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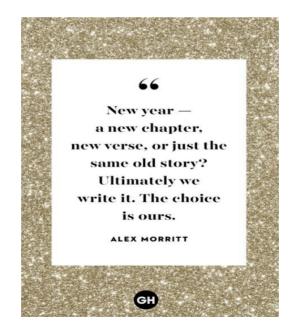
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To serve humanity by cultivating an ever deepening understanding and realization of the Ageless Wisdom, spiritual self-transformation and the unity of all life

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#### THE 146TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY 2021 ONLINE

Theme:

# Living in the Now: Challenges of the Inner Life 27 – 30 December 2021

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Life is undivided and fully present, everywhere. Yet our experience is fragmented – joyful/sad, here/there, before/after, outer/inner. Is there a line separating these opposing twins? Whether we come to it through self-devised efforts, or through crises which strip away all that is unnecessary, there is a balancing still point in the timeless, ever-present moment of Now.

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BTF PRESIDENT BRO. VINAYAK PANDYA'S MESSAGE FOR NEW YEAR 2022

I wish happy, healthy, cheerful, exciting & prosperous 2022 to all our members, their family, and friends. May Master's blessings shower on all creatures. May Masters give us enough guidance and inspiration to implement and share Ancient Wisdom and work for humanity and all creatures of world during Pandemic.

We were fortunate that during Pandemic our Theosophical activities and our participation had increased immensely. We participated in many talks of different speakers. I take this opportunity to thank all our members in guiding, admiring, inspiring, helping, praying for our members and humanity. I pray to Almighty for those members / relatives / friends who passed away to peace.

I take this opportunity to communicate with you. We have been associated with Theosophical movement in the city of Mumbai. TS was formed in USA, then it came to Bombay - now Mumbai and finally TS settled its Headquarters at Holy Adyar campus. Year 2021 was most challenging for everyone in the world. The pandemic has created lot of change in our behavior. We have been conducting various activities as part of our theosophical movement. To list some of them as under:-

- 1) Online Lodge meetings
- Suryaben Jamubhai Dani Notebook making and distribution to deserving students was postponed due to pandemic situation
- 3) BTF monthly magazine: some time it was e-bulletin. I take note of timely help of Sister Kashmira Khambatta in

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helping in difficult time for doing everything related to BTF Bulletin.

- 4) Minoo Mulla & Jamubhai Dani Elocution competition for children could not be held.
- 5) Annual online 2-day session instead of 3 days.
- 6) Celebration of Red-Letter Days of TS were held online on Zoom Platform.
- 7) Providing Besant Hall for prayer meetings. Most of the time it couldn't be given due to pandemic.
- 8) Book shop at Blavatsky Lodge was closed from end of March 2020.
- 9) Theosophical order of services (TOS) Activities. This activity helps more than 500 students by way of scholarship for their education.
- 10) Administration of our Lodges, Federation, Membership related work, Communications, Maintenance of property, raising of funds continued.
- 11) Most of our members participated in many online lectures and guided meditation programs.
- 12) Now Blavatsky Lodge has started Hybrid Meetings on Tuesday and Friday. Those who can attend in person are attending and others join on Zoom Platform.
- 13) I am happy to note here emergence of Jyoti Lodge revival with Triveni Tuesday Meets. The efforts of Brother Taral & Sister Archana are highly creative and appreciated by those who participate in the meetings.
- 14) Our members who gave talks online to name few Dr. Ajay Hora, Brother Navin Kumar, Sister Aban Patel, Brother Arni Narendran, Brother Taral Munshi & so on.
- 15) During the year by the inspiration of Brother Ram Kalra, 53 College / University Libraries have accepted our offer

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of keeping our International monthly magazine 'The Theosophist' for students and faculty members. This will increase awareness about Theosophical Society.

I would like to recapture significant events of Theosophical Society. We have dynamic International President Mr. Tim Boyd and Mr. Pradeep Gohil as Indian Section President. Both of them have taken Theosophy to new heights financially and in all other matters. They believe in changes and taking everyone together. They take everyone's input before any decisions are jointly arrived.

 Our biggest challenge is to spread Theosophical knowledge amongst the nonmembers. Once this is The 146th International convention along with Indian Section convention was held online from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021. It had great success. It was by 3 different Regions - Indo Pacific, Europe & Africa, and Americas with the help from TS Adyar. Recording is available on: https://www.youtube.com/c/TheosophicalSocietyAdyar/vide

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done we should get appropriate new members. Let me inform you that Indian Section has decided to abolish admission fees and annual membership fees for all members as the Theosophical membership cannot be valued in terms of money. We can ask our friends and known person to join Theosophical Society without any fees. All members will have to inform Indian Section by E-mail in September every organized year that they would like to continue as member of Theosophical Society. This pandemic has brought many positive things. It has thought us how to remain isolated, to wear mask, for cleanliness washing hands, taking steam, reduce other decease, to work online, to increase brotherhood, to realize that money is not everything. People started looking after their health, people got time for themselves, people were brought closure to spirituality, it cut down barriers of Lodges, Federations and even International Sections. We started attending online meetings and learned new technology. It's really new experience for most of us.

wish Pandemic goes away and there is Healthy, Happy, Safe, Spiritually inspired, Purposeful Life ahead full of Love, Joy & Peace and Prosperity with lessons & opportunities of Pandemic for the whole World.

Hope to see you all more often in our gatherings. You can reach me on my email id <u>cavrpandya@gmail.com</u> or on phone 07021778977. – *With warm fraternal regards Vinayak Pandya* 

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# From Editor's Desk

### Dear Brethren and Friends of TS,

My most sincere apology for not being able to prepare our BTF Bulletin issue of December 2021 in time, I had another commitment to meet the deadline. The Report of BTF Annual Session of 2021 will be covered in the next Bulletin.

With the Grace of the Great Ones this issue is a transition from Christmas Joy to heralding New Year 2022. It is Merry Christmas today, as I write to you. Christmas has its Hidden Spiritual Meaning explained by Sis. Catalina Isaza Cantor in her article printed in '*The Theosophist*' of December 2021. She spoke about it on TRIVENI

Tuesday Meet of 21st December 2021 also. An extract from her article reads:

# A double birth

### Our nature is both divine and human:

"Jesus answered them: 'Is it not written in your Law', "I have said, you are gods"?" (John 10:34). "Do you not know that you are God's sanctuary and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16). We must awaken that divine and immortal aspect in ourselves. That means the aspects of the higher triad: The Father, or Will; the Son, or Wisdom-Love; and the Holy Spirit, or Creative Intelligence. One of these aspects, the Son, the Wisdom-Love, manifested himself in

Palestine. Christ came united with the nature of the Father to bring peace and love to men, and although he disappeared from the eyes of men, he is in intimate contact with humanity all the time, as a dynamic and always active Christ. Within us is that spark waiting to be born. The birth of Christ represents the birth of this spiritual being.

A beautiful Forward on Whatsapp tells us what Christmas Spirit we should have for our New Year 2022 Resolution to stay Blessed:

*Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other...... THAT IS CHRISTMAS* 

May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding and closer to the blessing of Peace!

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Pandemic has taught us many things and Technology has brought people across the world closer from Home Comfort. Let us with Will, Wisdom & Love step forward towards healthy, happy, safe, fruitful 2022.

#### Mahazaver Rustom Dalal, Acting Editor

#### January 1 – Blavatsky Quotation Book

And let no one imagine that it is a mere fancy, the attaching of importance to the birth of the year. The earth passes through its definite phases and man with it; and as a day can be colored so can a year. The astral life of the earth is young and strong between Christmas and Easter. Those who form their wishes now will have added strength to fulfil them consistently.

- CW IX, 5

## NEW YEAR THOUGHTS Courtesy: 'The Theosophist' April 1935 Diamond Jubilee Year, 1875 - 1935

On looking back on yesteryear Now that another's almost here, I see so many things askew Because I failed in what I knew; I've found the glass through which I see Has been smoked up too much with ME.

So, I've resolved this coming year To cast aside all thoughts of fear And know that all the world is good (E'en when it's bad) if understood! I'll make my thoughts and words more kind And if I'm hurt, why never mind, For after all 'twill let me know How cruel are the stones I throw.

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I'll never point the hand of blame Or speak to others of the "shame" Of one who's slipped the "moral code"-When straining 'neath a greater load Then he has had the strength to bear— And add *more* burden to his care. And if he lies or cheats or steals. I'll try to learn just how he feels, Because I know he's really good, It's just he hasn't understood! The good in everyone is such That he may only need the touch Of kindliness that I can give To turn about and better live— And I'll not fear to soil my hand If such a need is in demand. In this world's goods perhaps I'm poor, But then there is an endless store Of love and kindliness and cheer For me to use throughout the year, And I may give with lavish hand Knowing that He will understand, And give me more as it shall flow Through me to soothe another's woe.

#### ALBERT FREAR HARDCASTLE

#### SIS. ABAN PATEL INVITEE SPEAKER AT INDIAN SECTION TS MEETING on 14th November 2021

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Sister Aban Patel was invited by Brother Pradip Mahapatra to speak for the Indian Section, Varanasi On-line Zoom platform. The subject matter given was from the book "Principles of Theosophical Work" written by Dr. I.K.Taimni . she was further informed that the subject matter will be from Chapter IV- 'the Qualifications and Preparation of Theosophical Worker Part II with reference to sub-chapters (i) Inner Life & (ii) Indispensable Qualities.

The above speech she delivered on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 on Zoom Platform under the aegis of the Indian Section, Varanasi. It was the continuation of the speech of Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri which he delivered on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021, from the same chapter IV, but with the reference to Part I, 'the Necessity of Acquiring knowledge and Specialization'.

# The text of the speech of Sis. Aban Patel will be printed in future bulletin.

## THE TRINITY AND THE TRIANGLES PART II – THE TRIANGLES OF AGENTS By Sis. Aban P. Patel – President Shanti Lodge

As the Logos is the Trinity, so the Occult Government of the World is in three great departments, ruled by three mighty Officials, who are not merely reflections of the Three Aspects of the Logos but are in a real way actual manifestations of them. They are: The Lord of the World, Lord Buddha, and The Mahachohan, who have reached grades of Initiation, which give them waking consciousness on the planes of nature beyond the fields of evolution of humanity, where dwells the manifested Logos.

- 1. Lord of The World is one with the First Aspect, on the highest of our seven planes (9<sup>th</sup> Initiation)Adi or Originating plane and wields the divine Will on earth.
- 2. The Buddha is united with the Second Aspect, which dwells on the Anupadaka or Monadic plane (8<sup>th</sup> Initiation) and sends the divine Wisdom down to mankind.
- 3. The Mahachohan is utterly one with the Third Aspect and resides in the Nirvanic plane (7<sup>th</sup> Initiation) and exercises the divine Activity, Atmic& Spiritual.

The first and second members of the Great Triangle are different from the third, being engaged in work of a character that does not descend to the physical plane, but only to the level of the Buddhic body in the case of Lord Buddha and the Atmic plane in that of the great Agent of the First Aspect. They provide through transmission their influence even to the lowest plane through their Representatives, the Manu Vaivasvata, and the Lord Maitreya respectively. These two great Adepts stand parallel with the Mahachohan on their respective Rays, and thus another Triangle is formed.

For the entire period of root race, the Manu- the Ideal Man- the Law Giver- the Thinker, controls the destiny of nations and works out the details of evolution.

The Bodhisattva, as World Teacher /Jagat Guru, the Minister of Education- knowledge/Gyana and Religion helps its members to develop spirituality.

The Mahachohan directs the minds of men so that different forms of culture and civilizations be unfolded according to the cyclic plan.

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Head and Heart are These, and the Hand with Five Fingers, all active in the world moulding the race into one organic being, a Heavenly Man.

The last term is no more simile, but describes a literal fact, for at the close of each root race effort of those who have attained Adeptship within it form a mighty organism which is in a very real sense One,- a Heavenly Man, in whom , as in an earthly man, are seven great centers, each of which is a mighty Adept. The Manu and the Bodhisattva will occupy in this great Being, the place of the Brain and Heart Centers and in them and as in part of them, gloriously one with them, shall we, their servants be, and the splendid totality will go on its further evolution to become a minister of some future Solar Deity. Yet, so transcending all comprehension is the wonder of it all that this union with others does not mar the freedom of any Adept in the Heavenly Man, nor precludes his acting quite outside its scope.

The marvelous unity of the members of these Triangles with the Logos, may be well illustrated by the case of the Bodhisattva. That the union of pupil with Master is closer than any tie imaginable on earth; closer still, because at a higher level, was that between the Master Kuthumi and His Teacher Master Dhruva, (we call it North star or Pole Star)

who was in his turn a pupil of the Lord Maitreya during the time when the latter took pupils.

The Adepts seem to be so far above us that we can hardly distinguish any difference in glory between the lower and higher levels. They all look like stars above us, and yet they speak of themselves as dust under the feet of the Lord Maitreya. There must be enormous difference there, even though we cannot see it. We look up to these stupendous heights and all appears a blinding glory. We cannot distinguish one as greater

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than another, except that we can see by the size of the aura that there are differences. But at least we can comprehend that the Unity of the Master Kuthumi with the Lord Maitreya must be far greater and more real union than anything imaginable at lower levels. We accept that they are there to lead us to the Path of the Masters if we desire and deserve.

Talking about Triangles, it has a lot of importance in other religions and philosophies:

**1. Our own emblem of Theosophical Society** is composed of a number of symbols, all of which have been used from very ancient times to express profound spiritual and philosophical concepts about Man and Universe. One of them being the Interlaced Triangles –often called the Double Triangle and known in the Hebrew religion as the Seal of Solomon or the Star of David, are surrounded by a serpent. This combination of the Triangle and the surrounding serpent symbolizes the created universe, wherein, creation is limited in time and space. The Triangles when looked at separately, symbolize the three facets of the manifestation which is known as the Trinity in various religions, for which I have already spoken earlier. The darker of the two triangles, which is downward pointing, symbolize the descent of the life of God into matter and the lighter triangle, which is upward pointing symbolize the ascent of that life out of matter into

spirit; the perpetual opposition between the light and dark forces in nature and in man.

<u>2. There are three Higher Triad</u> of Septenary, in constitution of our body, the Triple Monad of celestial being -

 $1^{st}$  Atman i.e., Spirit, the "Higher Self". As Madam Blavatsky stated in Key to Theosophy, Atman –the Higher self is neither your Spirit nor

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mine, but like sunlight shines on all, it is the universally diffused "Divine Principle" and is inseparable from its One and Absolute meta spirit, as the sunbeam is inseparable from sunlight.

 $2^{nd}$  Buddhi- wisdom, enlightenment. Theosophical literature uses the metaphor of Buddhi as being the vehicle of Atman.

 $3^{rd}$  Manas- is the mind, the mental faculty. According to HPB Manas is a mysterious protean i.e., readily assuming different shapes and forms.

**3.** In Hinduism, the famous Shri Yantra is a form of mystical Yantra used in the Shri Vidya School of Hinduism. It consists of 9 Interlocking Triangles that surround a central point known as Bindu. These Triangles represent the Cosmos and the human body. Because of its 9 Triangles, it is also known as Navayoni Chakra. When the two-dimensional Shri Yantra is represented in three dimensions, it is called Mahameru i.e., Mount Meru, because of its shape.

Shri Subhash Kak, an Indian American computer scientist, and a historical revisionist at Oklahama State University, USA has stated in the 2009 issue of Brahma Vidya- the Journal of Adyar Library that the description of Shri Yantra is identical to the Yantra described in the Shrisuktam in Veda, which have devotional hymns, revering Shri Lakshmiji, the Hindu Goddess of wealth, prosperity, and fertility.

<u>Vastu Yantra</u> is considered a fundamental part of astrological science. It has complex geometrical arrangements. But one of them is an interlocking triangle. The upward pointed triangle signifies masculinity (Shiva) and action, while downward pointed triangle signifies femineity (Shakti) and introversion. Vastu Yantra is designed to use as a remedy against bad Vastu effects which happens due to without knowing the proper direction of Vastu. Hence, whenever a new premises, be that for home or office or any building is bought, many people who believe in Vastu science, take help of those who can guide them for the best location for entrance or exit etc.

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Many of you must have heard about the infamous <u>Bermuda Triangle.</u> It is also known as Devil's Triangle, is in the region of the Western part of the North Atlantic Ocean, off North America, connecting Bermuda, Florida and Puerto Rico, where a number of aircraft and ships are said to have disappeared under mysterious circumstances. Though many dismiss this idea that there is no mystery, but the fact remains that many ships and aircrafts when come under the Bermuda Triangle, they never come back.

**4.** <u>In Islam</u> if we observe, Islamic Art has geometrical patterns consisting of squares, rectangles, circles and Triangles. Triangle is an important shape in Islam Religion also. It symbolizes Consciousness.

**5.** In Zoroastrianism it is clearly affirmed that the beneficent vibratory effects of our Zoroastrian rituals are duly deposited in "Ganje Manthram" i.e., Repository of Mantras. The great Abed Sahebs i.e., Masters of Manthras, who are on the Higher Planes, can by the technique of Triangulation, bring down these beneficent vibratory energies deposited in the Great Repositories to the ailing and deserving beneficiaries.

If we observe, even above our holy Atash Kadeh- Fire Temples, Mandirs, Masjids, and Churches and Masonic Rosicrucian Lodges working throughout the world today, where communal prayers – Hum Bandagi and other rituals are held at the fixed periods of time, thought forms come into existence, as a result of strong vibrations produced by the holy Manthras. They slowly disintegrate after the ritual and spread divine blessings in the vicinity. It is a fact that the great domes of our Atash Kadeh, and Mandirs and the Minarets of Masjids and Churches are faint physical depictions of such Thought Forms that come into being as a result of holy Manthras and rituals. This is now testified by great modern Clairvoyants.

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Madam Blavatsky had said that a Mantra might be recited not for oneself, but with a special view to someone whom it was thought, it might help. Hence this technique of Triangulations is of great help in healing the ailing and the sick and specially, in today's time when the entire world is in the grip of pandemic. Thank you.

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Reinventing the 'Great Noetic Radiance of Our Epoch' - Mme.

Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, for the Twenty-First Century

By Bro. Arni Narendran

An article published in the "The Hindu", a national newspaper based out of Chennai, India, captioned 'Madam Blavatsky – Messenger of Light, Foreseeing the Future', the role of Madam Blavatsky has been extolled as an ageless contributor to human consciousness. To quote a passage "She was one of the most extraordinary women of her times whose knowledge of esoteric and scientific truths made her one of the most powerful influences of modern spiritual Thought"

Further to quote another passage from the same article, Mohandas K Gandhi asserts, "I recall having read Madam Blavatsky's 'The key to Theosophy'. The Book stimulated me to read Books on Hinduism and disabused me of the notion that Hinduism was rife with superstition.'

Ironically as was the trend at that time, many woman artists, poets, and Social reformers were relegated and found their recognition gain

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credence posthumously. Artists like, Hilma af Klint, Agnes Pelton are some of the Theosophical inspired names that come to mind. In the same vein, at the time of her death Madam Blavatsky's contribution to human civilization was overshadowed by a miniscule group of pessimists. This was not to stay, for in the last two decades Blavatsky's contribution is being recognized and discussed, not only by students of western esotericism, but in the conferences of Linguists, Artists, Scientists, and the vast ramification of human activity which Theosophy has been silently influencing.

In one of the first globally organized conferences in 2013- Enchanted Modernity's -Theosophy Modernism and the Arts in the Modern world, brought to focus the hitherto ignored impact of Theosophy in painting, sculpture, art, music, and architecture. It had its edition in North America as well. It was a trigger point for many artists to come to limelight. The conference had its repeat edition organized by Dr. Gouri Viswanathan of Columbia University in collaboration with York University in the U.K., in 2015. The conference also discussed the entanglement of Theosophy with Science, Technology and medicine. The hidden influence of Theosophy in the global cultural transformation became evident. To quote Prof. Ms Joy Dixon of British Columbia, University of Vancouver . on her thesis 'After Theosophy' (2015) - Theosophy makes a case for ontological turn in historic practice. The primordial Cartesian distinction between Mind and Matter, between knowing and being, the epistemological and ontological, that makes modernity's objective standard of Truth and realness possible in the first place. 'After Theosophy' is a paper on religion, science, and sexuality in Great Britain, and is a sequential to the explosion on the research on Theosophy in the last two decades"

Prof Marco Passi, of the Department of Hermetic Philosophy, University of Amsterdam and organizer of the 2013 edition of the Theosophy related conference, says "Theosophy is the way in which spiritual techniques help in breaking away from existing cannon and norms. It facilitated the emergence of new forms of consciousness that contradicted any rational or purely formal interpretations of artistic creation. The immense cosmological and historic vistas presented by Theosophy had the power for many of their followers to relativist traditional notions of science and religion which enabled them for a new construction of the past. The conference organizers were expecting a participation of 100 and ended up with around 2000 evincing interest in Theosophy.

In his Book- God. Science and The Secret Doctrine, clinical psychologist, Christopher C Holmes explains how 'The Secret Doctrine" has been a store house of veritable scientific facts. is being validated modern day discoveries and research in mainstream science. To quote the author "The Secret doctrine presented a holographic view of Reality, a century before modern scientists arrived at similar concepts. It is truly a remarkable work that comes of Age-in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, providing a remarkable model of intelligent design based on zero-point dynamics, a holographic model of real space and divine principles of mystical creation. Other scientists who have proved and echoed the same sentiment of Blavatsky's scientific treatise, are Carl Sagan who suggests that modern science must take cognizance of mystic axioms side by side with scientific hypothesis. Equally relevant is the call of Stephen Hawking to provide a physics and metaphysics of the empty Heart space. Blavatsky's contention of One unified intelligence thrilling through every finite point of the Universe, was validated by Dr. David Peat of the Queens University in London who worked with quantum theorist, David Bohm. He worked in the area of Collective Consciousness of Carl Jung and explained that 'Synchronicity 'was a non-local psychological reality

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in addition to material reality and both are informed by a unified active intelligence and are ultimately part of the whole." This echoes the meaning provided by Dr. David Bohm author of 'Wholeness and the implicate Order' (1980). Blavatsky's foresight of Science was Brilliant, and it may go well into a few centuries by the time all her propositions will be validated. In 2020, the Noble prize for physics was awarded to three scientists. One among them was Dr. Penrose from the University of Cambridge for his discovery of Blackhole and preexistence of another Universe. A theory explained by Blavatsky in her Manavantara and Pralaya cycles.

In the area of study of Western Esotericism, the introduction of Theosophy through the works of Madam Blavatsky shattered the frontiers of the narrative, by an exponential scale . Western esotericism became global by the inclusiveness of oriental mysticism. Madam Blavatsky's introduction of Theosophy to the West through the 'THE SECRET DOCTRINE' brought to the focus concepts from Hinduism and its offshoot, Buddhism, both philosophies now part of a Universal phalanx of Knowledge and Wisdom. There is no study of Western esotericism possible without discussions on Theosophy. Active Departments with a focus on Theosophy have emerged in recent years, The University of Amsterdam (Marco Passi), The University of Vienna (Dr. Julian Strube) University of Copenhagen (Tim Rudbog) University of Harward (James Santucci) University of Tel Aviv (Ms. Julie Chagess and Boaz Huss) University of Kobe (Toshio Akai) are some of the centers of Theosophical learning and Research. The list is ever expanding as Theosophy comes into focus as a mainstream Body of Wisdom. Julie Chage's Book on Blavatsky is another brilliant addition to the list of new Books on Madam HPB. The Book Recycled lives: "A History of Reincarnation in Blavatsky's theosophy". Soon there would be another new Book

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by Prof Marina Alexandrova, from the university of Austin, Texas, on the Russian context of Madam Blavatsky's work.

Finally in the land of the Birth of Madam Blavatsky, Russia, there is a great reawakening to the contributions of Mme. Blavatsky to the Global Consciousness. Efforts are on to publish her scrapbooks which have been restored at the Advar, Chennai, library, by Dutch and Russian archivists. The Boris de Zirkoff writings on HPB, which is a fourteen-volume series has also caught the attention of a Moscow based publishing House and the first volume stands published. The release of the Russian translation of Sylvia Cranston's seminal and painstaking Biography on HPB, is being released in this International Conference This is bound to steer up widespread interest in studying HPBs work. Most importantly, the Theosophical Society of Russia-Adamant Lodge is doing phenomenal path breaking work with the dedicated leadership of Vladimir Yaryi and Evgenia Shaboornikova. They have built up teams of academics, students, scientists and Artists from all over the World and primarily in various Russian Universities. Their Secret Doctrine Research is the most exhaustive study on the subjects with scholars across the world involved in their project. They have collaborated with the Virtual centre of Theosophical studies in a study series on the same subject.

These are some salient points that come to mind, the impact of Madam Helena Petrovna Blavatsky's work is impacting many diverse fields of human activities and she will remain a 'Light-bearer' to the Human civilization, bringing to the fore the concept of 'Unity of Universe' well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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\*Try to fill each day's measure with pure thoughts, wise words, kindly deeds. - Daily Meditations

\*If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

- Marcus Aurelius

\*Every beautiful form of action and behavior expresses a quality of the soul. - Thoughts for Aspirants – Second Series

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