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WESAK BLESSINGS ALTER
In Green Room of Blavatsky Lodge
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Invincible on every side
Is he who acteth thus;
On every side he walks in safety;
And his is the Greatest Blessing.

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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BLAVATSKY LODGE MEMEBRSHIP RULES

According to Guidelines of Indian Section President Shri Pradeep Gohil on ‘**Abolition of Admission Fees and Annual Dues**’ passed at **Special General Body Meeting of Blavatsky Lodge held on 8th May 2022:**

- 1) “The Lodge Membership Fee will be Rs.300 per member per annum with no concessions being offered to any member.
- 2) The Associate Membership would be Rs.100/- per member per annum.
- 3) Now there is no distinction between Life Member and Ordinary Member of Lodge as per the rules in place.

Acting Editor – Sis. Mahazaver Rustom R. Dalal **Cover Page by:** Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta **Editorial Committee** –Sis.Mahazaver Dalal (Reporter & in charge of Mailing List), Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta, Sis. Aban Patel and **Ex-Officio:** President Bro. Vinayak Pandya. **Note: News, Notes and Programs to be printed**

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

- 4) All Members of the Lodge should communicate to the Indian Section between 1st July to 30th September every year, through a dedicated email (as under) of the Indian Section Varanasi Office. **E-mail: renewalindsecmem@gmail.com**

- 5) All Life Members who have been removed from the list of the Blavatsky Lodge shall be permitted to attend Lodge Meetings. However, they shall not be eligible for the Indian Section or become members of the Managing Committee of the Blavatsky Lodge.



Bombay Theosophical Federation urges Ordinary, and Life Members dropped by Indian Section to apply for Renewal of their Membership to Indian Section immediately. The Forms are available from BTF Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal (M):9833131216 E-mail: mahazaver@hotmail.com The Form addressed to Indian Section President, duly filled in by applicant member has to be endorsed by Lodge President / Secretary and BTF Secretary. On request form can be e-mailed to dropped member. The Original Form has to be sent with Lodge Officer's signature to BTF Secretary for her sign and for forwarding it to Indian Section.

Members finding difficult to send e-mail for continuation of their Membership, please contact your Lodges. Only Lodge is permitted to take signature of such members on the prescribed form and to scan

and e-mail the Form to Indian Section dedicated e-mail ID. Federation or Member is not permitted.



**Offering of White Lilies to Madam HPB in Besant Hall
of Blavatsky Lodge on 8th May 2022**

The White Lotus Day, on the 8th of May 2022, which was the anniversary of passing away of **Madame Helena Blavatsky** began with the Prayers of all Religions. The Universal Prayers was recited together by all the 18 Members present.

The Bombay Theosophical Federation **President Bro. Vinayak Pandya** explained the significance of the White Lotus Day. He said

that every year, members of the TS assemble throughout the world since 1891. Before the Co-founder of the TS passed to peace, she had requested that on her death anniversary, the members of TS may gather and read passages from the two books '*The Bhagawad Geeta*' and '*The Light on the Path*' by Edwin Arnold. Later reading from '*The Voice of Silence*' by HPB was added. Further, Bro. Pandya explained the 3 objects of the Theosophical Society.

Bro. Navin Kumar, Vice President of Blavatsky Lodge, recited Shlokas from the **Bhagawad Geeta** in Sanskrit and translated into English, elaborating the significance of each Shlokas.

Sis. Meherangiz Baria, Past President of Blavatsky Lodge mentioned that the '**Voice of Silence**' was the last gift of HPB to the world and covered the Spiritual Journey of the disciple, to the point the disciple reaches the fourth initiation. Sis. Meherangiz Baria read out a few passages from the same.

Bro. Rustom Cooper, read passages from the book '**Light of Asia**' by Edwin Arnold.

An Altar of HPB was beautifully decorated by **Sis. Nawaz Dhalla** with flowers, Diya, and incense sticks. The meeting ended with the offering of flowers at the altar of HPB by each and every participant.

Sis. Kashmira Khambatta

Theosophists and would-be-theosophists are all united by a common devotion to the Regeneration of Man. They may differ in their convictions, interests, or approach. The Teachings of the Buddha, Jesus, Blavatsky, Besant, Krishnamurti, or other teacher may inspire some and not others. But there is a strong common bond, namely

profound concern for the progress and perfection of humanity, not merely at the material and intellectual levels, but morally and spirituality.

Radha Burnier, Book -Human Regeneration

A JOURNEY TO VESAK VALLEY

Bro. Arni Narendran's Talk at Blavatsky Lodge on 16-5-2022



Brother Arni Narendran virtually participated in the White Lotus Day celebration of the Theosophical Society (Adyar) - Moscow-Russia. He sent a video recording of his Greetings on the occasion which was recorded at the Kriyananda Meditation Centre at Mudh Island, Mumbai.

(Cover Page photo of Bro. Arni Narendran's Recording)

Brothers and Sisters of the Blavatsky Lodge, we are gathered here today to celebrate the Holy Day of Vesak, referred to as Vesak in the Hindu tradition. Vesak is celebrated as Buddha day across the world. It was on the very same day that Gautama Buddha was Born, Attained Enlightenment and passed to peace.

It is itself an occult significance for the Blessed One. Astrologically it is the day of Taurus Full Moon and referred to as Vesak Purnima or Buddha Purnima. The full moon in Taurus creates a special field of Energy on the Earth. Theosophists observe this day as a special Day of Devotion with Congregation, Prayer, and Meditation. C W

Leadbeater in his Book –Masters and the Path, describes the day as celebrated in Vesak Valley when on this day the Buddha the Gautama descends upon the earth to revitalize the planet with his Divine energy of Compassion, Peace, and Love. For us as Theosophists we not only celebrate the exoteric significance of the day, but also the

Esoteric impact it has on all servers of Humanity. I observe in the audience many faces whom we have not seen in the two years of pandemic, it is the power of Vesak Valley that has drawn you here, to join the regular group of Lodge attendees. Larger the physical presence in the Lodge, greater is the energy. This Green Room is a sacred shrine and a temple of meditation for members of the Blavatsky lodge. We are fortunate to serve the Lodge that was established by the Founders themselves in 1880. Needless to say, that this is the oldest serving Lodge in the World. As Theosophists we function as channels to the Hierarchy of Beings that Guard , Protect and Nurture Humanity. The very intention of serving mankind that an individual generates is Noble and triggers an action of Goodwill, especially when it is done in a congregation such as this one.

At Vesak Valley which is physically situated in a deep ravine in a valley away from Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, Lord Maitreya and all the Avatars (Nirmanakayas) Adepts, Bodhisattvas, Tunkus and World teachers descend in a circle. They Bless the new initiates of a Higher degree who form the next circle. The Third outer circle consists of the common local population who venerate the Sacred Beings who descend upon the planet. There are many videos that one may see on You Tube, on Vesak Valley. My friend Ms. Silvia Noemi Gonzales, a translator of Dalai Lamas work in Spanish, sent me from Argentina a video last evening on the vibratory sound of the ‘*Hum*’, a phenomenon that occurs somewhere in Mexico. Likewise in Vesak Valley too the communications and Blessings take place through

these vibrations. It is therefore important that the participants at Vesak Valley are pure at heart and intentions to receive this vibratory Blessings. These Energy that we receive from the Blessed Ones should be shared amongst all Humanity. In fact, it is said that even the Blessings that we receive from any Divine source must be shared and not selfishly absorbed. This can come about only through Compassion and Devotion.

We shall now watch a short slide show prepared by Sr. Kashmiri Khambatta on the Journey to Vesak valley. It graphically describes with picturization of the Vesak Purnima event. **We shall close the evening with Vesak Meditation** where we visualize our participation in Vesak Valley. We are one small group facilitating linkages in a worldwide network of Meditators. Apart from Buddhists, the Alice Bailey group through Luci's Trust also conducts a global Taurus full Moon Meditation which the speaker participated virtually. Participation in this planetary meditation is one way of serving Humanity. May we take this opportunity and pay Obeisance to the Blessed Ones.

'OM MANI PADME HUM'

Bro Navin Kumar ended the Vesak Purnima Gathering with Sanskrit prayers. Water from the bowl on the Alter was partaken as Blessings by all present.

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**OM NAMO TASSE
BHAGAVATO ARAHATO,
SAMA SAM BUDDHASSA**

*Sis. Aban Amroliwalla
of Blavatsky Lodge, Mumbai
shares her experience of
attending Wesak Purnima
Meeting in Toronto, Canada*

The Meeting started with explanation by Cyrus Ryan of the Wesak Ceremony in the sacred valley in the Himalayas and the descent of the Buddha. Followed by Meditation for half an hour. And later chanting of Buddhist Prayer –

**OM NAMO TASSE BHAGAVATO ARAHATO,
SAMA SAM BUDDHASSA**

loudly four times and silently four times. This chanting kept on for almost one hour. Finally, the Water and Fruits kept on the Table were shared by all. Then all had proceeded to a Buddhist vegetarian restaurant for dinner.

KARMA

At the behest of the Indian Section, Varanasi, Bro. Pradip Mahapatraji invited Sis. Aban Patel to conduct a Study –cum–Lecture Class on TS Manual No.4-“KARMA”, written by Dr. Annie

Besant. This talk was divided into three parts/Sessions. It started on Sunday 24th April, second Session was on 1st May and the third and last Session was on 15th May 2022.

In the first part Sis.Aban introduced the subject Karma and the **Generation of Karmas with emphasis on the Three Elemental Kingdoms/ Essence and Thought –Forms**, as they play the most important part in formation of our Karmas - good or evil. She explained about the existence and working of these Elementals in our Astral and Mental levels and also the way to control them. Since all things in the nature/world are governed by law, the Karmas too are governed by the Unalterable /Uniform Law. The doctrine of Karma explains that advancement of well-being is the result of well doing. There was reference of the Planes of Nature and how the Astral Plane is thronged with Elementals and man by his Will can overcome them. As regards Thought – Forms, it was explained that a thought-form is mental image created or molded by the mind out of the subtle matter of the higher psychic plane, in which it works. Further the activities of Thought -forms were also explained with anecdotes, and examples.

In Second Session, Part II of Karma, - the Making of Karma in Principle and in details, along with Working out of Karma and Facing Karmic results was taken up. Having realized the relation between man and the Elemental Kingdom, and the moulding of the mind we are in a position to understand something of the generation and working of Karma during a single life-period. By life-period it means a little cycle of human existence, with its physical, astral and devachanic experience including its return to the threshold of the physical i.e., rebirth. It is important to realize that the Soul resides out of physical body for far more than prolonged period than in it. The Vedantins acknowledge two types of conscious existence, the terrestrial i.e., earthly and the spiritual. The terrestrial existence is nothing but an illusion/ maya, whereas spiritual existence is actuality.

The Soul working as Mind, creates Mental-Images and these remain attached to its creator and forms part of the content of his consciousness, which are carried with him in earthly life, in death, and in regions beyond death too. Without this Mental Image there can be no individual Karma linking life-period to life-period.

The importance of Akashic Records and the role of Lipika were explained in detail as they play an important role in maintaining the true Karmic Records of man.

The Soul in man, the Ego, the maker of Karma is a growing entity, a living individual, who increases in wisdom and in mental stature as he treads the path of his evolution. The Ego that makes the Karma reaps the Karma sooner or later, in the same life or the next. It is from the Mental Images of experience and more especially from those which tell how suffering has been caused by ignorance of Law, that Conscience is born and is developed.

When the Soul has lived out its Devachanic life, and has assimilated all that it can, of the material gathered during its last period on earth, it begins to be drawn again towards earth due to the links of desire that bind it to material existence. The Soul now steps over the threshold of Devachan into the plane of re-incarnation, clothed itself in a new body of desire, bringing with it the Mental Images formed earlier. We know that Thoughts build Character and Actions make Environment. Hence if man in his lifetime creates wealth and makes use of it for the service of the society, his benevolence reaps a different harvest than the man who, in spite of creating wealth has wasted the opportunities given to him.

In the third Session -Part III of Karma, the Building the future , Moulding of Karma and Ceasing of Karma was taken. When man grasps the meaning of the Law of Karma, of its unerring exactitude, he begins to take himself in hand and actively superintends his own evolution. He builds his character with

deliberate care, knowing that he is building for Eternity. As time passes, and as his knowledge increases, he understands that he is at the center of the things in very real sense. He continuously checks his own Karmas that would not result in negativity. He follows the teachings of the Masters, Who help in cleansing the seeds of evil and prevent a future harvest of pain. Reference was made with examples of Sanchit Karmas, Prarabdh Karmas and Kriya Mani Karmas. Once man understands this law and takes the moral precepts of the great Religious Teachers of the world, he learns that obedience and devotion to a teacher may work towards liberation as knowledge may otherwise do.

Karma brings us ever back to re-birth, binds us to the wheel of births and death by weaving of the chain. **How to bring an end to this chain?** The answer to this is the great lesson of the Bhagawad Gita, the lesson taught to the warrior Prince Arjuna by Lord Krishna in Discourse 3, Shloka 19. *“Perform your duties without attachment. Constantly perform action, which is duty, for by performing action without attachment man verily reacheth Supreme”*.

Man, who reaches **the state of “inaction in action” has learned the secret of the ceasing of Karma.** The bonds of desire personal or individual must be broken. But ‘bonds of heart’ must not be destroyed. **The bond of Real Unity is no bond, which unites the One to the All,** the disciple to the Master and the Master to the disciple.

Collective Karma, where bonds of family is strong, birth after birth they come together. Here a reference was made to The Lives of Alcyone , where Jiddu Krishnamurti takes birth after birth with same group of people. Epidemics of crime and diseases, natural and man - made destructions are the result of collective Thought Forms. So the knowledge of the Law of Karma, deep and steady conviction of the truth of this Law gives to life an immovable serenity and perfect

fearlessness. Nothing can touch us that we have not wrought, nothing can injure us that we have not merited. Let men recognize this truth and then see the hour of their liberation has struck.



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