

HOW DO A NUCLEUS, BROTHERHOOD AND HEALING FUNCTION TOGETHER?

UNION AND HARMONY

It is a law of occult dynamics that “a given amount of energy expended on the spiritual or astral plane is productive of far greater results than the same amount expended on the physical objective plane of existence.” This state will last till man’s spiritual intuitions are fully opened, which will not happen before we fairly cast off our thick coats of matter; until we begin acting from within, instead of ever following impulses from without; namely, those produced by our physical senses and gross selfish body. Until then the only palliative to the evils of life is union and harmony—a Brotherhood IN ACTU, and altruism not simply in name. The suppression of one single bad cause will suppress not one, but a variety of bad effects. And if a Brotherhood or even a number of Brotherhoods may not be able to prevent nations from occasionally cutting each other’s throats—still unity in thought and action, and philosophical research into the mysteries of being, will always prevent some, while trying to comprehend that which has hitherto remained to them a riddle, from creating additional causes in a world already so full of woe and evil.

The Secret Doctrine i. p 644

H.P. Blavatsky

A UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF HUMANITY

This is the Society’s first, fundamental and only doctrine.

The T.S. was organized for the purpose of creating a nucleus of such a brotherhood.

Observe, a *nucleus* is to be formed. It is not thought that the final realization of a universal brotherhood is possible in this age.

A *Nucleus* is the central part of a body around which matter is collected. If the effort to form this nucleus is not made, there will be no hope for the future. But if the *nucleus* is formed now, the progress of the cycles will show its growth.

Universal Brotherhood is a law and not a vague unattainable.

From “Suggestions for T.S. Branch Work,” *The Path*, April, 1889 Anonymous (Judge?)

CLARIFICATION ON NUCLEUS

A nucleus we say; not even *the nucleus*, but only *a nucleus* of universal Brotherhood; for, just as *the nucleus* of the cell is that through which the life-forces manifest, so do the life-forces that build this great Brotherhood seek to manifest through the Theosophical Society, and every one who comes amongst us is added to *the nucleus*.

Theosophy and the Theosophical Society

Annie Besant

UNITY, EMANATION AND LEARNING

An important conclusion that can be drawn from the doctrine of emanation is that the divine is not outside but within us. When all is One, there can be nothing but Oneness. So every being is rooted in the Oneness. Rooted in a common divine Source, the divine is in all. Nevertheless, there is a great variety of beings in the world. Humans are different from animals, animals differ from plants, *et cetera*. And mutually men also, of course, differ from each other. The doctrine of emanation explains that too. Every entity gives in its own unique way shape to the unity. Therefore beings always differ in their outward form from each other and due to those differences they can learn from each other.

“Esoteric Islam” *Lucifer*, March 2015

Barend Voorham

CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

In a sense, the Dharma is a medicine whose effectiveness can be judged only in relation to the treatment of an illness. Since there are so many diverse mental dispositions, or spiritual and philosophical inclinations, among human beings, there should be equally corresponding numbers of teachings. The idea that there should be only one teaching—a kind of panacea that is valid for all beings—from this point of view is untenable... Even with one and the same patient, a skilled physician needs to be sensitive to how the patient responds to the dose, as well as different compositions of the medicine, so he can adjust both the dose and the composition as the patient progresses along the path of healing. In the same manner, a skilled spiritual teacher adapts his or her teachings, always maintaining deep sensitivity to the specific needs of a given situation... Seen from this angle, the diversity of religion becomes not an awkward problem; rather, it becomes an adornment of the human spirit and its long history. It is something to be celebrated rather than bemoaned.

Toward a True Kinship of Faiths, pp. 154-55

The Fourteenth Dalai Lama

THE CONTROL OF ONE'S SPEECH

This progress of the essential doctrine takes many forms, but its basis is the control of one's speech, so as not to extoll one's own sect or disparage another's on unsuitable occasions, or at least to do so only mildly on certain occasions. On each occasion one should honour another man's sect, for by doing so one increases the influence of one's own sect and benefits that of the other man; while by doing otherwise one diminishes the influence of one's own sect and harms the other man's.

The Twelfth Major Rock Edict

King Ashoka

THE LAW OF FELLOWSHIP

A branch cut off from its neighbour branch cannot but be cut off from the whole plant. In the very same way a man severed from one man has fallen away from the fellowship of all men. Now a branch is cut off by others, but a man separates himself from his neighbour by his own agency in hating him or turning his back upon him; and is unaware that he has thereby sundered himself from the whole civic community. But mark the gift of Zeus who established the law of fellowship. For it is in our power to grow again to the neighbour branch, and again become perfective of the whole. But such a schism constantly repeated makes it difficult for the seceding part to unite again and resume its former condition. And in general the branch that from the first has shared in the growth of the tree and lived with its life is not like that which has been cut off and afterwards been cut off and afterwards grafted on to it, as the gardeners are apt to tell you. Be of one bush, but not of one view.

Meditations

Marcus Aurelius

THE LIVING BODY

Life is built up by the sacrifice of the individual to the whole. Each cell in the living body must sacrifice itself to the perfection of the whole; when it is otherwise, disease and death enforce the lesson... Harmony is the law of life, discord its shadow; whence springs suffering, the teacher, the awakener of consciousness.

Gems From the East, a book of ancient axioms and precepts compiled by H.P. Blavatsky

HIERARCHY, HARMONY, HEALTH

Health of the body as a whole depends on the integrity of all its parts, and more especially upon their harmonious association and cooperation. A diseased tissue is one in which a group of individual cells refuse to cooperate, and wherein is set up discordant action, using less or claiming more than their due share of food or energy. Disease of the very tissue of man's body is neither more nor less than the "sin of separateness." Moreover, the grouping of cells is upon the principle of hierarchies. Smaller groups are subordinate to larger congeries, and these again are subordinate to larger, or to the whole. Every microscopic cell therefore typifies and epitomizes man, as man is an epitome of the Universe.

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

William Q. Judge

HEALTHY CONDITION OF THE NUCLEUS

The growth and the very life of any political, social or mystical tradition can be seen as a body, (or cell) which is directly and continuously dependent upon the presence and healthy condition of the nucleus.

“The Cell” *Hermes* July 1978

Anonymous

AN INNER, “MAGNETIC” HARMONY

Letter 10 (*ML*) again emphasizes the central aim of bringing about a genuine brotherhood, which KH defines as “an association of ‘affinities’ of strong magnetic yet dissimilar forces and polarities, centered around one dominant idea.” Such a definition indicates that there may be differences of view, even strong opinions, within a group, but when an inner, “magnetic” harmony, a deep “affinity” for one another is present, then a true brotherhood exists.

Reflections of an Ageless Wisdom p. 14

Joy Mills

BROTHER PUPILS

...bear love to men as though they were thy brother-pupils, disciples of one Teacher, the sons of one sweet mother.

Of teachers there are many; the MASTER-SOUL is one Alaya, the Universal Soul. Live in that MASTER as ITS ray in thee. Live in thy fellows as they live in IT.

The Voice of the Silence p 53

H.P. Blavatsky

WIDENING OUR CIRCLE

As we push back the boundary and enlarge the area of our consciousness, our “self” grows and expands in the same proportion, till at last, when we have so widened our circle of interest and removed back our threshold of consciousness that it embraces the Universe, then, in the language of *The Light of Asia*, “The Universe grows I, till the dewdrop slips into the shining sea.”

“The Second and Third Objects of the Theosophical Society as Related to the First”
Address delivered before the Aryan T.S.N.Y. Bertrand Keightley

DRAW THE LARGER CIRCLE

The point is not whether a person goes this far or adopts that way, but whether at any level he is able to develop the fruit of his study and meditation into an authentic capacity to draw the larger circle. We should truly try to put ourselves in a proper mental relationship – for some of us this may come naturally, for others this may be a strain, but every man could attempt it – to the Brotherhood, to the Mahatmas, to Beings like H.P. Blavatsky. We should see her in a long lineage of Teachers and do the same in regard to one or all the Teachers. We may choose any as our particular *Ishtaguru*. If we could really do this, then it would truly be possible to become capable of negating those thought-forms that become divisive sources of human suspicion.

“Universality and Sectarianism” *Hermes*, June 1976 Raghavan Iyer

STRINGS OF THE SOUL-ECHOING VINA

Disciples may be likened to the strings of the soul-echoing Vina; mankind, unto its sounding board; the hand that sweeps it to the tuneful breath of the GREAT WORLD-SOUL. The string that fails to answer 'neath the Master's touch in dulcet harmony with all the others, breaks—and is cast away. So the collective minds of Lanoo-Shravakas. They have to be attuned to the Upadyaya's mind—one with the Over-Soul—or, break away.

The Voice of the Silence p 57

H.P. Blavatsky