

WHAT IS A NUCLEUS? WHAT IS BROTHERHOOD? WHAT IS HEALING?

SUBSTANCE-PRINCIPLE

The fundamental Law in that system, the central point from which all emerged, around and toward which all gravitates, and upon which is hung the philosophy of the rest, is the One homogeneous divine SUBSTANCE-PRINCIPLE, the one radical cause.

. . . "Some few, whose lamps shone brighter, have been led
From cause to cause to nature's secret head,
And found that one first Principle must be. . . ."

It is called "Substance-Principle," for it becomes "substance" on the plane of the manifested Universe, an illusion, while it remains a "principle" in the beginningless and endless abstract, visible and invisible SPACE. It is the omnipresent Reality: impersonal, because it contains all and everything. *Its impersonality is the fundamental conception of the System.* It is latent in every atom in the Universe, and is the Universe itself.

The Secret Doctrine, i p 273

H.P. Blavatsky

LAYA CENTER

A "point of disappearance" — which is the Sanskrit meaning. *Laya* is from the Sanskrit root *li*, meaning "to dissolve," "to disintegrate," or "to vanish away." A laya-center is the mystical *point* where a thing disappears from one plane and passes onwards to reappear on another plane. It is that point or spot — any point or spot — in space, which, owing to karmic law, suddenly becomes the center of active life, first on a higher plane and later descending into manifestation through and by the laya-centers of the lower planes, or rather of substance.

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THE NUCLEUS AS MONAD

The complex structure that we call "Man" is made up of a congeries of almost innumerable "Lives." Not only every microscopic cell of which the tissues are composed, but the molecules and atoms of which these cells are composed, are permeated with the essence of the "One Life." Every so-called organic cell is known to have its nucleus, a center of finer or more sensitive matter. The nutritive, all the formative and functional processes consist of flux and re-flux, of inspiration and expiration, to and from the nucleus.

The nucleus is therefore in its own degree and after its kind a "monad" imprisoned in a "form." Every microscopic cell, therefore, has a consciousness and an intelligence of its own, and man thus consists of innumerable "lives." This is but physiological synthesis, logically deduced no less from the known facts in physiology and histology than the logical sequence of the philosophy of occultism.

“The Synthesis of Occult Science” *The Path*, February, 1892

William Q. Judge

BROTHERHOOD OF HUMANITY

The principle of the Brotherhood of Humanity is one of the eternal truths that govern the world's progress on lines which distinguish human nature from brute nature.

The Key to Theosophy p 43

H.P Blavatsky

NO IDLE PHRASE

The term ‘Universal Brotherhood’ is no idle phrase. Humanity in the mass has a paramount claim upon us. . . . It is the only secure foundation for universal morality . . . and it is the aspiration of the *true adept*.

The Mahatma Letters Letter 5 (Chronological Edition)

Mahatma K.H.

BROTHERHOOD HAS A MEANING

Brotherhood has a meaning in the reality of things which we miss when it becomes an academic doctrine. It means, on the psychological plane, a positive interest in and feeling for others, also an understanding of them. From that base, rising to deeper and subtler realizations, it can become an expression of all the beauty, which St. Paul conveys in his letters to the Romans and Corinthians. St. Paul speaks of charity of heart or, as translated

by some, of love, which is always beautiful. Love as well as affection is real when it exists, because it is definite and pointed. It is as real as a ray that penetrates or as a current of electricity which rearranges a magnetic field and sparks various physical reactions.

“Depths in Brotherhood” *The American Theosophist*, November, 1967 N. Shri Ram

A BROTHERLY FEELING TOWARDS ALL

Brotherhood means something profound and lasting. It is a truth which each has to understand and realize for himself. The great teachers of the world did not speak about the numerous problems with which men concern themselves in the world. They went to the fundamental questions, the knowledge by which “all else is known”. The realization of the basic, essential things in life brings about that state of mind which is able to solve all problems. To go to the depth of understanding of what brotherhood is, is the task of a lifetime or more. It is a vast field, as vast as life itself. If the world is full of maladies, of illnesses from the spiritual point of view, surely we do not want merely to alleviate the suffering. Every disease has to be treated at its source; the cause has to be known. It is the real cause of man’s ailments that we should primarily deal with. ...

Brotherhood has a much greater meaning than, let us say, being affectionate to one’s immediate family and friends. We all love our children, husbands, wives, particular individuals, but not other people. We love our country, our fellow nationals. But to realize universal brotherhood may be different from the worldly affections so commonly experienced. Universal brotherhood has a quality into which the feeling of “my” does not enter at all. To have a brotherly feeling towards all people irrespective of the external relationship which they have to us is a way of exploring brotherhood.

“Brotherhood and Freedom” *The Theosophist* June 1968 Radha Burnier

THE SPIRITUAL BROTHERHOOD OF ALL BEINGS

Universal brotherhood as understood in the esoteric philosophy, and which is a sublime natural fact of universal nature, does not signify merely sentimental unity, or a simple political or social cooperation. Its meaning is incomparably wider and profounder than this. The sense inherent in the words in their widest tenor or purport is the *spiritual brotherhood of all beings*; particularly, the doctrine implies that all human beings are inseparably linked together, not merely by the bonds of emotional thought or feeling, but by the very fabric of the universe itself, all men — as well as all beings, both high and low and intermediate — springing forth from the inner and spiritual sun of the universe as its hosts of spiritual rays. We all come from this one source, that spiritual sun, and are all builded of the same life-atoms on all the various planes.

It is this interior unity of being and of consciousness, as well as the exterior union of us all, which enables us to grasp intellectually and spiritually the mysteries of the universe; because not merely ourselves and our own fellow human beings, but also all other beings and things that are, are children of the same kosmic parent, great Mother Nature, in all her seven (and ten) planes or worlds of being. We are all rooted in the same kosmic essence, whence we all proceeded in the beginning of the primordial periods of world evolution, and towards which we are all journeying back. This interlocking and interblending of the numberless hierarchies of beings forming the universe itself extends everywhere, in the invisible worlds as well as in the worlds which are visible.

Finally, it is upon this fact of the spiritual unity of all beings and things that reposes the basis and foundation of human ethics when these last are properly understood. In the esoteric philosophy ethics are no mere human convention or rules of action convenient and suitable for the amelioration of the asperities of human intercourse, but are fundamental in the very structure and inextricably coordinated operations of the universe itself.

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THE LAW OF LAWS

But stay, Disciple . . . Yet, one word. Canst thou destroy divine COMPASSION? Compassion is no attribute. It is the LAW of LAWS—eternal Harmony, Alaya's SELF; a shoreless universal essence, the light of everlasting Right, and fitness of all things, the law of love eternal.

The more thou dost become at one with it, thy being melted in its BEING, the more thy Soul unites with that which IS, the more thou wilt become COMPASSION ABSOLUTE. (1)

- (1) This "compassion" must not be regarded in the same light as "God, the divine love" of the Theists. Compassion stands here as an abstract, impersonal law whose nature, being absolute Harmony, is thrown into confusion by discord, suffering and sin.

The Voice of the Silence pp 75-76

H.P. Blavatsky

NON-REFERENTIAL COMPASSION

At some point, non-referential compassion becomes a state that you can generate in your mind, that can pervade your mind without being distracted by other thoughts. You focus on the understanding that suffering may happen at any time, that impermanence is

always there. Then the feeling of altruism and compassion remains even if you don't see suffering right then. And you think that as long as beings are enslaved and entangled in destructive emotions, they must be the object of your compassion.

As cited by Sharon Begley in *Train Your Mind, Change Your Brain* Mattieu Ricard

RADICAL HEALING

Through continuity of consciousness there is a radical healing that takes place within one's whole nature, and an authentic gain in self-respect. Like a person who late in life learns a new language and is thrilled that he can learn the alphabet and write his first sentence, so too any human being at any age can so strengthen the antaskaranic connection with the Higher Self that life takes on a new depth of meaning and expression. It is a difficult discipline initially, but if one faithfully keeps at it in a non-strenuous way, doing it only out of love for one's fellow men and out of gratitude to one's Teachers, there will be infallible help from the Eye of Shiva and the Flute of Krishna. If the motive is to make a potent contribution to the grandchildren of one's grandchildren, and if one lets go of the mayavic tension of the personal self, then the sense of the sacred deepens until one is able to make holy resolves and charge them with a silent power for good.

“The Eye of Shiva” *Hermes*, July 1982

Raghavan Iyer

A REGENERATING PRACTICAL BROTHERHOOD

It is he alone who has the love of humanity at heart, who is capable of grasping thoroughly the idea of a regenerating practical Brotherhood who is entitled to the possession of our secrets.

The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett

Mahatma Morya

REGENERATING THE WORLD

The great and peaceful ones live regenerating the world like the coming of the spring; having crossed the ocean of embodied existence themselves, they freely aid all others who seek to cross it. The very essence and inherent will of Mahatmas is to remove the suffering of others, just as the ambrosia-rayed moon of itself cools the earth heated by the intense rays of the sun.

Shri Shankaracharya