

Interlodges Meeting

'To Investigate Unexplained Laws of Nature and the Powers Latent in Man' —
Mr C. R. N. Sethuraman
Venue, Date & Time: Blavatsky Bungalow, 26-4-2015, 4-30 p.m. (Tea 4.00 p.m.)

- Adyar** (Secretary: S. A. Sanghram, Ph. 94442 42370) 7.00-8.00 p.m.
Headquarters Hall, TS, Adyar, Chennai 20; Email: adyarlodge@gmail.com
8 'Divine Aspects in Bhagavatham' — Shri K. V. Krishnan
22 'The Mahatma Letters' — Reading and Discussion
Adyar Ladies (Secretary: Saritha, Ph. 91763 82588) 5.00 p.m.
Youth Headquarters, TS, Adyar, Chennai 600 020
5 Group Study
Anna Nagar # Y-193, Anna Nagar, Chennai 600 040
Besant 5.00 p.m. every 3rd Sunday; Besant House, # 11/48, Pandian Street,
Sankaran Avenue, Velachery; Theosophical Discussion and Group Study
Dr Besant Centenary (President: Dr K. Ramalingam, Ph. 98406 20060) 6 p.m.
every 1st and 2nd Sunday; # 4, Circular Rd, U. I. Colony, Kodambakkam,
Chennai Theosophical Discussion and Group Study conducted by
Bro. T. Gopal and Dr K. Ramalingam
Gandhi Nagar (Secretary: Arvind Ramanujam, Ph. 93445 16520) 4.30 p.m.
Headquarters Hall, TS, Adyar, Chennai 600 020 (Tea at 4.00 p.m.)
12 'At the Feet of the Master' — Study Class by Dr N. C. Ramanujachary
Kilpauk (Secretary: S. T. Muthukumar, Ph. 2643 0006) 6.30 p.m.
Alagappa Mat. School, Gangadareswarar Koil St., Purasawakkam
4 'Conflict Management' — Bro. H. Sai Giridhar
11 'Jaina Yoga' — Sis. Priyadarshana Jain
18 'Purpose of Life' — Bro. CA. P. Balaji
25 'Mega Living' — Bro. CA. T. Selvaraj
Mylapore 4.00 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Saturdays; M. P. Anand Matriculation School,
10, 1st Link Road, CIT Colony, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004
Sriram 6 p.m. every 3rd Sunday; # 13, Bhaskara St., Rangarajapuram, Kodambakkam,
Discussion and Group Study by Bro. T. Gopal and Bro. Rajagopalan
T. Nagar (Secretary: V. R. Chandramohan, Ph. 94440 79531) 5.30 p.m.
every 1st Sunday; Kamalalayam, # 19, Vaidyaram Street, T.Nagar,
Chennai 600 017 (Tea at 5.00 p.m.)
Vasanta Youth Lodge (Secretary: R. V. Yugesh, Ph. 99408 65718) 11.15 a.m.
Youth Headquarters, TS, Adyar, Chennai 600 020
12 'Golden Stairs' — Group Interaction

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Bharath Samaj Puja: Daily at 6.00 a.m.; **Buddhist Temple:** Daily Prayer at 6.30 a.m.
Liberal Catholic Church: Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

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Some Quotes from N. SRIRAM

Former International President of The Theosophical Society
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What man really seeks is not perfection which is in the future, but fulfillment which is ever in the present.

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

One must seek in the depths of one's consciousness the vitalizing centre of one's being, the fundamental origin of all one's developments.

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 completeness to another yet more beautiful completeness.

Long not for anything which will give a greater conceit of self, but for a truer realization of that selfless Self which is the centre and origin of every being.

AT THE FEET OF THE MASTER

The book is 'deceptively simple' for the reason that while a reader finds that, prima facie, (s)he knows the contents already, working them in one's daily living, however appreciable, is very impractical / not pragmatic at all. Jiddu Krishnamurti puts it bluntly: if following them means ceasing to exist in manifestation, let it be so, since existence will still continue in eternity.

The book is a replica of 'statements of Eternal Wisdom' packed in a modern language and presentation, to suit the current age and understanding. Such aphorisms/*subhashita*-s are available in all nations, but needs a restatement in every civilization/generation afresh. Layers of meaning uphold as we improve in our understanding.

The text is to be read with an 'open mind'; the occult significance of the facts mentioned is to be assimilated if a definite advantage of such study is at all contemplated. The attitude 'I know' is not helpful; many things are yet unknown but knowable.

The chapter headings resemble those in *Vivekachudamani* by Adi Sankaracharya, except that the term *Mumukshatwa* (or Moksha) is replaced as 'Love'. Sankaracharya's text uses the terms, *Viveka*, *Vairagya*, *Shat-sampatti* and Moksha. But the interpretations given in *At the Feet of the Master* are modern and applicable to the times of presentation.

We take up the topic of Love first to see how it is eventually earned. Love is the primary requirement of the present times. Love is not a mere generic term we understand but is the 'affinity' (*Atmiyata*) flowing instantaneously and naturally, from the knowledge gained in understanding the whole manifestation as One.

On the highest attainment one can have — in Union with Divinity — Jiddu Krishnamurti spoke of the 'Kingdom of Happiness' in the early days and moved on to 'Unconditional Freedom and Absoluteness' later. He said his mission is to 'make man unconditionally and absolutely free'. Freedom in the full sense of the term is physical, moral and spiritual, and can be attained only when the individual sheds his spurious individuality by transcending the finite and transitional world of space-time-cause, and the claims and counter-claims of karma. For this reason, Moksha (Mukti) is substituted/supplemented by the word 'Love'.

Love is the only form of Liberation. It is the deep desire to be one with God. To quote from the text, '. . . you may act with Him and as He does. Because He is Love, you, if you would become one with Him, must be filled with perfect unselfishness and love also.'

The way of Love in daily life is to be brought about in two steps: (1) Do not hurt; (2) Watch for an opportunity to help. Harm occurs through three modes: (1) Gossip, (2) Cruelty and (3) Superstition — these are the three sins against Love. Man has to fill his heart with the love of God and watch ceaselessly.

— Notes from the Study Class conducted by
Dr N. C. Ramanujachary on the text, *At the Feet of the Master*,
at the Gandhi Nagar Lodge Meeting on 8 March 2015.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to an exigency, the Madras Theosophical Federation Bulletin will be distributed as follows from May 2015:

1. Soft copies of the bulletin will be forwarded to members of the Adyar Lodge, Kilpauk Lodge, Gandhinagar Lodge, Adyar Ladies Lodge and Vasanta Youth Lodge through e-mail.
2. Hard copies of the bulletin will be distributed to members inside the Theosophical Society campus.
3. Hard copies of the bulletin will be sent to the Secretaries of the Lodges for distribution to their members.
4. Members can also pick up the bulletin from the Vasanta Press and the Adyar Book Shop before 10th of every month.
5. If Members wish the bulletin to be posted to their residence, they need to pay Rs 50/- p.a. (instead of Rs 10/- being paid now) for postage.
6. The soft copy of the bulletin is available on the internet at <http://www.chennaiMTF.yolasite.com/>

April Bulletin will be posted to all members as usual with the additional cost borne by the Madras Theosophical Federation. This temporary arrangement will be followed till a permanent solution is arrived at.

THE NINETY SECOND SOUTH INDIA THEOSOPHICAL CONFERENCE

at Adyar is on the theme, *The Voice of the Silence*, and will be held on 3, 4 and 5 April 2015, in the Headquarters Hall.

