By a succession of lives here on earth. The goal of human perfection is attained through a series of incarnations in material vehicles, which are newly formed during the pre-natal period of each succeeding life. Involved in this idea of evolution is a further most important truth, which is that all such human incarnations are connected with each other by the operation of the law of cause and effect—or readjustment. All actions, feelings, and thoughts produce their own natural and appropriate reaction. Such reactions may follow their causative actions immediately, later in the same life, or in succeeding incarnations.

***How Clairvoyance Is Developed
Concentration
Meditation***
by C. W. Leadbeater and Annie Besant

Booklet:

<https://theosophists.org/library/booklets/how-clairvoyance-is-developed-concentration-meditation/>

There are many ways to develop clairvoyance, however nearly all of these methods are considered dangerous, there being only one safe way to unfold the power of gaining knowledge through the higher faculties.

“The first step, then, is to get the physical senses out of the way for the present. There are many ways of doing this, but broadly they all range themselves under two heads—one comprising methods by which they are forced out of the way by temporary violent suppression, and the other including methods, much slower, but infinitely surer, by which we ourselves gain permanent control over them.” These methods are described, followed by an explanation of how this ability may be acquired without hurting oneself or others.

SATYÂT NÂSTI PARO DHARMAH --- There is no Religion higher than Truth.

Contemplation by Damodar Mavalankar

Article:

<https://universaltheosophy.com/dkm/contemplation/>

Damodar writes: True occultism requires “physical, mental, moral and spiritual” development to run on parallel lines.

Science teaches us that the human being changes its physical body continually, and this change is so gradual that it is almost imperceptible. Why then should the case be otherwise with the *inner self*? The latter too is constantly developing and changing atoms at every moment. And the attraction of these new sets of atoms depends upon the *Law of Affinity*—the desires of the person drawing to their bodily tenement only such particles as are *en rapport* with them or rather giving them their own tendency and colouring.

Master K.H. on Concentration—and Union with the Higher Self **by Jasper Niemand** **(compiled by Daniel Caldwell)**

Article:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/master-kh-concentration-and-union-higher-self>

It begins with very simple instructions; “Concentrate on the idea of the Higher Self., say for one half an hour at first. Permit no other thought. By degrees you will be able to unite your consciousness with the Higher Self. The Higher Self is always to be sought for within. To look outside is a fatal mistake.”

Concentration by Ernest Wood

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/wood-concentration>

"Mr Ernest Wood, is well known as both a writer and a lecturer on religions and educational matters, and his work is always careful and thoughtful. A practical course on Concentration is a subject for which he is well equipped, and this little work should prove very useful to the serious student. It is admirably planned, and effectively carried out, and—most important fact in such a treatise—there is nothing in it which, when practised, can do the striver after concentration the least physical, mental or moral harm. I can therefore heartily recommend it to all who desire to obtain Control of the mind". Annie Besant

Buddhist Meditation by Samdhong Rinpoche

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/buddhist-meditation-by-samdhong-rinpoche>

A useful book giving instructions on the preparation for a life of meditation. Written by a distinguished Tibetan scholar and close associate of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, this book dwells on the purpose, meaning and preparations for meditation; objects and methods of concentration as well as on one-pointedness, wisdom and insight.

***The Technique Of The Spiritual Life,* a study course based on Clara Codd's book by Maria Parisen**

Course:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/studyguides/The%20Technique%20of%20the%20Spiritual%20Life.pdf>

Clara Codd begins *The Technique of the Spiritual Life* with an overview of human nature and the “field” of becoming. She then explores preparation of the Way, addressing the powers of will, body, emotions and mind. A lengthy section on the “ancient and eternal Way” explored elements of spiritual consciousness. Her final sections address method and include meditation instructions.

Each course lesson begins with commentary by Maria Parisen, along with study and practice suggestions. Selections from Clara Codd's *The Technique of the Spiritual Life* follow Maria's commentary.

***Meditation—A Practical Study (with exercises)* by Adelaide Gardner**

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/meditation-a-practical-study-with-exercises-by-adelaide-gardner>

Used by tens of thousands of individuals a great guide for beginners

***Meditation—its practice and results* by Clara Codd**

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/meditation-its-practice-and-results>

A simple but effective book on the nature and the practice of meditation from an experienced meditator.

Daily Meditations by Katherine Beechey

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/daily-meditations>

A wonderful book with extracts from letters of the masters of the wisdom for daily meditation. A quotation for each calendar day to contemplate and wonder.

A Blavatsky Quotation Book, compiled from her writings by H. P. Blavatsky

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/a-blavatsky-quotation-book>

Gems for contemplation from the writings of H. P. Blavatsky. This little volume offers inspiration for deeper study and meditation on the mysteries of life, with uplifting quotations from Mme Blavatsky's writings for every day of the year.

The Doctrine of the Heart by Annie Besant

Booklet:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/besant-the-doctrine-of-the-heart>

https://www.anandgholap.net/Doctrine_Of_The_Heart-AB.htm

From letters sent to Annie Besant by her friends. As Dr Besant says, these are some of the thoughts that have been found helpful, and hence worth sharing with others: intended for those who seek to learn to separate head-learning from soul-wisdom, and to live the higher life.

An Introduction to Yoga by Annie Besant

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/an-introduction-to-yoga-by-annie-besant>

<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/4278>

<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.201363>

This book explores the nature of yoga—as a science and in practice—the obstacles to yoga and the capacities for yoga. The author says: ‘Yoga is within your reach, with in your powers, and even some of the lower practices of Yoga, some of the simpler applications of the laws of the unfolding of consciousness to yourself, will benefit you in this world as well as in all others.’ This little manual provides the basis for a deeper study of the teachings of Patanjali and of Yoga in general, containing as it does the essentials of the different stages of living and practice.

A Yoga Of Light by Geoffrey Hodson

Booklet:

<https://theosophists.org/library/booklets/a-yoga-of-light/>

The classic safe and simple method of Raja Yoga or meditation, described in detail. It follows the ancient method of reaching the essence within by understanding exactly what that essence is *not*.

“At the heart of the Cosmos there is One. That One has Its sanctuary and shrine in the heart of every human being. Man’s first major spiritual discovery in consciousness is of this Divine Presence within him, “the Inner Ruler Immortal seated in the hearts of all beings.” (The Bhagavad Gītā) Thereafter, identity with the One Alone, fully conscious absorption “like water in water, space in space, light in light” (Ātma-Bodha, Shankarāchārya) for ever-more in the eternal, self-existent All, is achieved. This is man’s ultimate goal. Regular, wisely directed meditation can hasten its attainment.”

The Science of Yoga by I. K. Taimni

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/the-science-of-yoga-by-i-k-taimni>

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/ebooks/science-yoga-i-k-taimni>

The most famous exponent, and in fact, the creator of the yogic discipline, was Patanjali, the great Indian philosopher and spiritual leader. Patanjali's Yoga-Sutras have evolved into one of the six classical schools of Indian philosophy and are the most quoted and most adopted of any yogic system. Celebrated author I. K. Taimni, who was a professor at Allahabad University in India, is eminently suited to interpret the Yoga-Sutras of Patanjali, having studied, practiced and taught yoga throughout his life. ". . . a deeply committed exposition of Yoga as the way to liberation from the sequence of incarnations . . . free from the usual deficiencies and incompetence of most of the popular literature propagating Yoga, and can well be recommended to students as a valuable introductory reading on the subject."--
Philosophy, East and West.

The Flower Of Yoga by Ianthe Hoskins

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/the-flower-of-yoga-by-ianthe-hoskins>

Introductory notes on the Patañjali yoga Sūtras & explanation of terms.

An Introduction to the Yoga-Sūtras of Patañjali by Pedro Oliveira

Course:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/the-science-of-yoga-course-taimni-oliveira>

A guide for beginners to the depth of Yoga philosophy and practice, based on the book *The Science of Yoga* by I.K. Taimni.

- Yama and Niyama
- The Essential Nature of Yoga
- The Nature of Vairagya (detachment)
- The Nature of Om
- How Can the Mind Become Clarified?

The Nature of Krīya Yoga
When Purusha and Prakriti come together
Dharana, Dhyāna, and Samādhi
Yoga in daily life

The Bhagavad Gita—A Study Course by John Algeo

Course:

https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/studyguides/Bhagavad_Gita_A_Study_Course_by_John_Algeo.pdf

The Bhagavad Gita is one of the world’s most important books—indeed, one of the great books of human culture, Eastern and Western alike.

In India, the Gita is many things: it is the major guidebook to the spiritual life in the Hindu tradition; it is an eirenicon—a work that harmonizes the diverse views of life that find a place within traditional Indic religious philosophy, and it is an inspirational and culture-defining book that is to Indian society what the gospels are to the West. It is hard to overstate the importance and centrality of the Gita to Indian life.

Analysis and commentary in 28 lessons.

***The Bhagavad Gītā (The Song Of The Lord)* translated by Annie Besant**

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/the-bhagavad-gita-translated-by-annie-besant>

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Bhagavad-Gita_\(Besant_4th\)](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Bhagavad-Gita_(Besant_4th))

The *Bhagavad Gītā* presents the teachings of Vedanta in their most accessible form. This edition does not include the Sanskrit text.

Viveka-Cūdāmani (Crest-Jewel of Wisdom)
by Śri Śamkarācārya (Shankarāchārya)
translated by Mohini M. Chatterji

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/viveka-cudamani-or-crest-jewel-of-wisdom-by-sri-samkaracarya>

The priceless teachings of Sri Shankarāchārya, the study of a lifetime.

“Among sentient creatures birth as a man is difficult of attainment, among human beings manhood, among men to be a Brāhmana, among Brāhmanas desire to follow the path of Vedic Dharma, and among those, learning.

Who is there on earth with soul more dead than he, who having obtained a human incarnation and a male body, madly strives for the attainment of selfish objects?”

The Science Of Seership by Geoffrey Hodson

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/THE%20Science%20of%20Seership%20-%20Geoffrey%20Hodson.pdf>

A study of the faculty of clairvoyance, its development and use, together with examples of clairvoyant research. Contents: Supernormal cognition; Clairvoyance as an Instrument of Scientific Research; Clairvoyant Diagnosis of Disease; Psychometry; Experimental Explorations of Levels of Consciousness; Study of Discarnate Life and Some Communications; Clairvoyance in Time; Psychic Powers, Their Development & Use; Evolution of Consciousness; Psychic Sense Organs; and an index.

Thoughts for Aspirants (First Series) by N. Sri Ram

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/thoughts-for-aspirants-by-n-sri-ram>

Passages of wisdom and beauty for meditation & contemplation from N. Sri Ram, the fifth International President of The Theosophical Society, such as:

“To know the not-Self in one's nature is the pathway to knowledge of the Self.”

“When you discover for yourself, however dimly, that you are rooted in something that is infinitely vast and potential, you have found the soil wherein you grow unconsciously into a most wonderful tree, the tree of life blended with knowledge.”

“Progress from the standpoint of the Spirit is from peak to peak, one form of perfect synthesis to another, from a completeness to another yet more beautiful completeness.”

The Krishnamurti Reader by J. Krishnamurti

Book:

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Krishnamurti-Reader-J-Krishnamurti/9781590309384?ref=grid-view&qid=1638233758293&sr=1-1>

<https://www.amazon.com.au/Krishnamurti-Reader-J/dp/1590309383>

Krishnamurti was one of the most influential spiritual figures of the twentieth century. With great thoughtfulness and penetrating insight, these teachings, some of his most essential, explore what Krishnamurti calls "the art of living." He addresses such topics as the way of life without conflict; skill and clarity in action; living and dying; and meditation and the sacred in daily life. A wonderful collection as a source for further meditation or contemplation in quiet moments, opening the heart, and bringing clarity in living our lives simply and intelligently.

Freedom and Love by J. Krishnamurti

Article:

<https://jkrishnamurti.org/content/freedom-and-love-0/freedom>

“As there is so much confusion and violence, so much disorder and lawlessness, we - at least those of us who are somewhat earnest must commit ourselves, not to any particular belief, not to any particular system, but commit ourselves to a serious enquiry which will help us to live totally differently. Because what is needed, surely, is a way of life that will be completely orderly, which we as individuals and as human beings can find by enquiring, by seeking, questioning, by doubting, by totally discarding. Orderly, not according to a formula, but according to a serious attention which begins to enquire into every activity of our life. Such commitment is essential.” JK

Rāja Yoga, A Simplified And Practical Course by V. W Slater

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/slater-raja-yoga>

The following was retitled *A Simplified Course Of Rāja Yoga*, by V. W Slater, and prepared by The Theosophical Society In America

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/studyguides/Raja%20Yoga.pdf>

V. W Slater's simplified course of Rāja Yoga is based on the author's experience in its practice under personal tuition and with the benefit of a wide study of yogic literature. The books on the subject go into great detail about the philosophy of yoga. Many are just commentaries on the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, but they do not give detailed instructions in lesson form. There was, therefore, a need for a graded practical course for the guidance of those unable to have personal tuition. The book can be one's teacher, the instructions being given in the form of "do this," rather than as vague suggestions.

The course has been planned to take ten months, doing one lesson a month. At this rate, and going lesson by lesson, the reader will absorb the spirit and practice of Rāja Yoga with its great benefits almost imperceptibly. Account has been taken of the person who has a minimum of time to devote to the subject but still wants to take advantage of its benefits and to know how it may be fitted into a daily routine.

Attention is called to the companion book *A simplified Course of Hatha Yoga*. That form of yoga is concerned with the control of the physical body. Rāja Yoga is directed towards the control of the mind. Both practices are of value and one may begin with either according to natural inclination. It is said that all forms of yoga begin with Hatha and end with Rāja.

Entering on the Sacred Way by Joy Mills

Course:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/entering-on-the-sacred-way-by-joy-mills>

A psychological study of the Theosophic classic, *Light On The Path*. Joy Mills has been a member of The Theosophical Society since 1940. She has served as President of the Theosophical Society in America, General Secretary of the Australian Section 1992-95, and International Vice-President. She has lectured in more than 50 countries, and worked as Director of the Krotona Institute of Theosophy, in Ojai, California.

At the Feet of the Master **by Alcyone (J. Krishnamurti)**

Book:

<https://theosophists.org/library/booklets/at-the-feet-of-the-master/>

Written by a young J. Krishnamurti in 1910, this little book presents essential teachings for those who want to prepare themselves to enter the path of self-knowledge and altruistic service.

Talks On The Path Of Occultism Vol. I, A Commentary on "At the Feet of the Master" **by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater**

Book:

<https://www.anandgholap.net/At The Feet Of The Master-Commentary-AB CWL.html>

From the rooftops at Adyar, a discussion of some of the finer points of this beautiful gem.

The Voice of the Silence **edited by H. P. Blavatsky**

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/the-voice-of-the-silence-by-h-p-blavatsky>

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_Voice_Of_The_Silence

Or <https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/VoiceoftheSilence.pdf>

The last contribution from Madame Blavatsky's pen, this priceless book puts forward ageless teachings about the inner and outer preparation for an aspirant to tread the Bodhisattva Path, the path of renunciation of self for the liberation of all sentient beings.

Translated from the Book of the Golden Precepts, which shares a common origin with The Secret Doctrine, the rules and ethics presented here contrast the two paths of spiritual attainment: the one pursued by those seeking knowledge for their own enlightenment; the other chosen by those whose aspirations are prompted by compassion for all.

The book is comprised of three fragments—"The Voice of the Silence," "The Two Paths," and "The Seven Portals"

***Talks On The Path Of Occultism Vol. II, A Commentary on
"The Voice Of The Silence"
by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater***

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Voice_of_Silence-Commentary-AB_CWL.htm

From the rooftops at Adyar, a discussion of some of the finer points of this beautiful gem.

Light on the Path

Book:

<https://theosophists.org/library/books/light-on-the-path/>

A spiritual book with portions said to be older than this planet, and one of the important books on the nature and challenges of the spiritual path. Written for those who wish to prepare themselves to tread it.

***Talks On The Path Of Occultism Vol. II, A Commentary on
"Light On The Path"
by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater***

Book:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Light_On_Path-Commentary-AB_CWL.htm

From the rooftops at Adyar, a discussion of some of the finer points of this beautiful gem.

***Practical Occultism* by H. P. Blavatsky**

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/practical-occultism>

Practical Occultism, and *Occultism versus the Occult Arts* may be found here:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/Blavatsky%2C%20Studies%20in%20Occultism.pdf> Or:

Practical Occultism

http://www.katinkahesselink.net/blavatsky/articles/v9/y1888_027.htm

Occultism versus the Occult Arts

http://www.katinkahesselink.net/blavatsky/articles/v9/y1888_036.htm

Some Practical Suggestions for Daily Life may be found here:

http://www.katinkahesselink.net/blavatsky/articles/v7/yxxxx_020.htm

Three essays in one slim volume, *Practical Occultism*, *Occultism versus the Occult Arts* and *Some Practical Suggestions for Daily Life*. “Everything material must cease to become a necessity if we would really advance spiritually.”

[note: the articles *Practical Occultism*, and *Occultism versus the Occult Arts* form appendices in *Esoteric Instructions* compiled by Michael Gomes]

Affirmations

Booklet:

<https://theosophists.org/library/booklets/affirmations/>

Useful Theosophical affirmations to focus the mind and as seed thoughts for meditation, including several relating to the Seven Rays.

“More radiant than the Sun, Purer than the Snow,
Subtler than the Ether,
Is the Self, the spirit within my heart.
I am that Self; that Self am I.”

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3 Advanced Studies in Theosophy

For a full listing of all printed courses and books available through The Theosophical Society in Australia website and online Bookstore, please see—

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Books: <https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books?show=all#list>

Occultism, Semi-Occultism and Pseudo-Occultism **by Annie Besant**

Booklet:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/occultism-semi-occultism-and-pseudo-occultism-by-annie-besant>

Occultism is not the practice of magic and the occult arts. It is not an intellectual view of spiritual reality and the path to it. True Occultism is the study of the Divine Mind working in the universe. A clear exposition is given here of the nature of Occultism by one who was herself a distinguished occultist.

Study Course on "The Secret Doctrine" **by Pablo Sender and Juliana Cesano**

Course:

<https://www.theosophical.org/files/resources/selfstudy/SecretDoctrineStudyCourse.pdf>

An advanced level course that explores the themes and principles in H. P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine*.

Pablo Sender, joined the Theosophical Society (TS) in Argentina, in 1996. Nine years later he went to South India for two years to stay at the International Headquarters of the TS in Adyar, Chennai. Whilst there he worked in the Archives. He has lived and worked at the National Center of the TS in America, in Wheaton, Illinois and Krotona, California.

Pablo has been giving lectures and conducting classes and seminars internationally, in Spanish and English. He is a microbiologist and has a PhD in Biological Sciences.

Juliana Cesano, became a member of the Theosophical Society in her native Argentina and has also been on staff at the international headquarters of the TS in Adyar, Chennai, India.

She has presented internationally, written for Theosophical journals, and is currently the manager of the Quest Book Shop.

Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy by Ianthe H. Hoskins

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/foundations-of-esoteric-philosophy-compiled-by-ianthe-hoskins>

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/Foundations%20of%20Esoteric%20Philosophy/Foundations%20of%20Esoteric%20Philosophy%20-%20H%20P%20Blavatsky.pdf>

Or <http://www.katinkahesselink.net/metaphys/hoskins1.html>

An essential book for all those who wish to study *The Secret Doctrine*. The author has put together in one small volume essential passages from the writings of H. P. Blavatsky.

The Secret Doctrine: an Eclectic Introduction to its Study by Pedro Oliveira

Course:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/the-secret-doctrine-by-h-p-blavatsky-an-eclectic-introduction-to-its-study>

This Study Course is an eclectic introduction to the study of *The Secret Doctrine*. It contains a short biographical sketch of Helena Blavatsky with considerations about why the SD was written as well as how it was written. Next, it presents the Three Fundamental Propositions on which the work is based and suggestions on how to study the book. Also included are writings by dedicated students of *The Secret Doctrine* about its profound relevance for the transformation of the human mind. The Course includes a reproduction of all Stanzas of Dzyan in volumes I and II. This is followed by the Introduction to a Commentary on the SD by Sri Krishna Prem and Sri Madhava Ashish. The Course concludes with an essay by Virginia Hanson, a well-known student of HPB's writings, on the practical application of the Three Fundamental Propositions. (Available from the National Headquarters)

An Outline of modern Occultism by Cyril Scott

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/Scott/An%20Outline%20of%20Modern%20Occultism%20-%20Scott%2C%20C.pdf>

In this book the author endeavours to present an outline of Occult Science divorced from all sectarianism and the differing opinions of the various schools. It is written for the general public at a time when vast numbers of people are assailed with doubts and confronted with problems which appear to have no satisfactory solution.

Supplement to Brahmavidyā—The Adyar Library Bulletin 2013

Magazine:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/supplement-to-brahmavidya-the-adyar-library-bulletin-2013>

Commemorating the 125th Year of the Publication of The Secret Doctrine.

This special edition of Brahmavidyā carries contributions from prominent Theosophists covering the gamut of research into the magnum opus of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, a 2 volume tome of some 1500 pages which sold out prior to its first publication in 1888 and has remained in print ever since. Articles include:

Why Study The Secret Doctrine? By Radha Burnier; *The Book of Dzyan: The Current State of the Evidence* by David Reigle; *Cosmogony in the Stanzas of Dzyan* by Pablo Sender; *Reading The Book of Knowledge* by William Doss McDavid; *The Secret Doctrine: A Book To Be Read Wholly* by John Algeo; *The Secret Doctrine in the 21st Century* by Shirley Nicholson; And much more ...

Esoteric Instructions by H. P. Blavatsky [compiled by Michael Gomes]

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/esoteric-instructions-by-h-p-blavatsky>

An authentic reproduction of H. P. Blavatsky's instructions to her students. Including the fateful warning with which Instruction No. 1 begins—

There is a strange law in Occultism which has been ascertained and proven by thousands of years of experience, nor has it failed to demonstrate itself, almost in every case, during the fifteen years that the Theosophical Society has been in existence. As soon as anyone pledges

himself as a "Probationer", certain occult effects ensue. Of these the first is the throwing outward of everything latent in the nature of the human being: their faults, habits, qualities, or subdued desires, whether good, bad, or indifferent.

Introduction to The Mahatma Letters by Virginia Hanson

Course:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/an-introduction-to-the-mahatma-letters>

Virginia Hanson's classic guide to the study of The Mahatma Letters. A guide to the challenging and richly rewarding study of The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett.

Including: Index of Key Statements or Concepts; What is a Mahatma?; The Letters; Probation and Chelaship; Adeptship; A Chronology of the Mahatma Letters.

Early Teachings Of The Masters 1881-1883 edited by C. Jinarājadāsa

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/early-teachings-masters-1881-1883>

While a more complete set of the Letters are available in the Chronological edition of the Letters from The Masters Of The Wisdom, this earlier publication provides a good overview of the subject matter grouped according to subject initially by C. W. Leadbeater who had copies of the original letters and finally by C. Jinarājadāsa.

A new school of thought is arising to challenge long-accepted views of life. Its keynote may be said to be "evolutionary creation." It is an exposition of the phenomena that surrounds us in terms that are both scientific and idealistic. It offers an explanation of life, of the origin of our fragment of the universe, of hidden and mysterious natural laws, of the nature and destiny of man, that appeals with moving force to the logical mind. This school of thought is at the same time both iconoclastic and constructive, for it is sweeping away old dogmas that are no longer tenable in the light of rapidly developing modern science, while it is building a substantial structure of facts beneath the age-long dream of immortality.

The literature that is growing out of ideas which are so revolutionary in the intellectual realm and yet are so welcome to a world groping through the fogs of materialism, is receiving a warm welcome in other lands and it should be better known here.

The Mahatma Letters ***Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom***

Book:

Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett and A. O. Hume, chronological—

[https://theosophy.wiki/en/Mahatma Letter No. 1](https://theosophy.wiki/en/Mahatma_Letter_No._1)

[https://theosophy.wiki/en/Mahatma Letters Portal](https://theosophy.wiki/en/Mahatma_Letters_Portal)

Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom, Series 1 and 2—

[https://theosophy.wiki/en/Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom Contents](https://theosophy.wiki/en/Letters_from_the_Masters_of_the_Wisdom_Contents)

The best known letters are those to A. P. Sinnett and A. O. Hume which have been studied by students for many years. The Chronological edition is useful for detailed study though new students may want to read *Early Teachings Of The Masters 1881-1883* first to gain a good overview of the subjects.

Deity, Cosmos and Man by Geoffrey Farthing

Book:

<https://shop.theosophicalociety.org.uk/http://shop.theosophicalociety.org.uk/deitycosmos-man-geoffrey-farthing>

Esoteric Science or Theosophy embraces all that is good and true in the great religions and philosophies of mankind, yet transcends them all. As far as can be expressed in words, it reflects Truth, insisting on the Unity of the cosmic process in which each individual participates. We are of a like nature with this Divine Cosmos and, being of one essence, are members of one family which includes all things and all beings. Contents: About Esoteric Science/Scope; Framework/Occult Constitution of Cosmos;

Man/Hierarchies/Akasha; the Astral Light/Elements & Elementals/Law in Cosmos; Human Life/Death; Rebirth/Origins/Globes, Rounds, Races/Ever-Becoming/Spiritualism; Psychism/Spiritual Development/Religion.

The World Mother And The Opportunity Of The Feminine **by Simon O'Rourke**

Article:

<https://theosophists.org/2012/04/18/the-world-mother-and-the-opportunity-of-the-feminine/>

“As we approach the festive season of Easter, following the Mystery Drama begun at Christmas, one cannot help but to think not only of the great world teacher known as Jesus, the Christ, (meaning ‘the Anointed One’), but also of that great act of sacrifice undertaken by Mary in becoming the mother of the Son of God. It was she who stood by Jesus from a very young age, accompanied him through all of his tribulations and victories, and stood with him throughout his era of teaching and ultimate sacrifice. The joy of the Christmas birth, like most births, naturally passes from the community to the new-born child and to the parents. Our festive season pays full homage to Jesus and eternal gratitude to God, the Father. The word ‘God’ means many things to many people and we may define it here in the Pantheistic sense, as that divine essence within, and underlying, all life. However, there is often the impression that Mary, the mother, is somehow less significant beyond the actual birth, and, one who barely receives acknowledgment as a steadfast witness and support in the final victory of life over matter.” An article touching on the Three Mary’s and Sophia.

The Miracle Of Birth by Geoffrey Hodson

Book:

https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The_Miracle_of_Birth_G_Hodson.pdf

A fascinating clairvoyant study of prenatal life and the role of the Mother of the World.

Esoteric Writings by T. Subba Row

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/esoteric-writings-by-t-subba-row>

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/A_Collection_of_Esoteric_Writings_of_T._Subba_Row

A treasure book of wisdom from an Initiate who H. P. Blavatsky regarded as knowledgeable as herself. Articles include a brilliant discussion on Eastern Astrology, *12 Signs of the Zodiac*,

an interesting examination of women Adepts, and an examination of the symbology of *The Idyll of the White Lotus*.

The World Mother as Symbol & Fact **by C. W. Leadbeater**

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/Singapore/The%20World%20Mother%20as%20Symbol%20%26%20Fact%20CWL.pdf>

The issue of The Call of the World-Mother through the instrumentality of our great President (Annie Besant 1907-33) has probably attracted but little attention outside of Theosophical circles; but it is an event of supreme importance to the world. Not only does it open before us a new and most useful line of work; it also brings to our notice a department of the Inner Government of the world of which we have previously known but little. Just because fresh information is being given and a novel activity indicated, it seems to me to be of paramount importance that we should have the facts clearly in our minds, and know exactly what it is that we are called upon to do. Even already misunderstandings are arising, rash statements are being made, and myths are in process of formation of which we shall presently find it difficult to disabuse ourselves. We shall save ourselves much trouble in the future if we can clarify our conceptions now.

Related to this is an article on women Adepts:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/articles/women-adepts>

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3.1 The Work of the TS

The Maha Chohan's Letter edited by C. Jinarājadāsa

Booklet:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/the-maha-chohan-s-letter>

https://theosophy.wiki/en/Maha_Chohan_Letter

The Adepts' Master, in a communication to A. P. Sinnett, discourses on why the TS was founded, what kind of attitudes hamper its work, and why it is essential that it focuses on the popularization of Theosophy.

“For our doctrines to practically react on the so-called moral code, or the ideas of truthfulness, purity, self-denial, charity, etc., we have to popularize a knowledge of theosophy. It is not the individual and determined purpose of attaining oneself Nirvana (the culmination of all knowledge and absolute wisdom) which is after all only an exalted and glorious *selfishness*—but the self-sacrificing pursuit of the best means to lead on the right path our neighbour, to cause as many of our fellow-creatures as we possibly can to benefit by it, which constitutes the true theosophist.”

Introduction to Theosophy and The Theosophical Society

Booklet:

<https://theosophists.org/library/booklets/introduction-to-theosophy-and-the-theosophical-society/>

A brief overview of The Theosophical Society and the Three Objects of the Society. Included are important resolutions including Freedom of Thought, the Basic Truths of Religion and Freedom of The Society. There is also HPB's inciteful article *What Is Theosophy* from the first issue of *The Theosophist* and an explanation of the symbols used in the Seal of The Society. SATYÂT NÂSTI PARO DHARMAH --- There is no Religion higher than Truth.

The Hidden Side of Lodge Meetings by C. W. Leadbeater

Booklet:

https://www.anandgholap.net/Hidden_Side_Of_Lodge_Meetings-CWL.htm

In this small booklet is presented a description of the effect TS Lodges, Branches and Groups can have on the surrounding community if they are able to focus on sustained Theosophical study.

Addresses to New Members by H. S. Olcott and others

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/addresses-to-new-members-of-the-theosophical-society>

This booklet includes addresses to new members of the Theosophical Society by George S. Arundale, Annie Besant, Radha Burnier, C. Jinarājadāsa, Charles W. Leadbeater, Henry Steel Olcott and N. Sri Ram.

A Guide to Work in the TS by Hugh Shearman

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/a-guide-to-work-in-the-theosophical-society-byhugh-shearman>

Written by an experienced author on Theosophical matters, this book presents, in clear and succinct language, the essential work before every TS Lodge, Branch or Group, including the structure of the Society and how to organize the work for the public as well as for the members.

***Is Theosophy a Religion?* by H. P. Blavatsky**

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/blavatsky-is-theosophy-a-religion>

http://www.katinkahesselink.net/blavatsky/articles/v10/y1888_085.htm

***Communications Manual for Branches* by John Sell**

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/studyguides/Communications%20Manual.pdf>

This manual was put together to assist theosophical lodges and branches with their work. It is a communications manual that covers a variety of aspects to present theosophy in today's world and language.

Topics include:

- Theosophical concepts and teachings
- Effective writing
- Preparing talks
- Effective speaking and presenting
- Involving people in meetings and different methods for running discussion groups
- Helpful book lists ... and much more.

***Human Regeneration* by Radha Burnier**

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/human-regeneration-f5950eaa-1fea-4ed9-a465c9d355160d74>

An in-depth presentation of the purpose of the TS, the responsibility of its members, and of how a genuine understanding of the Society's work can pave the way for a complete regeneration of the human mind.

Universal Brotherhood—the Core Work of the TS **by various authors**

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/universal-brotherhood-the-core-work-of-the-ts>

The first Object of The Theosophical Society is “To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.” In this Study Paper we include excerpts from articles on the theme of Universal Brotherhood, the core work of the TS.

The Original Programme of The Theosophical Society **by H. P. Blavatsky (edited by C. Jinarājādāsa)**

Booklet:

<https://theosophists.org/library/books/original-programme-of-the-theosophical-society/>

THERE exist in Adyar, in H.P.B.’s hand-writing, twenty-four pages of a fundamental pronouncement regarding the aim of the Theosophical Society. It was an article composed in response to a criticism of the Society and of its President, Colonel H. S. Olcott, by two prominent Theosophists, Mohini M. Chatterji of Calcutta and Arthur Gebhard of Elberfeld, entitled “A Few Words on the Theosophical Organization”.

Also included is the article “*Some Words on Daily Life (Written by a Master of the Wisdom).*”

“The problem of true Theosophy and its great mission are, first, the working out of clear unequivocal conceptions of ethic ideas and duties, such as shall best and most fully satisfy the right and altruistic feelings in men; and second, the modelling of these conceptions for their adaptation into such forms of daily life, as shall offer a field where they may be applied with most equitableness.”

Opinion and Belief in the TS by Annie Besant

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/opinion-and-belief-within-the-theosophicalsociety>

“Some of our members echo the statements of one seer or another, and seem to consider that such a statement ought to preclude further discussion. But no one in the TS has any authority to lay down what people shall think, or not think, on any subject.”

Theosophy—Objective and Subjective by Norbert Lauppert

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/theosophy-objective-and-subjective>

“It is the purpose of this article to show the impossibility of defining Theosophy in a universally valid objective system, because anything we can say is necessarily conditioned and tinged by our personal receptivity and our capacity to express it.” It includes an important study about the views of the human constitution in Theosophical literature.

Why Theosophy was Left Undefined by N. Sri Ram

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/why-theosophy-is-left-undefined>

‘The word “Theosophy” is defined neither in the constitution of the Society nor in any official document. It is evidently intended that each one of us should discover for himself what it is or of what nature it is. There have been persons throughout the ages who have embarked on this voyage, and what has been recorded out of their findings or teachings is available for our study. We can find out what Theosophy is partly from their thoughts and writings, which have come down from ancient times, partly by studying what we specifically call Theosophical literature, and partly by our own earnest meditations and enquiry.’

The Real Work of the TS by N. Sri Ram

Article:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/real-work-theosophical-society-n-sri-ram>

A former International President shares his insights into the nature of the work before the Society and its relevance to human spiritual transformation. An Address Delivered to the Australian Section Convention in March 1970.

Keeping the Flame Alive by Linda Oliveira

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/keeping-the-flame-alive>

“A Society such as ours still has a necessary place, in fact a crucial one, in world thought. To return to Blavatsky’s purpose for the formation of the TS, it seems an ongoing necessity for us to continue to remind humanity that such a thing as Theosophy exists. So many more souls are now in incarnation compared with a century and a quarter ago. However, reminding humanity is only the first step for it is only when put it into practice that Theosophy becomes a truly vital force. Technical Theosophy is one thing, but living Theosophy quite another. When enough humans actively infuse their lives with Wisdom, only then may there no longer be such a strong need for an organisation such as ours.”

A Unique Spiritual Heritage (History of the TS 1875 to 1907) by Mary Anderson

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/a-unique-spiritual-heritage-historical-review-of-the-theosophical-society-from-1875-1907>

“With this wise and benevolent influence in the background, why the groping, why the apparent mistakes, sometimes with almost disastrous results? The explanation lies partly in the freedom of thought and action accorded to the founders. The Mahatmas may have given general indications, sometimes even orders; They may have stood in the background with their blessing; but never did They give precise indications as to *how* They wanted things done. To decide exactly how to proceed was left to the founders, who, we may suppose, learned from their mistakes.”

The Living Tradition (History of the TS 1907 to 1995) by Pedro Oliveira

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/the-living-tradition-historical-review-of-the-tssince-1907>

“The word ‘tradition’ etymologically admits of two meanings. It comes from the Latin verb *tradere*, ‘to hand on’; its other meaning is ‘to betray’. Every culture, every age, every institution embodies certain traditions which are not only handed on from generation to

generation, but which may also betray the original impulse, the freshness of approach that was there in the beginning. A Brazilian theologian has written that most of the existing religions, for example, are like fossils of a spiritual experience that has disappeared long ago. Does the Theosophical Society embody a living tradition?”

The Original Aim and the Present Direction of the Theosophical Society by Dara Tatray

Article:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/the-original-aim-and-present-direction-of-theosophical-society>

“The original Theosophical Society still exists, and continues to invite philanthropists, scholars, students of the esoteric philosophy and seekers of divine wisdom to join its ranks as fellows. Members of the Theosophical Society are united by a free and fearless search for truth and the meaning of existence. The original policy was that everyone willing to study and to aim high was to be welcomed as a member; but it rested with the member to become a true Theosophist. If the Theosophical Society is not as numerous or united in its membership as some of us would like, then perhaps we should go back, not to Blavatsky, but to the original impetus behind the Society’s formation: and create a robust organisation of enquirers into the truths of the Wisdom Religion. We would then be taking up the eternal challenge of the perennial philosophy in the new context of the 21st century.”

The Theosophical Society Diary

Blank diary:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/the-theosophical-society-diary>

A general diary with blank pages for every day of the year. It would be a pity to buy this book and leave them blank.

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4 Inspiring Stories of Spiritual Adventures

The Idyll of the White Lotus by Mabel Collins

Book:

<https://universaltheosophy.com/mc/the-idyll-of-the-white-lotus/>

The immortal story of an young neophyte, *Sensa*, brought into an ancient Egyptian Temple as a child. Students of Theosophy are often interested in books which examine past lives, particularly in Egypt. Another later work book which is somewhat reminiscent of this one and published by the Theosophical Publishing House is H. K. Challoner's *The Wheel of Rebirth*, again a biographical view into past lives beginning in Atlantis, and moving through Egypt, Persia and Europe.in ancient Egypt. Both of these books may be found in Theosophical libraries.

The Idyll of the White Lotus (An explanation of the symbology of the book of the same name.) by T. Subba Row

Article:

<https://universaltheosophy.com/tsr/the-idyll-of-the-white-lotus-an-explanation/>

From *The Theosophist* July-August 1886 and *Esoteric Writings*. "It is instructive in more ways than one. It truly depicts the Egyptian faith and the Egyptian priesthood, when their religion had already begun to lose its purity and degenerate into a system of Tantric worship contaminated and defiled by black magic, unscrupulously used for selfish and immoral purposes. It is probably also a true story. *Sensa* is represented to be the last great hierophant of Egypt. Just as a tree leaves its seed to develop into a similar tree, even if it should perish completely, so does every great religion seem to leave its life and energy in one or more great adepts destined to preserve its wisdom and revive its growth at some future time when the cycle of evolution tends in the course of its revolution, to bring about the desire result. The grand old religion of Chemi is destined to reappear on this planet in a higher and nobler form when the appointed time arrives, and there is nothing unreasonable in the supposition that the *Sensa* of our story is probably now a very high adept, who is waiting to carry out the commands of the Lady of the White Lotus. Apart from these speculations, however, the story in question has a very noble lesson to teach. In its allegorical aspect it describes the trials and the difficulties of a neophyte. It is not easy, however, for the ordinary reader to remove the veil of allegory and clearly understand its

teachings. It is to help such readers that I proceed to give the following explanation of the characters that appear in the story in question, and the events therein related.”

***Invisible Helpers* by C. W. Leadbeater**

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/Invisible%20Helpers.pdf>

What do the many examples of "invisible helpers" coming to the aid of those in danger say about higher planes of existence? Do super-physical beings watch over us from the astral plane? Here, in this seminal work, renowned Theosophist Charles W. Leadbeater explores the universal belief in spiritual assistance in times of need, superphysical reality, and what lies beyond for us all.

***The Initiate* (Series of 3 books) by Cyril Scott**

Book:

<https://www.theosophy.world/portfolio/term/c-scott>

Series of 3 books—The Initiate; The Initiate In The New World; and The Initiate In The Dark Cycle

[https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The Initiate by His Pupil.pdf](https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The%20Initiate%20by%20His%20Pupil.pdf)

[https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The Initiate in the New World by His Pupil.pdf](https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The%20Initiate%20in%20the%20New%20World%20by%20His%20Pupil.pdf)

[https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The Initiate in the Dark Cycle.pdf](https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/The%20Initiate%20in%20the%20Dark%20Cycle.pdf)

The first book is divided into two parts, the first part is an account of the author's 'chance' meeting with a high Initiate, who introduces him to a number of adventures in the Occult, each underscored with a spiritual lesson. The second part is an allegorical tale of the journey of the soul, the training and guidance given, as they pass through a series of Initiations before reaching the summit of the symbolic mountain.

Nightmare Tales by H. P. Blavatsky

Book:

https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/nightmare_tales%20-%20H%20P%20Blavatsky.pdf

The world knows H.P. Blavatsky chiefly by her encyclopedic knowledge, her occult powers, her unique courage. This little book, composed of stories thrown off by her in her lighter moments, yet pointing to a mystical reality, shows her as a vivid, graphic writer. The Nightmare Tales were rewritten during the last few months of the author's pain-stricken life: when tired with the drudgery of the Theosophical Glossary she, who could not be idle, turned to this lighter work and found therein amusement and relaxation. Her friends, all the world over, will welcome this example of gifts used but too rarely amid the strain of weightier work.

Contents include: The Bewitched Life; The Cave of the Echoes; The Luminous Shield; From the Polar Lands; The Ensouled Violin.

***Can The Double Murder?* by H. P. Blavatsky**

Article:

<https://universaltheosophy.com/hpb/can-the-double-murder/>

The story which follows was written by the editor of this magazine some years ago at the request of a literary friend in America, and published in a leading journal of New York [1875]. It is reprinted [1883] because the events actually occurred, and they possess a very deep interest, for the student of psychological science. They show in a marked degree the enormous potentiality of the human will upon mesmeric subjects whose whole being may be so imbued with an imparted intellectual preconception that the “double,” or *mayavi-rupa*, when projected transcorporeally, will carry out the mesmerizer’s mandate with helpless subserviency. The fact that a mortal wound may be inflicted upon the inner man without puncturing the epidermis will be a novelty only to such readers as have not closely examined the records and noted the many proofs that death may result from many psychical causes besides the emotions whose lethal power is universally conceded.—Ed. [H.P.B.]

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4.1 Biographies

The Extraordinary Life and Influence of Helena Blavatsky by Sylvia Cranston

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/the-extraordinary-life-and-influence-of-helena-blavatsky-by-sylvia-cranston>

A comprehensively researched biography of one of the Founders of the modern Theosophical Movement and her unique life of altruistic service and feisty verve.

Taking a quotation from the book, responding to a young volunteer: “Madame,” she said, “what is the most important thing necessary in the study of Theosophy?”

“Common sense, my dear.”

“And Madame, what would you place second?”

“A sense of humor.”

“And third, Madame?”

At this point, patience must have been wearing thin. “Oh, just MORE common sense.” (p 337)

H.P. Blavatsky Tibet and Tulku by Geoffrey Barborka

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/h-p-blavatsky-tibet-and-tulku>

Barborka writes “Without moving from her chair, she was able to describe Bamian’s one-time splendor, as well as its decay. She supplied the period when the famous Chinese traveler, Hiuen-Tsang, visited the spot—in the seventh century. She cited his description of what he saw without even having a copy of his book in her hand. Amazing! Truly so, even if it were but an isolated instance. But when not one, but hundreds of citations are produced demonstrating this ability, it borders on the miraculous. It is positively fantastic—viewed from the standpoint of a writer who must diligently search for every single fact required, spending hours in running down a single item, and finding very often that his labor has been fruitless!

How did H. P. Blavatsky learn to do such a feat? She gives the clue when she states that she was taught how to do this. She contacted those who were able to demonstrate this ability, as well as far superior powers (or Siddhis, to use the Sanskrit.” term for such abilities). (This will be elaborated upon in a later chapter, telling how she met her teachers in Tibet and studied with them.)

Reminiscences of Col. H. S. Olcott by various writers in tribute

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/reminiscences-of-col-h-s-olcott-by-various-writers>

Colonel Henry Steel Olcott worked in diverse fields including agricultural science, law, social welfare, and religion. He was also an accomplished healer. Articles by Annie Besant, C. W. Leadbeater and others.

An Autobiography by Annie Besant

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/an-autobiography-by-annie-besant>

<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/12085>

When Annie Besant (1847–1933) wrote in her 1893 Autobiography that her life was 'much attacked and slandered' she was only 45 years old, and many more controversies were yet to come. In this book, Besant charts her dramatic political and ethical awakenings, up to the point where she joined the Theosophical movement. She describes how she was unhappily married to a clergyman, contemplated suicide, embraced atheism, and legally separated from her husband. She recounts how she became a prolific writer and public speaker, joined the National Secular Society, was involved in the highly controversial publication of a birth control leaflet, and engaged in activism for workers' rights and home rule for Ireland. She also reflects on her own ideology and spirituality. Besant did much to shock and challenge Victorian society, and this book vividly portrays her struggles and successes.

The Work Of The Ruler And The Teacher by Annie Besant

Article:

<https://theosophists.org/library/books/work-of-ruler-and-teacher/>

“WHEN first the charge to work for the Freedom of India was given to me—in 1909, by The King at Shamballa—it was specially marked by two directions: one was to claim India’s place in the Empire; the other was to be firm but not provocative. I have tried during all these twenty-one years to carry out that Command. It has been behind the whole of my political

work. ... I have tried to avoid provocative action, though even firmness may be regarded in some quarters as provocative. And another Order, saying that I must be careful that the triumph was not stained by excess, has been the secret of the whole of my policy through all these years.”

***Annie Besant in India*, compiled by C. V. Agarwal & Pedro Oliveira**

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/annie-besant-in-india>

This book focuses on Annie Besant’s work in India, and for India. It includes a description of her passage from England to India, her work for Indian education, her accomplishments as President of The Theosophical Society, and her introduction of J. Krishnamurti to the world as a vehicle of a new teaching to humanity. It also presents her inspiring vision for India, and her brave work towards Home Rule in India.

The Sanskrit word *vajrasattva*, meaning ‘diamond soul’, was once applied to her. She combined in her person dauntless determination with compassion for all those who suffer. She saw India as the spiritual mother of the world and worked for its spiritual, social and political regeneration.

***N. Sri Ram, A Life of Beneficence & Wisdom, A Biography* by Pedro Oliveira**

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/n-sri-ram-a-life-of-beneficence-and-wisdom-by-pedro-oliveira>

This is a short biography of the fifth President of the Theosophical Society (1953-1973), who touched many hearts and minds with his writings and with his gentle, wise and self-effacing nature. It includes a number of photographs as well as tributes by those who knew and worked with him.

H. P. Blavatsky And The Masters Of The Wisdom **by Annie Besant**

Book:

<https://theosophists.org/library/books/blavatsky-masters/>

Annie Besant writes: The large circulation of Mme. Blavatsky’s priceless works, the spread of the ideas which she spent her life in learning and teaching, the growth of the Theosophical Society which she founded at the orders of her Master, and with the aid of her colleague, Colonel H. S. Olcott, the ever-increasing literature published by her pupils—all these form her substantial defence, the justification of her life’s work. But it is not right that the continued crucifixion of the Teacher should be regarded with complacency, while the world profits by the teachings, nor that she should be branded as fraud and impostor who brought to this age the truths now gaining such world-wide acceptance. It is but just that her defence should be obtainable so long as she is slandered. Therefore I—who reverence her as my first Teacher, and who keep her in my heart with unceasing gratitude as the one who led me to my Master, whom I have now served with ever-increasing thankfulness for more than eighteen years—place here on record the facts of the past, with such comment as seems necessary.

Also included is Annie Besant’s article “Is Belief in the Masters Superstitious or Harmful”

Madame Blavatsky, The Case for Her Defence **by Walter A Carrithers Jr, published by the Blavatsky Foundation** **(founded by the author) and** **edited and abridged by Daniel H. Caldwell 2017**

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/madame-blavatsky-the-case-for-her-defense-hc-edition> (hard-cover)

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/madame-blavatsky-the-case-for-her-defense-sc-edition> (soft-cover)

<http://www.blavatskyfoundation.org/carrith1.htm>

<http://www.blavatskyfoundation.org/obituary.htm>

This is a print only book, built upon his earlier publication *Obituary: The “Hodgson Report” On Madam Blavatsky* which can be found online. This publication provides greater detail in the analysis of the Blavatsky-Coulomb letters and Mahatma Letters as well as of other important matters than his previous works.

H.P. Blavatsky and the SPR by Vernon Harrison

Book:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/h-p-blavatsky-and-the-spr-an-examination-of-the-hodgson-report-by-vernon-harrison>

The second Society for Psychical Research report on H. P. Blavatsky.

A specialist in forgery examines the claims against Mme Blavatsky in the 1885 Hodgson report, in which she was branded as a charlatan. In this 1997 update from the Society for Psychical Research, Vernon Harrison debunks the original SPR report, which eventually led to an apology from the SPR for the 1885 report.

An Appreciation of C. W. Leadbeater by Geoffrey Hodson

Article:

<https://www.theosophical.org/files/resources/articles/AppreciationofCWL.pdf>

Geoffrey Hodson wrote: CWL's "unique contributions to the literature upon the spiritual life, the Path of Discipleship, the Masters of the Wisdom and the Great White Brotherhood of Adepts upon Earth, are not likely to be equaled in their power to transform people's lives in this period of world history. With so many other revealers of spiritual and occult wisdom to mankind, he has been—and by E. L. Gardner is now (1965)—decried and assailed. For me, however, C. W. Leadbeater was a giant amongst men, a great teacher and light-bringer to mankind, and I am indeed grateful for this opportunity of adding my testimony to that of others who knew him far more intimately than ever was my own privilege."

Reminiscence of Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater by Fritz and Dora Kunz

Audio or Podcast:

https://archive.org/details/1409_20200111

71 minutes.

Dora and Fritz Kunz recount in 1967 personal memories and charming anecdotes of early Theosophists Charles W. Leadbeater (CWL), Annie Besant, and Henry S. Olcott. Olcott was a co-founder and the first president of the Theosophical Society; Besant was a powerful orator and writer who became the second president of the TS after the passing of Olcott in 1907.

Fritz had witnessed Olcott's healing work. CWL was a popular clairvoyant and writer on Theosophical topics who also provided occult training for Dora when she was a young child. A presentation of The Theosophical Society in America, Wheaton, Illinois 1967.

CWL Speaks compiled by Pedro Oliveira

Book:

[https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/CWL Speaks -
_second print PDF.pdf](https://www.theosophy.world/sites/default/files/ebooks/CWL_Speaks_-_second_print_PDF.pdf)

C.W. Leadbeater's Correspondence concerning the 1906 Crisis in the Theosophical Society. Robert Ellwood (author) writes in the foreword; This fine account by Pedro Oliveira of the 1906 crisis in the Theosophical Society, in which the prominent Theosophist Charles Webster Leadbeater was accused of teachings and perhaps practices deemed unacceptable by the Society's leadership, is important not only for its contribution to Theosophical history, but also because it represents one response to a time of rapid change in the life of the world, above all in social and psychological attitudes. Good historical writing is not just the narrative of a certain slice of time, often a narrow slice. It also offers a window into an era and its people, for no one lives entirely apart from his or her times, whether in sympathy with its trends or in reaction against them. In most ways Theosophy in the first decade of the twentieth century was in sympathy with the trends. This was a period often called the Progressive era, when movements toward peace, feminism (including votes for women), the rights of workers, concern for animals (and vegetarianism), together with broad-mindedness toward the varied religions and cultures of the world (many of them then under imperial domination) were in the air.

The Theosophist commemorates Radha Burnier 2014

Commemorative magazine

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/books/special-issue-of-the-theosophist-october-november-2014>

This larger Special Edition of The Theosophist commemorates Radha Burnier with contributions from Tim Boyd, Surendra Narayan, Joy Mills, Linda Oliveira, Marja Artamaa, Antonio Girardi, Satish Inamdar, John Algeo, Tran-Thi Kim Dieu and many others.

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5 Videos on Theosophical Topics

Available online to view and from the National Society library on disc for loan (catalogue number listed after the description of each item).

FOUNDATIONS OF THE AGELESS WISDOM

TS in America, 1995, 132 minutes

This course, which is a video of a course in 5 parts.

Ed Abdill

Parts 1-3

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e28A_I1cvU

Parts 4-5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U252SUr3vFs>

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/courses/foundations-of-the-ageless-wisdom>

Although this video accompanies a study course of the same name, it also stands well on its own as a clear and insightful exposition of the Three Fundamental Propositions of The Secret Doctrine. The five parts are: The Ultimate Real, Meaningful Motion, Sevenfold Human Nature, Progressive Evolution and The Path and the Spiritual Life.

DVD-PAL No. 98

HPB'S DIAGRAM OF MEDITATION

TS in America, 1992, 60 minutes

Dr John Algeo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6isGw1VFKBI>

In this lively presentation, Dr Algeo provides some background information on HPB's diagramme of meditation, which was originally copied down by E.T. Sturdy, a student of HPB. Dr Algeo sees a close connection between the diagramme and HPB's classic work, The Secret Doctrine. He explores some of the main concepts in the diagramme including space and time, states of consciousness, and the acquisitions and deprivations.

DVD-PAL No. 100

WORKING WITH LIFE'S CHALLENGES: A SPIRITUAL APPROACH

1:03:36

Pablo Sender

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyR8aqC7mAs>

Life has many ups and downs and most of us experience physical and mental suffering at various times. Why is there so much suffering? What is its cause? Why do good people suffer? Can we put an end to sorrow? These and other related questions have been asked throughout human history, and religions and philosophies have tried to answer them from various perspectives. The Theosophical tradition has an evolutionary outlook in which opposites such as good and evil, pleasure and pain, and life and death are all working for a divine purpose. In this talk, Pablo Sender will explore the meaning of suffering and examine how to relate to this experience so that we can turn it to our spiritual advantage.

OUR MISSION IN LIFE

54:49

Pablo Sender

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LB9yFR4wR_I

It can be difficult to balance a deep spiritual life with the external world. Masters of the Ancient Wisdom, including Mme. Helena Blavatsky, shared great teachings that point to the existence of a path that can greatly accelerate the evolutionary process in those who are able to tread it.

THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE CHAKRAS

33:12

Dora Kunz and Dr Shafica Karagulla

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPRTm8QZZU>

A case study of how a clairvoyant perceives a patient's chakras and their correlation with the body.

THE HEALING ATTITUDE

29:44

Dora Kunz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGDPVDonMpU>

Linda Jo Pym interviewing clairvoyant Dora Kunz on the extraordinary potential of the mind and draws upon Hinduism and Theosophy.

MEMORIES OF DORA KUNZ

1:13:40

Ed Abdill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9aNcsm3F-DQ>

Dora Kunz was my friend for nearly forty years. I vetted her biography, *A Most Unusual Life*, added a bit, and wrote an endorsement for the book. I remember many things about Dora, some hilariously funny, and some deeply touching. By sharing my memories of Dora, I hope that those who did not know her will meet her through these experiences, and come to admire and respect her as I and her friends do.

THE SEVEN RAYS —KEYS TO WORLD PEACE AND PERSONAL WHOLENESS

1:03:56

John Algeo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X00nn7lr1lc>

The Seven Rays have often been used as a type of personality analysis, but they are also reflected in everything in the world; in cultures and nations, as well as in us.

The 2004 Founders address, given at the 118th Annual Meeting and Summer School of the Theosophical Society in America, includes a brief history of the Founders address, a background of the founding members of the Theosophical Society, and a look at the continuing founders, or those who continue to build the foundation of the Theosophical Society.

LIVING THEOSOPHY: THE ORIGIN AND CONSTITUTION OF OUR COSMOS

TS in America, 2012

Pablo Sender

Disc 1: Introduction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3njzfC19nqM>

Disc 2: From Chaos to Cosmos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNnXhBjMVPg>

Disc 3: A Cyclic Model of the Universe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GA8e192wmOI>

Disc 4: The Seven Dimensions in Cosmos and Self

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmR8YPo6nd4>

1 DVD-PAL No. 162, 57:13 min

2 DVD-PAL No. 163, 61:20 min

3 DVD-PAL No. 164a, 57:56 min

4 DVD-PAL No. 164b, 60:25 min

REINCARNATION - THE UNTRUE FACT

TS in America, 1988, 28 minutes

John Algeo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FsAl6QJa5M>

Written and directed by Steve Schweizer, this documentary gives compelling evidence suggestive of reincarnation.

DVD-PAL No. 104

THE MYSTERIES: ANCIENT AND MODERN

54:32

John Algeo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePabz-1tuFU>

A lecture looking at initiatory aspects of the mystery tradition from ancient to modern times. What is the difference between the Mysteries, Ritual and Ceremony?

DHARMA: THE LODESTAR OF LIFE

30:41

Ed Abdill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BCSTKUEjtk>

Right action for one, may be wrong action for another.

SOME FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THEOSOPHY

Quest, 1988, 44 minutes

Joy Mills

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7lgOb6UkrE>

This program looks at some of the key principles in the Theosophical philosophy such as unity-polarity, periodicity, and lawfulness; and how these might operate in our everyday lives. Can exploring these concepts help us in our efforts towards spiritual self-transformation?

DVD-PAL No. 129

THE ESSENCE OF THEOSOPHY

Quest, 2011 (1980), 25 minutes

John Algeo & Joy Mills

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtRpZ4NQ9vw>

What is Theosophy? In a discussion between two long-time members of the Theosophical Society in America, an attempt is made to answer this question.

DVD-PAL No. 119

THEOSOPHY SELF-TRANSFORMATION AND THE FUTURE OF RELIGION

Quest, 2011 (1993), 53 minutes

Radha Burnier

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ktWAKe2c7Y>

The International President of the Theosophical Society examines the power of Theosophy to combat religious dogma and separatism in the world. In what ways might religious tradition become a greater force for good as we move in to the 21st century.

DVD-PAL No. 121

THE YOGA OF KNOWLEDGE, DEVOTION, AND ACTION

Quest, 1996, 180 minutes (Parts 1–3)

Radha Burnier

A presentation of the 110th Annual Meeting and Summer School of the Theosophical Society in America, discussing three aspects of Yoga practice as a means of fulfilling one's spiritual practice.

DVD-PAL No. 136 (Parts 1 & 2)

DVD-PAL No. 137 (Part 3)

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Quest, 1986, 25 minutes

Radha Burnier and Dora Kunz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PT29zD6vPDU>

In this 25 minute program, recorded in 1986, Dora Kunz, then President of the Theosophical Society in America, interviews Radha Burnier, the International President of the Theosophical Society. The discussion centres on the meaning of the Three Objects of the Theosophical Society, and debates in particular the following questions: What is the significance of the “universal brotherhood of humanity” which is mentioned in the First

Object? What are the “latent powers in humanity” mentioned in the Third Object? Finally, what are some of the most important concepts of Theosophy?

DVD-PAL No. 120

WHO ARE THE FOUNDERS? CHAOS, PLAN, AND ORDER IN THE SOCIETY'S HISTORY

49:34

John Algeo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kdRalc1sUo>

THE MASTERS AND THEIR WISDOM

59:42

Tim Boyd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRjpBiOAF3Q>

This program from a series on "Living Theosophy" addresses the question of who are the Masters or Adepts mentioned in Theosophical literature? References will be made to the book "The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett."

ADYAR HOME OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

58:09

Unknown Theosophists

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6Hz8TmvsPo>

A tour of the international Headquarters from Sept 1 1993

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6 Theosophical Glossaries

The Theosophical Encyclopedia (Theosophy World)

<https://www.theosophy.world/encyclopedia/glossary2>

<https://www.theosophy.world/encyclopedia/index>

Theosophy wiki

https://theosophy.wiki/en/Category:Concepts_and_Terminology

The Theosophical Glossary—H. P. Blavatsky

[The Theosophical Glossary](#), 1892, H.P. Blavatsky, from a photographic reproduction by The Theosophy Company (1930) of the original edition, United Lodge of Theosophists, Phoenix, Arizona

[The Theosophical Glossary](#), 1892/2006, HP Blavatsky, Theosophy Trust [pdf]

H. P. Blavatsky's Collected Writings (Volumes 1 to 15)

<http://www.katinkahesselink.net/blavatsky/> Or, as pdf versions:

<https://www.theosophy.world/resource/ebooks/collected-writings-h-p-blavatsky-edited-boris-de-zirkoff>

The Theosophist, and other journals

<https://theosophy.world/resource/publications/theosophist>

<https://theosophy.world/portfolio/term/publications>

Collation of other Theosophical Glossaries

<http://www.theosophy-nw.org/theosnw/books/wqj-glos/wkggloss.htm> A working glossary for the use of students of theosophical literature.

[Index to The Secret Doctrine Online](#) index prepared by John P. Van Mater for The Secret Doctrine, The Synthesis of Science, Religion, and Philosophy. H. P. Blavatsky.

[A Dictionary of Some Theosophical Terms](#), 1910, Powis Hault, Blavatsky Study Center: BlavatskyLibrary.Net [pdf file]

[Encyclopedic Theosophical Glossary: A Resource on Theosophy](#), 1999, G. de Purucker, Editor-in-Chief; Geoffrey Barborka, Editor and Project Manager, Grace F. Knoche, Editor; Theosophical University Press Online Edition

[Occult Glossary: A Compendium of Oriental and Theosophical Terms](#), 1933/1996, G. de Purucker, Theosophical University Press Online

[Working Glossary](#), for the use of Students of Theosophical Literature, third edition, with an Appendix, 1892, [William Q. Judge] Blavatsky Study Center: BlavatskyLibrary.Net [pdf file]

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