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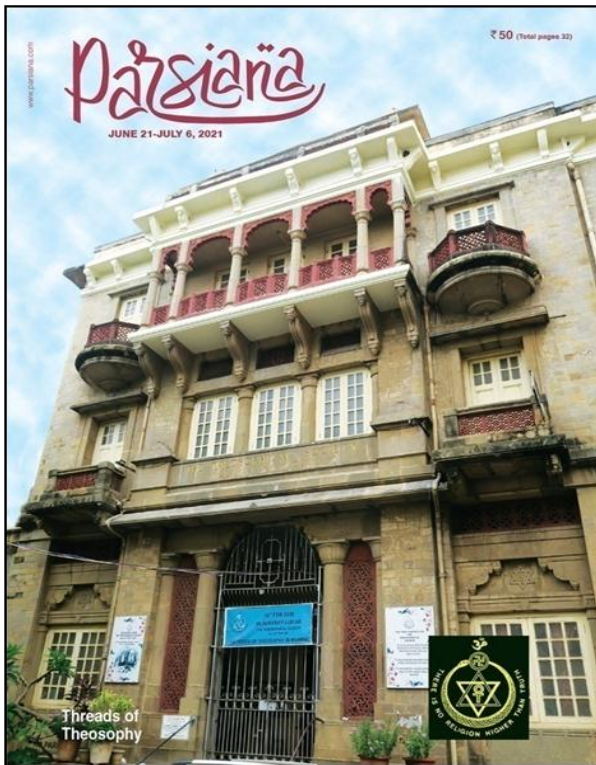
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*Threads of Theosophy  
With 'Religion made Relevant'  
Cover Page Story in PARSIANA  
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**MISSION OF TS**

*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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**URGENT REMINDER**

**TO PAY ANNUAL DUES OF 2021-2022**

*As per letter Dt. 1st June 2021of*

*Indian Section TS President Shri Pradeep Gohil*

**Members are requested to comply with following amendments which are effective from 18th December 2020**

1. Annual Dues are to be paid in advance and the New Year begins on October 1, **hence the dues for that year must be paid in September.**
2. **Married couple discount is no more** allowed and is deleted.
3. There should be no long-term subscription for the Indian Theosophist. **Members should pay subscription yearly.**

We understand that in current year Members have paid Annual Dues & Lodge Fees for 2020-2021, but according to the above amendment **Members, you will have to also pay Annual Dues and Lodge Fees for 2021-2022 before 30th September 2021.**

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in the Bulletin be forwarded by e-mail to [kashmira.khambatta@gmail.com](mailto:kashmira.khambatta@gmail.com) latest by 16th each month. Readers' Views are invited.

**Members, please pay your Annual Dues & Lodge Fees for 2021-2022 to your Lodge by end August 2021. Lodges are requested to send Annual Dues to BTF by early August 2021 so that BTF can remit Annual Dues in time. Now Annual Dues are to be paid by cheques and Indian Section will expect cheques to be cleared before 30th September 2021.**

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### **BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION COUNCIL**

At its virtual meeting of 14th July 2021 along with other business had to consider appointment of treasurer on passing away of Treasurer Bro. Rustom Dalal. **Bro. Taral Munshi was unanimously appointed Treasurer** for the remaining term of 2020-2022. In his place Co-opted Member **Sis. Archana Munshi became Representative of Jyoti Lodge. Sis. Meherangiz Baria was welcomed as the Co-opted Member. Sis. Mahazaver Rustom Dalal was requested to be Acting Editor of BTF Bulletin** in place of Late Bro. Rustom Dalal. The Council welcomed and wished fruitful Term to all new appointees.

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### **BLAVATSKY LODGE AGM NOTICE**

The 141<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Blavatsky Lodge TS will be held virtually **on Zoom at 11.00 am on Sunday 26th September 2021.**

- All members are requested to install Zoom on their computer / cell phone.
- Members are requested to be present and log in 5-10 minutes earlier.

- The Meeting ID and pass code will be shared in the September BTF Bulletin.

- *President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta*

**BISHOP C. W. LEADBEATER'S GUIDELINE ON  
'THE WORK OF THEOSOPHISTS'  
FOR BRETHREN OF BOMBAY BY HIS TALK ON  
50TH YEAR OF BLAVATSKY LODGE AND INAUGURATION  
OF  
BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION  
ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 1931**

*The extracts are courtesy 'Theosophists nu Karya'  
translation in Gujarati by Shri Bhoopatsinh Barot  
Published by Gujarat Theosophical Federation*

*This book is currently studied at Vasanta-Ganesh-Jyoti Lodge  
Virtual Meetings of Thursdays  
[The extracts are re-translated into English]*

I am hopeful that whatever work this Federation will try to do, it will have a grand success and its members who have worked up to now harmoniously knowing each other, will be motivated to work with more zeal and commitment.

Here I would like to tell you one thing. Please note that in your enthusiasm to work for your New Federation, you will be very careful that your duty towards the Lodges will not be neglected. Every Lodge is a nucleus to radiate good atmosphere in its surroundings. This effect of a Lodge depends on all its members regularly attending its meetings with interest and does Lodge work with zest, strength, and commitment. **Never think of what you will get from Centre or Lodge but think of what you can give through Lodge & Centre. Centre / Lodge should be a homogeneous unit. It should be a part of wider homogeneous unit of Federation.** Centre or Lodge which

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has disharmony, infighting, jealousy, criticism, personal enmity, will not give strength to the Federation, but it will become a penetrating hole. If we want to take advantage of today's work nothing of such negativity should be there.

**I would like to once again remind you that the Theosophical Society exists to increase Universal Brotherhood** by helping to eliminate distinctions of race, religion, creed, sex, caste, colour in community. All religions in essence are same where essential virtues to practice in life are concerned. To understand this comparative study of religion should be encouraged. We should go closer to the Truth from outside illusory world and try to live accordingly. This encourages the study of unexplained laws of nature. This is the main object of the Society and whatever is said or done is with a view to propagate the object of Theosophical Society.

Some members ask, '*How do I know that I have passed the test of Theosophy?*' **The answer is:** The Great Ones will ask what good deed you have done. Are you honest to yourself? Are you trying to live higher values? Are you for more pious pure life? Are you becoming noble? And most important are you living a selfless life to be helpful to others? Are you thinking less of your own progress, less of fulfillment of your own aspirations and are living a life useful to others? Are you constantly thinking of serving fellow humans? Are you working harder? If yes, then you are passing your test and are making spiritual progress. The blessings of our Great Ones and the Masters will be on you. But if in pursuits of imaginary self-realization, one stops working for helping Brethren, instead of progressing will regress. Right symbol of progress is service and not just words.

To feed poor and take care of their health is good work. But it will be better to nourish their *Atma* with spiritual knowledge. Theosophical Society does not participate in political activities. An individual is

free to choose his way. However, there is a work in which all *Hindis* (people of India) can join. It is to work for peace and unity, to work to remove pre-conditioned thinking and to increase universal brotherhood. The work done to unite people of different religious thinking of *Hind* for great *Bharat Rashtra* will be the work for the Masters.

## ***THEOSOPHY AND THE TRANSCENDANCE THROUGH ART***

**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN THE PHILIPPINES**  
JOINT LODGE MEETING

**ARNI NARENDRAN**  
HON. TREASURER, BLAVATSKY LODGE - MUMBAI

*Open to the public*  
**Theosophy and Transcendence  
Through Art**

JUNE 19, 2021 (SATURDAY)  
AT 5PM (MANILA TIME +8 GMT)

MEETING ID: 869 4455 2964  
PASSCODE: jointmeet

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**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN THE PHILIPPINES**  
Every Saturday 3:00 p.m. (Manila time ~ 8:00 GMT)  
via Zoom and Facebook live streaming  
<http://www.facebook.com/theosophicalsociety>

**ESTHER POCKRANDT**  
TS Sunshine Coast  
Australia

**MANUELA KAULICH**  
General Secretary  
TS German Section

JUNE 19  
AS THE INNER SO IS THE OUTER,  
IN SILENCE SHE SPEAKS

JUNE 19  
TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG  
- IN SERVICE TO THE WORLD

**ARNI NARENDAN**  
Hon. Treasurer, Blavatsky Lodge  
Mumbai

**UDAYO UNTARYA WIJAYA**  
Blavatsky Lodge  
Jakarta, Indonesia

JUNE 19  
THEOSOPHY AND TRANSCENDENCE  
THROUGH ART

JUNE 26  
MYSTICAL WISDOMS  
OF BOROBUDDH

**JOINT LODGE MEETING**  
SPEAKERS FOR JUNE 2021

**Bro Arni Narendran was the guest speaker at the Joint Lodge meeting of The Theosophical Society of Philippines.** He spoke on the eclectic, subject of *'Theosophy and the Transcendence through Art'*. A fascinating run down on the famous artists influenced by Theosophy - viz: Wassily Kandinsky, Hilma af Klint, Nicholas Roerich, Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy, Lawren Harris, Piet Mondrian and art critique-Josephine Paladin. The virtual session was well attended from attendees of all over the globe including nocturnal time zones. A young content design team had for the first time designed and posted a video invitation on FB. It came in for much appreciation by the guest speaker and participants and also the Power point presentation creatively produced for the event by Sr Kashmira Khambatta. Bro Chally, the Section President made a special mention. Bro Hamid of the TOS, Karachi, Pakistan informed

the audience that the TS in Karachi was included in the Art Biennale locations in 2020.

Bro. Arni's talk was one of the four Speakers for month of June 2021 for Joint Lodge meeting.

**Br Arni also delivered a lecture on Aphorisms 5 to 8 of Part II of 'Light on the Path' at the Pranava Lodge – Manila.**

**'PARSIANA' COVER PAGE STORY**  
**'Threads of Theosophy – Religion Made Relevant'**



At *Udvada Utsav* – Religious Meet of Zoroastrians at Udvada in December 2019 Sis. Aban Patel talking to Mr. Farokh Jijina of *PARSIANA* mentioned about Theosophy. His response was, if there is any contribution of Parsees – Zoroastrians in Theosophical Society, it can be covered in Parsiana. 20th February 2020 was the celebration of

140th Year of Blavatsky Lodge. Bro. Arni Narendran prepared '*The History of Blavatsky Lodge*', which featured many Parsees. Sis. Mahazaver Dalal sent an initial article titled '*Theosophy & Zoroastrians*' to Parsiana around March – April 2020. At the 89th Annual Session of Bombay Theosophical Federation a Wisdom Capsule conceptualized by Bro. Arni Narendran, Director of Education of The Virtual Centre for Theosophical Studies was launched with first capsule on '*Zoroastrianism in Light of Theosophy*' presented by Sis. Meherangiz Baria. Her artistic Power Point with research about contents and contribution of Zoroastrians to Theosophy brought out more names. Finally, it was Sis. Parinaz Gandhi, Senior Theosophist and Managing Editor of Parsiana with her further inputs weaved the Article '*Religion Made Relevant*' for Parsiana Readers in India and Abroad. She personally took photos at Blavatsky Lodge of Painting of Zarathushtra and portraits of stalwart Zoroastrian Theosophists of Bombay. We are grateful to Parsiana Editor Mr. Jehangir Patel and the team which finalized the article with photos of Blavatsky Lodge and Theosophical Society HQ Adyar. **This archival Parsiana issue of June 21 – July 6, 2021**, will be sent for Library and Archives of Adyar and Indian Section TS, Varanasi. Few copies are with Sis. Mahazaver Dalal. Interested person is welcome to contact her on (M):+91-9833131216.

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**THEO JYOTI PREMIER ON YOU TUBE CHANNEL  
On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Bro. Taral Munshi through his Kaladisha presents. Book '*Mriyu ni Pankhar man Vasant*' authored by Dr. Usha Chaturvedi of Ahmedabad.** This book lucidly written in Gujarati speaks about how soul of author's Dear Daughter Stuti, hardly of 13 years, who died in accident, reaches out to shocked & grieved Parents and Brother on good occasions and needed occasions through flashes to Father Shri Arun Chaturvedi and Uncle Dr. Ajay



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Hora. The book is presented by Bro. Vinayak Pandya, and Parents and Dr. Ajay Hora share their experiences.

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*Price Rs.1/-*

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