



**INDIAN SECTION: THEOSOPHICAL
SOCIETY, VARANASI**
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- **Lord Buddha views of Great Teachers of Occult Hierarchy---**
- **“I will first say that there can be no Planetary Spirit that was not once material or what you call human. When our great Buddha — the patron of all the adepts, the reformer and the codifier of the occult system, reached first *Nirvana* on earth, he became a Planetary Spirit; *i.e.* — his spirit could at one and the same time rove the interstellar spaces *in full consciousness*, and continue at will on Earth in his original and individual body. For the divine Self had so completely disfranchised itself from matter that it could create at will an inner substitute for itself, and leaving it in the human form for days, weeks, sometimes years, affect in no wise by the change either the vital principle or the physical mind of its body. By the way, that is the highest form of adeptship man can hope for on our planet.”**

The Great Wesak Blessing on 10.05.2017

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- **Bishop Charles W. Leadbeater** a renowned theosophist and occultist writes:
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- "The **Lord Gautama Buddha**, instead of devoting Himself wholly to other and higher work after His Mahaparanirvana, has remained sufficiently in touch with our world to be reached by the invocation of His successor when necessary, so that His advice and help can still be obtained in any great emergency. **He also undertook to return to the world once in each year and shed upon it a flood of blessing.**
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- The **Lord Buddha** has His own special type of force, which He outpours when He gives His blessing to the world, and this benediction is a unique and very marvelous thing; for by His authority and position, a **Buddha** has access to planes of nature which are altogether beyond our reach, hence He can transmute and draw down to our level the forces peculiar to those planes.

- **White Lotus Day on 08.05.2017**
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- **Madame H. P. Blavatsky** has always been a tremendous source of inspiration for all students of occultism. Not only was she well loved and remembered by members of the original Theosophical Society, she also had many friends and followers outside of the Theosophical Society. Indeed, many movements were founded outside the Theosophical Society to study her teachings. Even today, more than a century after her death, new movements are still being formed pledging personal allegiance to H.P.B. and faithfully adhering to her original teachings. We could almost say that many people are fiercely loyal to our founder, Madame Blavatsky.
- The Great Ones in letter no.131[ML-66] mentioned that HBP is the sole machinery, our docile agent for the dissemination [to a certain limit] of our esoteric doctrine.

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- **NEWS AND NOTES**–[1] Bombay-At the support convention on 3 January 2017 an appeal was made for Medical Aid for Shri Ganpat Jadhav's emergency surgery expenses. Ganpat, as a Blavatsky Lodge attendant, has served for 50 years. The Aid collected was enough to pay his surgical expenses of Rs. 38,096. Blavatsky Lodge thanks all the members who spontaneously responded to the appeal for helping Ganpat to meet the expenses.

- Talks on Zoroastrianism at Vimadalal Bilia Lodge- Compiled by Bro. Ninoo Master:
- On 18 January Bro. Rustom C. Chothia spoke on “Evil” at Vimadalal Bilia Lodge. He said that we have to fight and overcome all the internal evils we have: 1. Selfishness (Swarthipanu), 2. Vanity, Pride (Abhiman), 3. Envy, Jealousy (Adekhaai), 4. Wrath, Anger (Gusso), 5. Lust (Vishya Vasna), 6. Greed (Lobh) 7. Hatred (Dhikkar), 8. Grudge (Vair), 9. Deceit (Thagai), 10. Ungratefulness (Nagunnai).
- Gujarat A camp was organized by Rewa Lodge of Vadodara on 11 and 12 February 2017 in which Madam Blavatsky Vyakhyan Mala was held. The two classics by HPB- The Secret Doctrine and Isis Unveiled were chosen for the purpose of having an insight into the most mysterious origin of Man and Universe. The speaker was Mrs Ranjanaben Vaidya a prominent educationist, trainer and administrator. A special programme was organized at C.N.Vidyalaya on 16th February 2017. Bro Harshavadan Sheth, editor of Theosophic Jyoti, was invited to speak on Giordano Bruno This programme was arranged by the GTF Secretary Darshanbhai Modi Gujarat Theosophical Federation held two study camps at Aglod Jain Temple Complex from 5 March to 8 March '17. The first was a one-day youth leadership shibir. It was held on 5 March'. Young members from various T.S. Lodges

- took part in it. They talked about the GOLDEN STARIS. Ten Young members expressed thought on the different stairs. The shibir was conducted by Dr. Varsha Patel, the chairman of the Youth committee, G.T.F. She was helped by Bro. Mukesh Kaka.
- The Second meet was a study camp on the DHAMMAPAD. It was held from 6 March to 8 March. The study comp was conducted by Bro. H.K. Sharan of Delhi Federation. Seventy-four members actively participated in it.
- Kerala The Adyar Day Celebrations and South Zone Conference of Kerala Theosophical Federation were held at Sri Sankara Lodge, Ernakualm on 17and 18 February 2017. Prof. C.A. Shinde, National Lecturer of the Indian Section was the Chief Guest. The book taken up for study was Self Culture by I.K. Taimni
- Rayalaseema Bro K S Ramachandra Rao, President of Telugu Federation, visited the Lodge at Secunderabad on 20 January and gave a talk on 'Objects of TS'
- Uttar Pradesh The following talks were organized by Dharma Lodge, Lucknow, in February : 'Universal Brotherhood –a challenge' by Bro. B.L. Dube; 'Sacred Trees' by Bro. B.B. Lal; 'Self-Transformation' by Bro. U.S. Pandey; and 'Open and Free Mind' by Bro. B.P. Shukla. The following talks were held at Nirvan Lodge, Agra,

- , in February: 'Spirituality' by Bro. Shyam Mohan Kapoor; 'Projecting Consciousness' by Bro. Rakesh Jain and 'Soul and its Goal' by Bro. H.K. Upadhyay. Besides, a seminar on 'Universal Brotherhood' was held on 2nd February in which Dr. Pratibha Sharma, Bro. S.K. Sharma, Bro. U.C. Verma, Dr. Malhotra and Bro. Harish Sharma expressed their views.
- Bro. U.S. Pandey Fed. Secretary visited Orai Lodge on 11-12 February. He delivered talks there on "Self-Transformation" and "Practical Theosophy" respectively. A Question and Answer session on "Theosophy and its teachings" was also conducted with a group of persons. He discussed the administrative matters with the lodge officials. study camp on the book "A Study in Consciousness" written by Annie Besant was conducted on 25-26 February. The camp was managed by Satyamarg Lodge with the assistance of other two Lodges Dharma and Pragya at Lucknow Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered a talk on ' Self- Transformation through Awareness' during a meeting of Nirvana lodge at Agra on 23 March Study camp at Agra: A study camp on the theme "Philosophy of Bhagvad Gita" was conducted on 24-26 March. The camp started on 24 March with recitation of prayers of all religions followed by Universal Prayer. Bro. L.S. Sengar, President of Nirvana Lodge, Agra, welcomed the participants and speakers. About 40 members from the Lodges of Lucknow, Kanpur, Barabanki, Noida and Agra and one member from M.P./Rajasthan Federation participated . Three books i.e. "Hints on the study of the Bhagvad Gita" by Annie Besant, "Philosophy of the Bhagvad Gita" by T. Subba Row and "Notes on the Bhagvad Gita" by W.Q. Judge were covered.

- At HQ Varanasi-Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya spoke on 'Changing the world through Love' in a meeting organized by Kashi Tattva Sabha on 3 March 2017. Prof. S.C. Lakhotia gave a very informative and instructive talk on 'Life style diseases' on March 24. It was organized under the auspices of Kashi Tattva Sabha. The talk was followed by question and answer session in which a number of students asked questions and were given clarifications by the learned speaker. The other talks organized by Kashi Tattva Sabha in March and April were: "O Hidden Life" by Dr. Abha Srivastava; 'Valmiki Sahitya main Ram' by Prof. Triveni Prasad Shukla of Sampurnanand Sanskrit University and 'Ravindranath Tagore and Kabir' by Prof. (Retd.) V. Chakarvorty of Banaras Hindu University. Besides, a programme of Devotional Music by Sri Rahul Bhatt was held on April 7.

BHOWALI CAMPS-2017

- This year[2017] the Indian Section with full cooperation of the Federations, National Lecturers and other office bearers has been organising study camps, EST Retreats, and other programmes at Himalayan Study Centre Bhowali [Nainital] Vimal Road, Uttarakhand - 623123 India. Bro. Pradip Mahapatra is looking after the administration of the camp and Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri National Lecturer is the Co-ordinator of the camp and as such looking after Lodging ,Boarding of the different delegates of the Camp. A photo of Himalayan Study Centre is affixed in the next -



- BHOWALI CAMP-2017
- HIMALAYAYN STUDY CENTRE, BHOWALI SUMMER PROGRAMME OF STUDY CAMPS — 2017
- Dormitory Old Deluxe 6 persons 24 20
- 1. 20 April to 26 April-2017 3100 3450
3800 Indian Section's Study Camp on 'Self-Realization through Love' [Narad Bhakti Sutra] of I. K. Taimni By Prof. C A Shinde
- 2.29- 30 April and 01 May -2017 1500
1650 1800 ES Retreat by Prof. C A Shinde

- 3. 03 May to 12 May 2017 Karnataka Federation's Study Class on 3900 4350 4800 'The Teachings of J. Krisnamurti' Director B. V. Thippeswamy and others
- 4.15 May to 19 May -2017 2300 2550 2800 Indian Section's Study class on 'Wisdom of Upanishads-from 'A Theosophical Perspective' By Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy
- 5. 22 May to 28 May- 2017 3100 3450 3800 Telugu Federation's Study Class on 'Treading the Occult Path' in Telugu [AadhyathmikaPrasthaanaPravesam Prayaanam] The Camp will be jointly conducted by Dr. PLN Prasad and KVL KanthaRao.

ENHANCEMENT OF DIFFERENT FEES

- The amendment of different fees applicable to the Lodges, Centres and Federations as well as to the members of Indian Sec. TS will be effective from 01.10. 2017.
- ART –II Rule.6[b] Any member who has lost his membership diploma may apply to the General Secretary of the Indian Section for a duplicate diploma, which will be issued on payment of Rs.50/- or as fixed by the Indian Section Council from time to time
- Rule 9 Second Para { Authority to form Centre} Every application for such an authority shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.50/-or as fixed by the rules of International Theosophical Society from time to time
- Rule10-- When a duly authorized Centre is made into a Lodge, a Charter shall be granted on payment of Rs.50/- or as fixed by the rules of Indian Section from time to time
- Rule11--Any Lodge or Centre that has lost its Charter or Authority shall apply for a duplicate to the General Secretary, which will be issued on payment of a fee of Rs.50/- or as fixed by the rules of the International Theosophical Society from time to time

- ART.IV-Rule-3- Every application for admission to Theosophical Society in the Indian Section must be accompanied by an entrance Fee of Rs. 100 or as fixed by the Indian Section Council from time to time.
- ART.IV Rule-5. - Annual dues shall be paid in the month of October every year in advance. The revised schedule of the annual dues of membership is as detailed below: {I}
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- Entrance Fee [Indian Section Rs 60, Fed Rs 40)———Rs 100.
- b) Annual Membership Dues (IHQ Rs 22, Ind Sec Rs 64, Fed 64)———
———Rs 150.
- c) Married Couple Dues per yr(IHQ Rs 33, Ind Sec Rs 96, Fed Rs 96) ———Rs 225.
- d) Dues of Members below the age of 25 yrs. per year (IHQ Rs 11, Ind Sec Rs 32, Fed Rs 32)———Rs 75. e) Dues of Unattached members (IHQ Rs 23, Ind Sec Rs 127)———Rs 150.

- f) Dues of Life member, (Commuted Dues to Ind Sec)—————
——Rs 3000.
- g) Subscription for The Indian Theosophist: (i) Annual (for members)——
——Rs 30; (ii) Annual (for non-members)———Rs 50; (iii) Long term (15
years, for members)———Rs 300.
- (iv) Long term (15 years for nonmembers)———Rs 500.
- Only those members who will pay the annual subscription of the “The
Indian Theosophist” in addition to the annual dues will be entitled to
receive the journal.
- h) Lodges will have discretion to fix the lodge fees.
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- ART-IV Rule-7. Members, whose annual dues for the next year have not
been received by the Section in advance by 30th September shall be
deemed to be in arrears and not in good standing from one year after the
following 1st October, till their dues are paid.

- ART-IV Rule- Any person who has been a member in good standing for consecutive five years may apply for commutation of his annual dues to a sum of not less than Rs 3000, or as fixed by Indian Section Council from time to time, to be paid to the Indian Section and, on his application being accepted, he will not be liable to pay any dues to the Section but may have to pay Lodge dues separately.
- The details is published in the Indian Theosophists April Issue-2017

A STEP FORWARD

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- New thinking by the Theosophists based on our objectives and the Golden Stairs, with application of intellect and reason and a quality of purity in it, is the step forward in this age. As observed by Brother D.K. Telang (General Secretary of the Indian Section, 1928-1933): ‘the appeal that the Society had made and the beneficent character of its work in the eyes of the intellectual and advanced men of the time, in the early days, were due to its gospel of the super physical and spiritual worlds, based on an unassailable intellectual and practical foundation, which provided an escape from the materialism of the day’. As long as the Society did this, it was far in advance of the times in those days. The huge success and popularity of The Secret Doctrine and Isis Unveiled came from the fact that the books delivered to common people the thoughts of enlightened scientific world and spirituality which were the monopoly of the few.
- However, in today’s world, with considerable more education and

- and learning, soaring technology, wide spread communication and ease of travel, the work of the Theosophical Society of the days when it came into existence with a big bang, has now passed out of our hands and we no longer have the monopoly of it as we enjoyed in those days. If one looks at Theosophy today, it does not have any attraction or appeal to the present day “Techies”. The technocrats and narrow focused intellectuals are not attracted to the faith and devotion story that we keep on professing rather than new intellectual thinking and logic. Naturally, this has failed to arouse any interest of the foremost thinkers of the day, much less the kind of attention that was drawn by the books of Madam Blavatsky. A great thinker, Count Keyserling had actually said that the Theosophical Society would be relegated to a back seat unless it evolved a new gospel for the redemption of the world from its dead-locks, as it

- once had been. The effort of our President Tim Boyd at Naarden during the brain storming and strategy planning session was in this direction. But then, it is not so easy to evolve something so profound.
- In the words of Mr. N. Sri Ram “let us not go on thinking along conventional lines, doing the same things, over and over again, or doing them with a little more noise and splash. Our work should not be that Theosophy should mean a purer kind of life, with a new lustre, a quality of purity in it; in fact, the quality should exist in all one’s dealings, actions, relationships, thinking, tastes and in all details of one’s private living”. For a period of about 50 years, Krishnaji too did exactly what Mr. N. Sri Ram had prescribed. He expressed the advanced thoughts and pointed the new ways.

- At once, it held great appeal to the intellectuals and seekers after truth. The new lines that his thoughts constantly suggested held the greatest hope for the society. If we keep abreast of this kind of emphasis on innovation and new thinking and base our gospel on quality, then may be even the quality systems of ISO (International Organization of Standards) world certify us to be acceptable to the modern society!!!! It could very well be a great step forward for all of us. –Written by
- Bro. PRADEEP H GOHIL Gen. Secy. Indian Section
- One will see the SHANTIKUNJ in the campus of Head Quarters of Indian Section Varanasi, where Annie Besant stayed from early 1890s to 1907. Now it is the residence of general secretary of Indian Sec. and also others.



