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To all : CHARITY

To every child : A GOOD EXAMPLE

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To serve humanity by cultivating an ever deepening understanding and realization of the Ageless Wisdom, spiritual self-transformation and the unity of all life

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The 88th Annual Session of Bombay Theosophical Federation held on 18th, 19th & 20th October 2019 was graced by **Shri Shikhar Agnihotri, International Lecturer TS, as the Chief Guest.** The Theme of the Session was '*From Intelligence to Intuition*'.

On Friday 18th October 2019 evening at Blavatsky Lodge TS, the Annual Session was opened with Lighting of the Lamp and recitation of the Prayers of All Religions & the Universal Prayer. BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya welcomed and **introducing the Chief Guest said: Shri Shikhar Agnihotri** from a Theosophical Family has graduated in Nautical Science from T.S. Chanakya College affiliated to Mumbai University and has worked with a leading shipping company of USA. **He has taken voluntary retirement to serve Theosophy.** He became member in 2008, was appointed National Lecturer in 2015 and in June 2019, at Naarden, he was appointed as International Lecturer. He has given talks at International Convention and at many Lodges of India. His Articles are printed in Theosophical magazines. At Bhowali he conducted Youth Camp for Indian Section and held sessions at many schools & colleges on '*Holistic Health for Students in Light of Theosophy*'. **His thrust is on Practical Theosophy in daily life.**

The Greetings received from International Vice-President Dr. Deepa Padhi, Indian Section TS President Shri Pradeep Gohil and other Dignitaries & Federations were read out by Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal.

Chief Guest Shri Agnihotri in his Inaugural Address spoke about '*Homing Signals Within*'. He likened 'Homing Signals of Nautical Science' (i.e. distress signals given by Life Boats) with 'Homing Signals of Spiritual Realm' to seek a step forward towards Divinity. He explained that there is a need to go beyond Intelligence and that is towards Intuition. Homing Signal gives an indication for the First or the Next Step to take. There is a desire nature, acquired habits, feeling of utter helplessness, cannot meet challenges, depression, anxiety, cannot take holistic decisions in such cases solutions come from something deeper than mind. If silence is there, answer will

come from within. Homing Signals also come from without, but understanding comes from within with Intuition.

The First Prize Winners of Dani Inter-School and Mullan Inter-College Elocution Competitions 2019 spoke on the subjects of their concern: ‘When I found a Stray Cat’, ‘My Environment, My Concern’, ‘Compassion’ and ‘Challenges of Youth’. Sis. Aban Patel conducted the **Prize Distribution for Dani Elocution Competition held jointly by Bombay TF and Junior Red Cross Maharashtra and Mullan Elocution Competition jointly by Bombay TF and Youth Red Cross Maharashtra**. First she gave information about Junior & Youth wings of Red Cross, Maharashtra. The Prize money & Merit Certificates were given to all winners of both Competitions by Chief Guest Shri Shikhar Agnihotri.

The evening of Opening Day ended with recitation of Sanskrit Prayer by Bro. Navin Kumar.

On Saturday 19th October 2019 evening at Blavatsky Lodge TS, the Session was opened with The Universal Prayer and welcome by BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya. Leading Knight of Maitreya Round Table Bro. Farhad Dalal introduced the Chief Guest.

Shri Shikhar Agnihotri continuing his address ‘Assessing the Homing Signals Within’ said: There is a faculty in each person, which works differently from mind. There are prerequisite conditions to receive Homing Signals from within and without. To receive signals within a pure, silent mind is needed for spiritual introspection. It is the compassion of laws of karma that we are driven to go within. For preparation **there are three requirements: Study, Meditation and Selfless Service (SMS)**. According to one’s consciousness one gathers understanding. Like ‘As you eat, you become’, ‘As you **read (Study)**, your mental body gets Tamasic, Rajasic or Satvic Gunas’. **Meditation** is to go beyond the trap of worldly mind. Meditative mind with awareness about thoughts, words & deeds should be all through daily life. With **Service** ego should not be inflated. The

purpose of Life is not to be Happy, but to be Useful. Selfless efforts prepare the heart for intuition and harmonious peaceful life.

TOS Mumbai Region President & Past Leading Knight of **Maitreya Round Table** Sis. Thrity Dalal explained the significance of '**The Flower Ceremony**' of **Round Table**. The ceremony was beautifully performed by Knights down to Pages of Maitreya Round Table to convey the message: *'Flowers embody all that is lovely and beautiful. They reflect the indescribable beauty of the King Himself.'* Vote of Thanks was proposed by Knight Sis. Navaz Dhalla.

On Sunday 20th October 2019 it was a Full Day Session with Brethren of North & South Bombay gathered **in the beautiful Vasanta Theosophical Garden Society at Juhu**. The Session was opened with the inspiring **Bharat Samaj Pooja** conducted by Bro. Navin Kumar and Sis. Lata Kumar. BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya welcomed all and introduced the Chief Guest Shri Shikhar Agnihotri. Bro. Shaunak Hora, Treasurer of Vasanta Society said that they were very happy to host the BTF Annual Session and to have Brethren come to their Theosophical Housing Society.

Bro. S.S.K. Mehta of Jyoti Lodge was felicitated for his dedication to Theosophy and commitment to TS over 40 years by the Chief Guest with a Memento & a Certificate.

Shri Shikhar Agnihotri in his talk 'Truth, Goodness & Beauty' said contemplation on 'Truth' (Satyam). 'Goodness' (Shivam), Beauty (Sundaram) shows the way to live and makes one aware of the moments of 'Truth, Goodness, Beauty'. Usually everyone understands it in one's own way, but when one goes deeper the true words are understood with universal integrated approach. Fragmentation of **Truth** has to be overcome to understand ONE REALITY. His manifestations are according to His Laws. Only the mind labels **good** & **bad** in life. To perceive **Beauty**, as said in Voice of Silence, harmony within, which is without separateness, has to be established. The moment of beauty is without any condition. It is a moment, when there is no Thinker. It is a moment to come to the

Oneness of Trinity within. It will be a moment of Freshness, Peace, Joy & Love.

The morning session was followed by the 88th Annual General Meeting of BTF attended by 37 members to conduct the Business, to fondly remember departed Brethren, to pass Resolutions for the Leaders & Devoted Members and to express Thanks, especially to VTCHS for hospitality & main sponsorship of Annual Session. As BTF's Good Standing Membership dropped under 250, according to Indian Section TS revised Rules only one member (instead of 2 members) **Bro. Vinayak Pandya was elected as BTF Representative to Indian Section TS Council for three year term of 2019-20 to 2021-2022.**

There was a **Book Depot Counter of Blavatsky Lodge Book Depot** attended by Book Depot Manager Sis. Freny Paghdiwala and Sis. Navaz Dhalla.

Welcome **Breakfast & Lunch** were times to refresh & strengthen bonds of Brotherhood.

Afternoon Session had a **Symposium** on the Theme '*Thinking with the Heart*' with **Chief Guest Shri Shikhar Agnihotri in the Chair.** Many spontaneously came forward to share their thoughts. **They were:**

***Sis. Thrity Dalal said,** in early days learning was by heart, emphasizing on heart aspect. TOS activity inculcates Service actions with understanding in daily life.

***Bro. Bethram Redwood** spoke on philosophy of Divine Heart narrating the incident of Hanuman tearing open his chest to show Ram & Sita in his heart. With divine spark Theosophy, an amalgamation of science, spirituality & psychology is a launching pad to change the heart.

***Shri Bhavesh Pandya** in Hindi conveyed I am thinking from 'Mind', but the proposition is about 'Heart'. Heart does not have any language. When man thinks from heart, his language is of love.

***Bro. Vinayak Pandya** said when International President Tim Boyd driving in a car observed that Delegates had to walk distances in Adyar, he started a Bus Service for delegates. This is a live example of thinking with heart.

***Bro. Taral Munshi** singing Hindi songs conveyed that Heart wants to Love, Heart wants to Serve. Heart does not want to hurt any Heart. Terrorists kill after killing their own Heart. Heart understands Heart's language. *'Dil Jeet gaya to Jag Jeet gaya'* (If you win the Heart, you win the World)

***Bro. Govind Raju of Karnayaka Theosophical Federation** shared that after he joined TS and started to study Theosophy, people find change in him. It could be that Theosophy has inspired him to think with his heart.

***Sis. Aban Patel**, who is from a Zoroastrian Priestly Family, observed that young boys for their initiation into priesthood have to learn long prayers by heart. This has helped them in their studies and they have become Doctors, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants. *Head and Heart has to go together with Hand.* In Lionism we work with this spirit.

***Shri Apurva Parekh** said there are terms like 'Heart Broken', 'Stone Heart', which indicate Thinking without caring. Gandhi Babu has done wonders with compassion. Brain originates Thoughts, but thoughts should be united with love, empathy, compassion of Heart.

***Bro. Navin Kumar** said Thinking process should be tempered with Heart. In the book 'At the Feet of the Master' the section on 'Love' is most important. Compassion is the Law of Laws. When people have acted only through Mind, they have lived a miserable life. He narrated a story of two stranded sailors, who for their survival, thinking with their mind had killed and eaten the third sailor and were punished Law. In acts of cruelty, person's own 'Higher Self' punishes him.

***Sis. Mahazaver Dalal** narrating two Whats App videos conveyed that all can think, but only a person thinking with heart can reach out to help, even with self-sacrifice. Scouts & Guides practice to 'be prepared' and shake-hands with left hand inculcates in youngsters to

have an alert observant mind and to reach out with Heart. Human Kingdom is blessed with Intelligence, but Intelligence of Mind has limitations. One needs to go beyond to think with Intuitive Heart.

Shri Shikhar Agnihotri from the Chair in conclusion said Heart also thinks and that is Intuition. Heart perceives the Whole. A scientific experiment proved that both Mind & Heart responded to projected images, but Heart responded even before the images were projected. Whenever there is a conflict, follow your Heart.

Finale was a Bharat Natyam programme by Ace Dancer Namita Bodaji's senior and new students. After ShankaraVandana & Pure Bharat Natyam, when 'Draupadi Cheerharan' was presented with Mirabai's Bhajan 'Meera Kahe Prabhu Giridhari' all were spell bound and emotionally involved. The last joyous dance of 'Tillana' was about Lord Krishna.

The Three Day 88th Annual Session ended with Vote of Thanks by President Bro. Vinayak Pandya & Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal and recitation of Sanskrit Prayer by Bro. Navin Kumar.

NOTE:

Shri Shikhar Agnihotri's talks will be printed in our BTF Bulletins for the Brethren who could not attend and Brethren who would like to ponder over the talks again. First talk is in this Bulletin.

*Theosophy is the shoreless ocean of
Universal truth, love and wisdom,
reflecting its radiance on the earth,
While the Theosophical Society is
only a visible bubble on that reflection.
Theosophy is divine nature,
visible and invisible,
and its Society human nature
trying to ascend to its divine parent.*

- The Key to Theosophy, 39

**Courtesy: A Blavatsky Quotation Book
Quote for November 17**

DR. JOHN ALGEO – A TRIBUTE
(1930-2019)

Arni Narendran, Treasurer Blavatsky Lodge

It was sheer coincidence that Bro Wim Leys, a Theosophist from the Hague in the Netherlands, was talking to me on the sidelines of a conference organized by the European School of Theosophy, at Eritrea in Greece. He was discussing on Dr. John Algeo's article on Kandinsky that he had come across in the context of Theosophy's impact on Art World. Around the same time Dr. John Algeo was preparing for his onward journey from this physical world. News of his departing (13th October 2019), was posted by Bro Jan Kind on the internet. Jan recapitulated a 2015 Biographical sketch penned by Dr. Algeo himself for 'Theosophy Forward'. Jan's editorial introduction would profile the writer in a nutshell. ***“He was a formidable Teacher, a dynamic Speaker, and excellent Writer; we owe him much.”***

In an article captioned “My Life in Theosophy and otherwise” Dr. John Algeo sketches his Biography. As a foreword Jan writes on his association with Dr. Algeo, “He was demanding and at times difficult to approach, and it really took me a while to get used to the ‘Algeo way’. ***The Algeo Way was being a perfectionist in whatever he discussed or worked on. He would expect the same perfection from others.***”

John was born in St. Louis, Missouri and joined the Theosophical Society at Miami, in 1947 at the age of seventeen after reading an advertisement in the ‘Miami Herald’. Earlier, under the influence of his Aunt Kitty, a devout Roman catholic, he had joined a course on catechism with the Jessuits. He lived in a joint family with his uncles and extended family. At the end of the great depression and beginning of the second world war his father moved to Miami in search of work. He later remarked ‘it was the Jessuits who converted me to Theosophy’. Having a head-start as a young Theosophist he went on to hold many positions, President of the Atlanta-Georgia Lodge,

Chairman of the Still Light Theosophical centre in North Carolina. He served as a National Director 1984-87 and then as President of the TS in America 1993-2002. He became the International Vice President based at the Adyar Headquarters between 2002- 2008. He was also a co freemason of high degree.

He served in the Korean War during 1951 to 1954. He married Adele Marie Silbereisen at the Episcopal chapel at the University of Florida. Adele also joined the Theosophical Society. *He describes that 'Adele was a wonderful part of me and my Theosophical Life'*. He later took assignment as a Professor in Athens, at the University of Georgia. Since 1994 after his retirement he was regular in attending the Adyar convention. During their stint at Adyar, they worked tirelessly at the Archives along with a few Dutch researchers. He has left a rich repertoire of Theosophical writings for progeny on various subjects.

To sum up in his own words "All in All I am at Peace with this world and look forward to experiencing the Delight of the next in Devachan, when the time comes."

Credits: Bro Jan Kind – T F Miami, Florida

*Enlightened leadership is spiritual
if we understand spirituality,
not as some kind of
religious dogma or ideology,
but as the domain of awareness,
where we experience values like
Truth, Goodness, Beauty,
love and compassion,
and also intuition, creativity, insight
And focused attention.*

-Deepak Chopra

Courtesy: 'The Theosophist' June 2019

The Homing Signal – Within

Shri Shikhar Agnihotri

Opening Address for BTF 88th Annual Session 2019

*Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo-Maheshwara
Gurur Sakshat Para-Brahman Tasmey Sri Gurvey
Namah!!!*

The theme of the study is, "**From Intellect to Intuition**", so share some of the views on this theme and therefore the title, "**The Homing Signal Within**".

But before we go into the subject let us briefly try to understand what is 'Homing Signal'. First time I came across this word was about 20 years back during my professional studies and then later while working on the ship.

As you may know that working on ships has always been very adventurous and dangerous at the same time but with years of learning and experience and advancement of technology, the working on the ships have also changed and made a lot safer for the people on the ship, especially in case of emergencies. One such change is that there is a small boat provided on the ship, which can be separated from the ship in case of emergency like ship sinking. So, everyone gets in the boat, launch the lifeboat and in the water. But what is next? How are they going to be rescued?

The only means of rescuing is that if someone knows about their position and location. So, for this there is a equipment which sends the signal to the satellite and the satellite sends this signal to the rescue team but the limitation with this signal is that it does not give the accurate position but an area of about 20 sq km where the boat can possibly be. It is a big area and here comes the use of the other equipment provided in the lifeboat which sends a signal to the rescue team directly (Line of sight) when it is in the range of about 15-20km.

And following this signal the rescue team pin points the people in distress and homes in to the distressed unit and save them. This signal is called the *Homing Signal*.

But what is the purpose or reason of discussing this technical thing here, in our discussion about Inner Life? The only reason that seems to me, is to refresh in our minds that whatever we see or have in the outer world (physical plane), it has its root in the inner world (subtler planes) because we all know the fundamental law that whatever is within, is reflected without.

The laws that scientists are depending upon for their researches, they already exist in the Nature and if the technology is in accordance with those laws, it is helpful and sustainable but if it is not in accordance with the law, then it cannot exist. So, if we look around carefully, we will find that **the working principle behind every materialistic invention is somehow related or inspired by some hidden (or visible) process in Nature.** And a very simple example to share with all of you is Law of Septenary about which HPB had talked in length in TSD. Is it just a co-incidence that number of Planes of Existence or states of Consciousness or days of week or Notes in music or colours of the visible spectrum or bodies of human being or chakras in the body or layers of skin as per Ayurveda are seven. And to add to this, if we take a deeper look the **Open Systems Interconnection model (OSI model)** (is a conceptual model that characterizes and standardizes the communication functions of a telecommunication or computing system without regard to its underlying internal structure and technology. Its goal is the interoperability of diverse communication systems with standard communication protocols. The model partitions a communication system into abstraction layers) had seven layers. Application, Presentation, Session, Transport, Network, Datalink, Physical.

And this is the beauty of LIFE or EXISTENCE. If we have the eyes, we can see that Divinity working everywhere in this manifestation irrespective of the differences on the superficial level. But we need to awaken this faculty of ours which has the capacity to perceive this substratum of divinity everywhere.

And so, coming back to our subject, **few questions arise:-**

- i) What is this homing signal in inner life?**
- ii) How is this homing signal related to our daily life?**
- iii) And if there is something like that within, how to remain in constant touch with it so as to have a PEACEFUL state of being.**
- iv) What is its significance in taking the next step?**

Because, as we just discussed, Homing signal is something that takes one Home, it enlightens the path or if not the path, then at least the next step or the direction to be taken, which is the most important thing to do because the first step is the most important step to determine the direction to be taken.

So, let us try to find out about what is this homing signal within. **Human psyche being very similar all over the world**, each and every one of us is all the time facing some situation or the other. **In this ocean of Life, every individual comes across some situations & circumstances where he has to make some decisions whether of commission or omission** ---- Be it a relatively big decision of Marriage / Career / Adherence to principles or be it a relatively smaller issue of what to eat for lunch / which dress to wear for work etc. Each such situation presents itself to us to make a decision. At every step of daily life we are continuously making such decisions, big or small.

Normally these decisions are easily made with the help of the mind taking into account the profit and loss of the decision we are going to make or if the individual has a stronger desire nature then he decides as per the desires or wishes or already acquired habits.

But many times we are caught up in situations that we are not able to decide with our mind. And we feel utterly helpless. Why? Because our mind is a thing of the past, instead of Wisdom it is full of Past Experiences & Prejudices but LIFE is ever new. It brings to us every day new challenges and we face them with a mind that old & so the mind finds itself utterly incapable of the Holistic Solution.

Holistic solution being the one which is for welfare of all because it has its root in the understanding of Unity of Life.

And it is in such situations that we often turn up to someone whom we think has more Wisdom than we do, to a guru, to some book, to an astrologer or sometimes we even try to escape the situation by keeping ourselves busy in some sort of entertainment.

Normally we do not want such a situation in our life where the mind comes under a lot of stress **because the mind wants security and want to live in its comfort zone. BUT IN FACT it is exactly that valuable moment that if we remained silent, not escaping it, not fighting it, just facing and seeing the situation as it is, something happens !**

What Happens? May be not immediately but definitely, we see that there is some sort of clarity has arrived, if not a clear solution or an answer, from within.

The Nature of this answer from within and the way it comes to our mind may vary from person to person & from situation to situation. Talking about the way:-

- i) It can be in the form of ***a dream***; Mendleef
- ii) It can be in the form of ***a vision***; Sri Aurobindo
- iii) It can be in the form of ***an understanding*** of the idea; Archimedes
- iv) It can be in the form of ***an inner voice*** giving a small hint, a subtle thought or direction to work upon; Annie Besant "O coward, coward, who used to dream of martyrdom and cannot stand a few years of woe"
- v) It can even be ***from without***; Gautama Buddha: For six years Siddhartha and 5 followers lived in silence and never left the forest. Drank rain water and had grains of rice and dropping of a bird as food, trying to master the suffering by making the mind stronger. One day Siddhartha overheard an old musician on a passing boat telling his disciple that the string of Vina should neither be too tight or it will break nor too slack or it will not play. It has to be just right. Siddhartha suddenly realised simple words held great truth and in all

Siddhartha suddenly realised simple words held great truth and in all these years he had been on the wrong path.

Coming to the Nature of this signal from within, one can observe that very often this solution is contradictory to the solution proposed by the mind and as long as the person is in that meditative state of being it seems so simple and practical that it is impossible to doubt it. But the moment we come out of our silence and the lower mind becomes active again, it creates a lot of imaginary obstacles in carrying out this solution because the mind always wants to work within the framework that it has created and to do the "out of the box thinking" or "to see the bigger picture" in terms of management, **one has to have a very OPEN MIND but since mostly this is not the case so many good suggestions from within remain at the level of thought only** and never implemented but here comes in handy **the second aspect of this signal from within. With this answer comes the "CONVICTION & COURAGE" too.** The conviction that what I am doing is right (ready to receive advice and instruction too) and the courage to stand alone even if the whole world stood against you. A very familiar quality of most of the leaders who are called "MADMAN" in the beginning, only to be named as "VISIONARY" few decades later, when their vision starts manifesting itself.

***This is that homing signal from our Higher-Self that guides us to take the next step, which throws the light on the path, which is the voice of the silence** or so many other names that can be or already given to this inherent faculty in human beings **which is "INTUITION or PRAJNA (Buddhism) or DIRECT PERCEPTION or WISDOM or INSIGHT"**.*

This is not the hunch or gut feeling or sixth sense which could be due to ESP, which belongs to the personality (Brain/Emotions/Lower mind) and may have a survival value (sensing a danger). It is a faculty human beings share with many animals which is called instinct. It is not precognition which is a form of clairvoyance, lower than intuition (Divine Instinct).

In theosophical literature, intuition is a faculty found in Buddhist consciousness which means it is beyond mind and this is the difference between the working of the mind and intuition. Mind works based on the sensations collected by various senses and by organising the images formed on the basis of such sensations but *the intuition is direct perception.* Like switching on the light in a room and in a flash we know everything about the room instead of going around with closed eyes. That is why many times we hear the statement, "Follow your Heart" or "Think from your Heart" because as we study *in theosophical literature, heart is the spiritual centre in the body.*

But again there is a word of caution too. Because such is not always the case. Very often what we think our intuition, turns out to be yet another form of our desire and prejudices. If one is aware of the thought process, it can be seen how our likes/dislikes & prejudices effect smallest of our actions.

So how to differentiate between the two. Of course there is no such scale to measure and everyone has to find out for oneself by trial and error but there are few possible indications (not always) or **checks which can be applied to see if what we have is Intuition or Impulse:-**

- 1) **Time lapse:-** Impulse gets weaker with time but Intuition grows stronger.
- 2) **Conviction & Stubbornness:-** With Intuition comes conviction but with an open mind while impulse is stubborn and in its blind pursuit does not hesitate in harming others for its own fulfilment.
- 3) **Patience:-** Intuition never gets frustrated or discouraged even when there is failure but there is irritation and frustration when impulse remains unfulfilled.

But all this discussion would be incomplete if we do not dwell a little deeper into the faculty that is INTUITION and why it is the high time that we took it more sincerely if not seriously and why is it that it seems to have the solution for all our problems.

Because *it is not the word that is important but the understanding that we have of that word.*

In words of **Sri Krishna Prem**, "Buddhi is the intuition which grasps all connections and grants us the vision of wholeness. The buddhi, then is the vision which sees the pattern of the whole, & which, therefore, being able to take account of the whole, is pre-eminently the charioteer of the psyche. When the chariot is driven according to the dictates of Buddhi, no harm can ever come to it, for it will be driven in the spirit of Cosmic Harmony, in which there are and can be no mishap" (**Yoga of Kathopnishad Pg. 119**).

And maybe that is why **HPB says**, "It is the only faculty by means of which men and things are seen in their true colors and it is our duty to keep alive in man his spiritual intuitions."

And the **Master KH to APS**, "It was never the intention of the occultists really to conceal what they had been writing from the earnest determined students, but rather lock-up their information for safety-sake, in a secure box, the key to which is intuition.

And last but not the least, **M says**, "Happy is the person whose spiritual intuitions ever speak to him".

And **Shankaracharya in Vivek Chudamani** says that *Intuition or Prajna is that faculty that enables one to realise unity of individual self to universal self. That it is a state of non-duality and it is in that state of being, nothing else but 'Divine Will' shall manifest.*

LOTP says, Within you is the light of the world, the only light that can be shed upon the Path. If you are unable to perceive it within you, it is useless to look for it elsewhere.

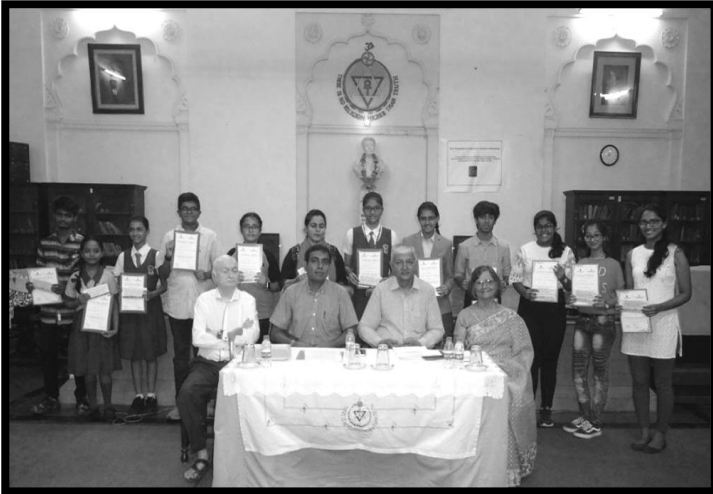
But a very important question now arises, how to perceive that signal or the homing signal which can be called LOTP or TVOTS, the HOME in this case being the Universal Self whence everything comes in the beginning of Manifestation and whither everything goes at the time of Dissolution.

But before even we talk about the aspects through which we can try to be in touch with higher self, what is the pre-requisite to that effort? ***The required condition is to be "Introvert"; Not in the conventional way. Not shy or restrained. Instead, "Introvertere" (Latin, to turn within, mid-17th century) turn one's thoughts inwards in spiritual contemplation.***

And if we ask ourselves what are those situations when one has more probability of turning within? Probability only not necessarily:- 1) Suffering 2) Boredom
Now that one is turned inwards what are aspects to work upon to be in constant touch with Intuition.

NOTE:

To understand how to be in constant touch with 'Intuition' do read Shri Shikhar Agnihotri's next talk on 'Assessing the Homing Signals Within' in BTF Bulletin issue of January 2020.



Chief Guest International Lecturer Shri Shikhar Agnihotri (2nd from Left) with sited L to R: BTF Vice-President Dr. Ajay Hora, BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya & Elocution Competition Coordinator Sis Aban Patel with Prize Winners of Dani Inter-School and Mullan Inter-College Elocution Competitions 2019

BTF & LODGE PROGRAMMES DECEMBER 2019

SUPPORT CONVENTION 2019-2020

Jointly by BTF & Blavatsky Lodge at Besant Hall to be in tune with
The 144th International TS Convention at Indian Section TS, Varanasi
 from 31st December 2019 to 5th January 2020
 With the Theme: *‘Nurturing the Divine Seed’*

Wednesday 1st January 20120:

5.30 pm Tea & Snacks

6.00 pm Prayers of All Religions and the 144th Convention

Inaugural Speech of International President Tim Boyd

Friday 3rd January 2020:

5.30 pm Tea & Snacks

6.00 pm Cultural Programme

Saturday 4th January 2019:

5.30 pm Tea & Snacks

6.00 pm **Symposium** on *‘Nurturing the Divine Seed’*

Sunday 5th January 2020:

5.30 pm Tea & Snacks

6.00 pm Mystic Star Ritual and Closing of the Support Convention

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DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Sun 1	10.00 am 10.30 am	Bharat Samaj Pooja BTF Council Meeting
Fri	6.00 pm	Talk by Chaitanya Damodaran (Bro. Janardana Sherigar) about his recent visit to Charo Dham with pictures.
Fri 13,20,27	6.00 pm	Members’ Meetings (Meeting details will be announced later)
Sun 22	10.45 am	Maitreya Round Table
Fri 27	4.30 pm	Blavatsky Lodge MC Meeting
Tues 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	5.45 pm	Members’ Meetings (Meeting details will be announced later)

3. CENTENARY LODGE:

Please contact Sis. Najma Dewan (M): 9987204038 for meetings

4. JYOTI LODGE: Contact Bro. Taral Munshi, C/101, Building No.19, New Mhada, Garden Hill C.H.S., New Mhada Colony, Behind N.P.A., Goregaon (East), Mumbai 400065 (M): 9820187317

5. SHANTI LODGE: C/o Bro. Rustom Dalal, Vijay Niwas, 2nd Floor, Plot 5, Sleater Road, Mumbai 400007 Tel: 23800422 (M): 9833131216 Time: 6.15 p.m.

Thurs	5	Study of CWL's book 'The Power and Use of Thought'
Thurs	12	Study of CWL's book 'The Power and Use of Thought'
Thurs	19	Study of CWL's book 'The Power and Use of Thought'
Thurs	26	Shanti Lodge AGM followed by Refreshment

6. UNITY YOUTH LODGE: Sis. Soonoo Vesuna (M): 9619339787

Wed	5.30	Theosophical readings guided by Sis. Soonoo Vesuna at her residence Vijay Niwas, 4th Floor, Sleater Road
18	pm	

7 & 8 VASANTA LODGE & GANESH LODGE: C/O Sis. Kalpana Pramod Jani, 804, Ajanta, Tilak Road, opp. Shabari Hotel, Santacruz (West), Mumbai 400054

Wednesday	6.30	Study of Gujarati Translation of Annie Besant's book 'Path of Discipleship' conducted by Bro. Bhavesh Pandya
4, 11 & 18	pm	
25		Christmas – Lodge closed

9. VIMADALAL BILIA LODGE: Family House, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 400014

Thurs	5	5.45	Healing Group
Thurs	12	6.00	Talk by Bro. Rustom Chothia
Thurs	19	6.00	Talk by Sis. Meher Contractor
Thurs	26	6.00	Lodge Members' Meeting

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