



# The Theosophical Link

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## Mission Statement

To serve humanity by cultivating an ever-deepening understanding and realization of the Ageless Wisdom, spiritual Self-transformation, and the Unity of all Life.



"Dancing of the autumn leaves on a surface of a lake is a dream we see when we are awake."

- Mehmet Murat Ildan

## The Three Objects of The Theosophical Society:

- ☯ To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.
- ☯ To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science.
- ☯ To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in the human being.



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**1st July, 2019.**

## Freedom of Thought – Official statement

As the Theosophical Society has spread far and wide over the world, and as members of all religions have become members of it without surrendering the special dogmas, teachings and beliefs of their respective faiths, it is thought desirable to emphasise the fact that there is no doctrine, no opinion, by whomsoever taught or held, that is in any way binding on any member of the Society, none which any member is not free to accept or reject. Approval of its Three Objects is the sole condition of membership.

No teacher, no writer, from H.P. Blavatsky downwards, has any authority to impose his or her teachings or opinions on members. Every member has an equal right to be attached to any school of thought which they may choose, but have no right to force that choice on any other.

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The Members of the General Council earnestly request every member of the Theosophical Society to maintain, defend and act upon these fundamental principles of the Society, and also fearlessly exercise their own right of liberty of thought and of expression thereof, within the limits of courtesy and consideration of others.

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## President's Report

Greetings all, 2019 is well underway and the second edition of the Link for the year is here with winter fast approaching. Let's hope that this winter brings us significantly more rain than last year to replenish our supplies for next year.

In May we have Tim Boyd, our international president, presenting two public talks. This will be an opportunity to hear him speak in person, so I do hope that there will be a good attendance from members to welcome him to our Branch. His visit will be short. He and his wife Lilly will be arriving on the 19th of May and departing on the 22nd.

As always the members of the Executive Committee are willing to listen to any grievances or suggestions on how we can make improvements to the Branch and provide a Society that is in tune with what its members require.

Warmest Regards

*Franco*



## MOUNT HELENA WORKING GROUP

In March we had a busy bee at the Retreat with a considerable amount of prepping done prior to the upcoming events for the year ahead. Many thanks to all who gave time to come up and help with the work. There is always something to be done and any help will be greatly appreciated.

By the time you read this we will have kicked off the first event of the year. At the time of writing the accommodation for the April weekend was fully booked.

Our next weekend will be on the 29th & 30th of June titled Aspects of Yoga. All are welcome both as stay over or day visitors.



## Opening of the Wisdom-Eye: And the History of the Advancement of Buddhadharma in Tibet

By H. H. Dalai Lama

Mahayana Buddhism explained by the present day spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, H. H. the Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso, in his first English-language book.

"This overview... is notable for its completeness and clarity."---Katherine Rogers, author of *The Garland of Mahamudra Practices*.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is both the head of state and the spiritual leader of Tibet. Jetsun Jamphel Ngawang Lobsang Yeshe Tenzin Gyatso (born Lhamo Döndrub), the 14th Dalai Lama, is a practicing member of the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism and is influential as a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, the world's most famous Buddhist monk, and the leader of the exiled Tibetan government in India.

He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, honorary Canadian citizenship in 2006, and the United States Congressional Gold Medal on 17 October 2007.

## The Future of Humanity

**Terraforming Mars, Interstellar Travel, Immortality, and Our Destiny Beyond Earth: by Michio Kaku**

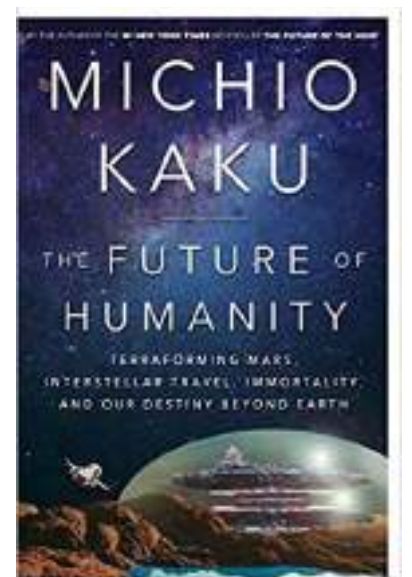
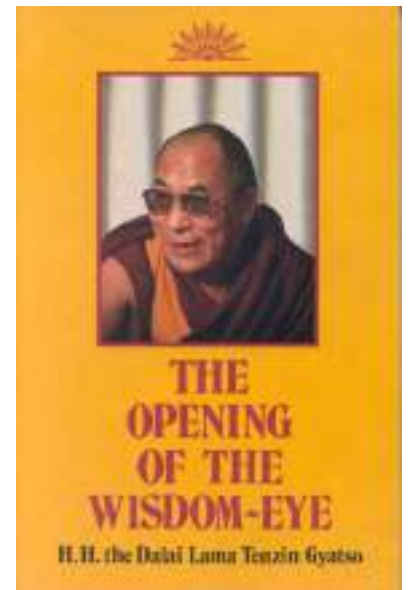
**The #1 bestselling author of *The Future of the Mind* traverses the frontiers of astrophysics, artificial intelligence, and technology to offer a stunning vision of man's future in space, from settling Mars to traveling to distant galaxies.**

We are entering a new Golden Age of space exploration. With irrepressible enthusiasm and a deep understanding of the cutting-edge research in space travel, World-renowned physicist and futurist Dr. Michio Kaku presents a compelling vision of how humanity may develop a sustainable civilization in outer space.

He reveals the developments in robotics, nanotechnology, and biotechnology that may allow us to terraform and build habitable cities on Mars and beyond.

He then journeys out of our solar system and discusses how new technologies such as nanoships, laser sails, and fusion rockets may actually make interstellar travel a possibility. We travel beyond our galaxy, and even beyond our universe, as Kaku investigates some of the hottest topics in science today, including warp drive, wormholes, hyperspace, parallel universes, and the multiverse.

Ultimately, he shows us how humans may someday achieve a form of immortality and be able to leave our bodies entirely, laser porting to new havens in space.



## WE MUST GO ON FROM HERE

By Clara Codd



Not long ago I came across an exquisite little poem, “Song at Twilight.” It had only three verses. I will quote the first:

We must go on from here.  
Time has no turning—  
Carry what we have learnt  
Since there is no unlearning  
The bridge behind is down.

At all moments of life the first line is forever true. We must go on from just where we are. It may be that we have been idle along the way, taken many a dubious turning. We can do nothing other than start again from just where we are.

I know people who postpone starting a great enterprise such as treading the Path, saying that they will wait until they are older or wiser. But as soon as the first intimations come into our souls that there is a way home, *that* is the moment to begin the way. Not good enough, we say, not pure enough, not clever enough.

But we cannot begin treading the Path except just as we are. We cannot begin any great enterprise except just as we are.

There is a lovely stanza from ancient India:

Pure or impure,  
whatever I may be,  
by meditating on the Pure  
I shall become pure.

We can only begin as we are; we must go on from where we are.

Some will think they are too old because life has almost gone for them. What a mistaken idea! In the life of the Spirit there is no age, nor space nor time as we understand them. There is a great truth in the old story of the thief on the cross who at the last moment of death entered paradise with his Lord. His last thought gave a new direction to his soul as it left the body.

The last year of a person’s life—even the last few months—can give a new direction, begin a new road that continues beyond the confines of death and leads into the next incarnation. The thoughts of all older people should turn heavenwards. Unfortunately, their thoughts often turn backwards, retracing the events of the past life that has passed so quickly. Memories dwell so potently with the old. That is well and good if they are memories embodying love, pity, joy, friendship, or beauty. But we need to look forward, too. The glories of heaven are coming. At the moment of death the Soul descends to view the past life and understand it. We must take a golden Ariadne’s thread with us through the gateway of death, the thread of a golden hope, resolution, even if it is only just a beginning.

And so, too, with all the problems of life. Inadequately as we may feel ourselves to be equipped, Time will not wait for us to find wisdom, help, or decision.



Whatever we are, wherever we stand, we *must* go on from here. Then may we go on bravely, accepting results which will cure our lack of wisdom and capacity, holding always a tremendous faith and trust, a trust in the life which is God in action, a faith in loveliness which is ultimately and forever the conqueror. The golden thread—our own *Sutratma*—again and again will lead us back to our divine Self, and one day that golden thread will lead us out of the darkness of this cave into the shining eternal light.

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Originally published in *Trust Yourself to Life*, Theosophical Publishing House, 1968.

## THE WORK OF THE BRANCHES

[Supplement to *The Theosophist*, March, 1884]

My esteemed friend and brother, Pandit Parmeshri Dass, President of the Branch Theosophical Society at Bara-Banki, writes to say that he finds the memo on the above subject in the last month's *Theosophist*, has been entirely misunderstood. The following passage therein has been the cause of misapprehension: --

Since the commencement, the Theosophical Society has tried to impress the fact that the Laws of Nature are immutable; and no living being, however high or powerful, can ever alter them to suit the convenience of students. . . . It will thus be seen that the Theosophical Society promises no Teachers, no Gurus, to take every member, upon joining, under their special charge. . . . No doubt there are individual members who have been fortunate enough to be accepted as Chelas, but their acceptance was due not to the fact of their being Fellows, but because they have been living the life and have voluntarily passed through the training and tests, enjoined upon aspirants for occult knowledge of every age and nationality.

Upon this it is argued:--

One's own Karma is the essence irrespectively of his connection or non-connection with the Theosophical Society -- in other words, all depends upon one's living the life enjoined upon aspirants for occult knowledge. The act of joining the Society is immaterial inasmuch as the life being an essential thing, fellowship in the Society carries no weight with it. The Society thus confers no benefit as a prerequisite on its members, in addition to the result of their own Karma. This being so, a Theosophist and an outsider stand upon the same footing; hence no one should join the Society.

This strange logic passes my comprehension. "All appears yellow to the jaundiced eye," says the poet. One blinded by selfishness cannot therefore pierce through the thick veil before his eyes, and all his conceptions must therefore be narrow.

My friend's reply to the above superb reasoning is: --

It is true that living the life is essential -- but the life lived by a Fellow of the Theosophical Society has an advantage over that lived by an outsider. A fellow, by the act of joining, places himself in a position wherein the essential qualification can immediately and directly attract the notice of the MAHATMAS.

A Theosophist has to exert less in point of attractive force than an outsider, for the latter is not so near the MAHATMAS as the former. Both of them do not therefore stand upon the same footing. All that the passage in the Memo. on the Work of the Branches meant to convey was that the Theosophical Society was not an improved sort of Miracle Club or School of Magic wherein for ten rupees (or any sum whatever) a man could become a Mahatma between the morning bath and the evening meal; but that in addition to merely joining the Society, a man should live the requisite life and wait patiently for the results which will come in due time.



DAMODAR K. MAVALANKAR

The Pandit's reply is correct so far as it goes, but it is incomplete. It does not give the reasons why a Theosophist is nearer to the MASTERS than an outsider. It also omits certain other important considerations.

With a view to avoid any further misunderstanding, I shall go a little fuller into the subject, being at the same time as brief and concise as possible. If the critics had read carefully the whole of the memo. and digested it thoroughly, they would probably have not been led into such curious conclusions as they now put forth.

It is admitted that the Theosophical Society has been engaged in doing good, with unparalleled success, to Humanity; that, had it not been for its exertions, people would have gone in their own ways as heretofore, would have paid no attention to the writings of the ancient sages and would have remained in entire ignorance of the glorious truths contained therein, not because they could not have been found if properly searched into, but because the earnest spirit of enquiry which has now been raised could never have asserted itself. It is therefore a duty we owe to the Theosophical Society to encourage and support it by all possible means, if we have the least sense of gratitude within us.

Moreover, it is within almost every one's mouth that more and more important facts of the Esoteric Philosophy are being gradually given out through the instrumentality of the Theosophical Society. Have the critics reflected to what causes this fact is due? It is because the leaders and promoters of the Association find that their labour is not being thrown entirely upon barren ground, but that their work is being more and more appreciated, as is proved by important additions to its ranks; they thus feel encouraged to continue their arduous task more and more cheerfully.

But let it be once proven that the work has created no interest, and that those for whom exertions are being made prefer to stubbornly remain blind to all higher considerations, and the theosophical leaders will be compelled to drop the work in spite of themselves. Is not the fact that the moral if not the active support given by people to the Society by joining it acts as a stimulant for renewed work -- is not this fact a sufficient inducement for right thinking men not to keep aloof from the movement?

Again, the Theosophical Society being a Universal Brotherhood embraces all Humanity: as such it may very well be recognized as one complete organism. All its doings are *its Karma*. And just as the different organs derive nourishment from the joint work of the whole body; so also each member of this huge organism has a part of its nourishment from the accumulated store of the *Karma* of the Theosophical Society as a whole.

And who will dispute the fact that that Association has been acquiring an immense amount of good *Karma* by its beneficent work of increasing human happiness by promoting knowledge and by uniting together different people into one bond of an Intellectual Brotherhood?

Still further: it is a well-recognized principle that *Union is Strength*; and therefore if any Association could afford large opportunities for doing good, it is the Theosophical Society. Selfishness having sealed the eyes of the critics to the fact that they form but a part of the INTEGRAL WHOLE, they fail to perceive that the good of their Fellowmen is their own good. The cloud of self-benefit darkens their mental horizon, through which their sight cannot pierce to have a glance at the future results of their attitude.

They see no superior advantage within the narrow range of their vision, and therefore they conclude no such advantage exists.

They cannot understand that of all the Associations now existing in the world, the Theosophical Society is the only one that can be employed to the best advantage for promoting human happiness by bringing people to realize the common foundation of all Religions.

And that the *Illuminated* have therefore adopted it as the channel of communication between themselves and the outer world. As such, it forms the centre of light, and he who steps into its sphere from the outer darkness, comes within the radius of vision of the BLESSED ONES.

To advance further depends upon his *active* goodness and work. By joining he has got his reward of giving an expression to his sympathy and thus affording moral support -- and that reward is that he puts himself in a prominent position whence he can be more easily perceived than those who prefer to remain in the outer darkness.

DAMODAR K. MAVALANKAR,  
*Joint Recording Secretary, Theosophical Society.*  
ADYAR (MADRAS), 3rd February 1884.





## Program of Lectures

### Definition of meeting types and relevant guidelines

- ◆ **Public Meetings** – All members and the public are welcome to attend.
- ◆ **General Meetings** – For Perth members, with interested members of the public welcome to attend up to 4 meetings, with the objective to explore and confirm an interest in becoming a member of the TS. If after attending 4 meetings the person is not interested in becoming a member, they are requested to restrict their visits to other options open to the public.
- ◆ **Members Only Meetings** – Generally for Perth and visiting TS members only. However, members attending may invite a guest to whom the presentation would be of interest and benefit, is known to have a basic understanding of theosophy, and is in harmony with the membership requirements and the general principles of the TS.
- ◆ **Strictly Members Only Meetings** – Are strictly for current Perth and visiting TS members only. Non-members will not be admitted to the meeting.

**All sessions, unless otherwise stated, run from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

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### MAY

<b>Tues 7 May</b> General Meeting	<p><b>White Lotus Day</b> - Commemoration of H. P. Blavatsky's passing on May 8, 1891 with a short reading from the Bhagavad-Gita and The Light of Asia as requested by H.P. Blavatsky to mark the occasion. Followed by: <b>The Bhagavad Gita</b> - Becky Newell.</p> <p>A powerpoint presentation on some aspects of The Bhagavad Gita (Song of God) as considered through the three spiritual paths of knowledge, action and devotion.</p> <p>The Gita is a story that continues to have universal relevance to the spiritually meaningful life today. Join us as we ponder on some of the wisdom ideas contained in this ancient Hindu text.</p>
<b>Tues 14 May</b> General Meeting	<p><b>Complementary Opposites in Relationships</b> - Keith Flynn</p> <p>In relationships, have you heard that 'Opposites attract'? Let's investigate in this Power-Point presentation this time proven model that sheds light on complementary opposites in relationships.</p>
<b>Mon 20 May</b> <b>Public Meeting</b>	<p><b>Overcoming Fear</b>- Tim Boyd - International President of the TS</p> <p>The internal experience of fear is common to all people. Like all emotional states fear is energetic in nature, and in the absence of deeper examination, it can be crippling. The Ageless Wisdom teachings give sound advice on dealing with this universal experience. Although it is the rare person who can say that he or she is completely without fear, it is possible for us to learn how to recognize the energies as they arise and then redirect them.</p>
<b>Tues 21 May</b> General Meeting	<p><b>The Habit of Dying</b> - Tim Boyd - International President of the TS</p> <p>A central fact of life is that all living things experience death. For the reincarnating being the experience of death is something that has been repeated countless times. Why then is this common experience so widely misunderstood and feared? The wisdom traditions of the world have long taught means for transforming the ordinary experience of dying into an extraordinary catalyst for spiritual growth. In this talk we will discuss the nature of death and some of the teachings for "practicing dying" while still alive.</p>

## MAY

<p><b>Tues 28 May</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>Rudolph Steiner as Teacher &amp; Occultist</b> (45 min. DVD) - facilitated by Viv Ward</p> <p>This DVD was filmed live at the 2014 Theosophical Society's National Convention in Sydney. TS National Speaker, Barry Bowden, is shown giving a "not to be missed" enjoyable and most interesting talk on Rudolph Steiner.</p>
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## JUNE

<p><b>Tues 4 June</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>A Great Australian Medium with Extraordinary Mediumistic Gifts:</b> Margaret Parrott from the Spiritual National Union</p> <p>During tonight's PowerPoint presentation, I will be introducing you to an ordinary workman, Stan Walsh, who had a strong Christian faith, yet he found quite by accident that there was an invisible intelligence at work and that was to open him to the most amazing developments through the deep trance state. Many hear of trance mediums and physical phenomena from around the world, yet not much is known about trance mediums from Australia. Let us take a look at this man and honour his dedication to a life he never expected, but was timed to meet the needs of the people facing an extraordinary period in history.</p>
<p><b>Tues 11 June</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>The Five Fingers of the Spiritual Hand of the Ancient Wisdom</b> - George Wester</p> <p>This PowerPoint presentation will be an examination into some of the present day synergistic pathways available for the exploration of the Ageless Wisdom. We will explore some of the "HOW" and "WHY" that might exist, along with their relevance to the (our) exploration of the spiritual path today.</p>
<p><b>Tue 18 June</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>Buddhist Cosmology and the Place of Humanity Within It</b> - Sue Lee</p> <p>According to Buddhist teachings, when a person is regarded as an Arahant, an Enlightened One, there are certain attributes that they have achieved that separate them from the rest of humanity. Among them is: Lokavida, Knower of Worlds. This talk will shed some light on the meaning of that evocative phrase.</p>
<p><b>Tues 25 June</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>Kundalini: A Theosophical Perspective</b> - Perry Coles</p> <p>Kundalini is a Sanskrit word that has become familiar in the western world now and is associated with various types of meditation practice. H.P. Blavatsky described Kundalini as "The power of life; one of the Forces of Nature; that power that generates a certain light in those who sit for spiritual and clairvoyant development. It is a power known only to those who practise concentration and Yoga." This PowerPoint presentation will look at what theosophical writers have to say on this subject and examine the role Kundalini plays in the Cosmos and in ourselves.</p>
<p><b>Weekend</b> <b>29 &amp; 30 June</b></p>	<p>Mount Helena event: <b>Aspects of Yoga</b></p> <p>See page 3 for details.</p>

**JULY**

<p><b>Tues 2 July</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>Perspectives - George Duffy</b> In this PowerPoint talk we will be examining the question: Who are you and why do you do the things you do?</p>
<p><b>Tues 9 July</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>Secrets of Sahul - Byron Joel</b> In this PowerPoint talk researcher Byron Joel explores the fascinating topic of Hominids (modern Humans and their relatives) in the Australasian and South East Asian regions. From Homo erectus in Java as long as 1 million years ago, the Hobbits of Flores, the Red Deer Cave People, the Denisovan DNA heritage within contemporary Australasian peoples and even the folklore describing mysterious non-sapiens hominids still living in the Australasian wilderness.</p>
<p><b>Tues 16 July</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>Evolution: How Is It Affecting Us? - Tina Hentisz</b> The evolution of humanity is not simply a chance result of natural selection and survival of the fittest. There may be much more to it, what did Blavatsky say? A truth may be bizarre, strange and fanciful, but does it make sense? Is there any evidence? Scientists, researchers and inventors are hard at work. A PowerPoint presentation that could change your mind.</p>
<p><b>Tues 23 July</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>Happy Ever After - How to Harness Happiness - Merrian Styles</b> A PowerPoint exploration of the connection between our thoughts and our hearts and our emotions. How our personality is a reflection of our personal reality and how to transform our reality into our future bliss and harness happiness.</p>
<p><b>Tues 30 July</b> General Meeting</p>	<p><b>TOS Presentation - Special Presenter: Katherine Houareau, Lifeline WA</b> Katherine Houareau is a Lifeline WA Ambassador and community advocate in suicide prevention, with an interesting and inspiring story to tell.  This is a TOS fund raising night. Please join the Theosophical Order of Service for our delicious snacks and light supper at 6:30 pm, cost of the meal is \$10</p>



**June 29th and 30th**  
Gailene Wester - Aspects of Yoga.  
**August 3rd and 4th:** T.B.A.  
**Oct afternoon 11th, 12th and 13th**  
Barry Bowden - Title T.B.A.

**Next event:**  
• **September 7th and 8th.**

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# Mt Helena Weekends 2019

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



**Meet-Ups are open to members of the Theosophical Society and the Public.**



*Remember that a deeper truth and higher consciousness can only be established through an active participation.*

## Meet-Up:

**PRACTICAL THEOSOPHY DISCUSSION GROUP**



**Theosophical Society Hall Monthly Meetings, Saturdays, 2 p.m. till 3.30 p.m.**

In this presentation and discussion group we take an investigative approach, where all personal contributions are most welcome. At any meeting you will be surprised with the variety and diversity of opinions, personal experiences and proposals, creating much food for thought and a higher consciousness.

**25th May 2019 – DREAMS & CLAIRVOYANCE**

Have you ever woken up from such a beautiful, perfect dream that you wished you could go back to sleep to soak it all up? Well, don't move a muscle—and perhaps you can enjoy the scenery a little longer. But, you know, the meaning of our dreams oftentimes relates to things we need to understand and this can come out in a weird way! Want to know more? Come to this meeting...

**June 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 - THOUGHT FORMS**

A personal thought can be said to be a vibration, deliberately or inadvertently sent out with a strong or weak intent. If it is merely a passing thought it may dissipate; if it is coupled with emotion and "intent" it may increase in strength and purpose. This 'kind of impulse' may be a personal building block in shaping a further reality or may be a trigger towards a synchronistic event. Want to know more? Come to this meeting...

**July 20th 2019 - UFO Phenomena- Spiritual Hierarchy?**

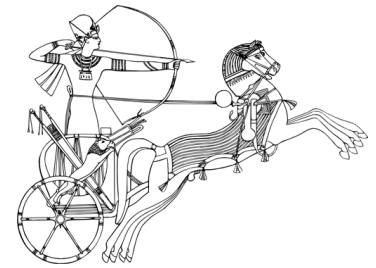
Messages we receive today about "extra-terrestrials" can be confusing. What should we believe? We may be told that we are in a transitional period, but are we poised for a quantum leap forward on both biological and spiritual levels? The Greater Reality Spectrum may be surprising! Come to this meeting.



# An Occult View Of The War

By C W Leadbeater

Part 3 of 3



Revised version from *Theosophy in Australia* magazine, April 1916. Earlier version published in *The Theosophist*. (Editor's Note: Sub-headings added for readability in this presentation.)

## The Theosophical Attitude

(cont.)

**So our attitude must be one of unselfishness and of firm attention to duty.** But we must do our duty *because* it is our duty, and not because of any personal feeling of hatred, or even of horror. We cannot but feel horror at the awful things that have been done, at the deliberate way they have been justified, at the terrible things that have been said. We cannot help feeling horror, but nevertheless we must try to hold ourselves steady, with iron determination as to what is to be done, but yet with readiness when all this is over to take one more the philosophical point of view.

The Lord who is to come—although when He came last time He said to His people: "I come not to bring peace but a sword", is nevertheless the Prince of Peace, the Lord of Love and the Lord of Life; and when love and life and peace *can* be for the people, He will lead them in to love and life and peace. But when the people have made that impossible for themselves for this incarnation, where these things cannot be for them, then will the other side of the prophecy come true, that those who draw the sword will perish by the sword.

**In the midst of raging selfishness let us try to live in utter unselfishness, let us be full of trust, because we know; however dark and difficult things may be, we cling to the certainty that evolution is working.** We went down in that great conflict in Atlantis, and yet we never lost our faith in the final triumph of good. This time good will triumph even the



outer world; but remember, victory will be achieved only by the greatest effort, by the most utter determination, and the most thorough federation and trust among the people who are chosen to rule the world and to do the work. To Germany also a great opportunity was offered. To the egos incarnated there an opportunity is offered even now of protest and of martyrdom. They have not taken it so far, but there may yet be those among them who will take it. I trust and hope that it may be so; that there will be those who will shake off the nightmare of obsession, who will say: "Kill us if you will, but we will not share in these horrors, we will denounce them". Those people will earn a better fate than their fellow-countrymen.

Let us take it all as part of the development of the great world. That war is an awful thing, wrong and wicked in itself, none can doubt; also that it is an utterly irrational way of deciding a disputed point. The karma of the man who provokes a war is more appalling than the human mind can conceive. But for those upon whom it is forced, as it has in this case been forced upon us, it may be the lesser of two evils. Since it had to be, those who stand behind and direct the evolution of the world are unquestiona-

bly utilising it for great and high purposes, and thus wringing good out of the very heart of ill. **Horrific as it is, it has yet lifted thousands upon thousands of people clear out of themselves, out of their petty parochialism into world-wide sympathy, out of selfishness into the loftiest altruism—lifted them into the region of the ideal. It has raised them at one stroke more than many lives under ordinary conditions would raise a man.**

You know how nobly people have thrown away their lives—not even for their country in the ordinary sense of the word. Remember that we were not in immediate danger, though that would inevitably have come later. It was not self-defence; it was the honour of the flag; it was the name of England; the sacredness of a promise; the duty of standing by the weak and defending them against brutality. **It was for an ideal in the truest and noblest sense of the word that your fellow-countrymen have shed their blood, and just because they gave to the uttermost that they had to give, they have by that very act raised themselves greatly in the scale of humanity.** The ordinary man has not usually any opportunity for a splendid effort such as this. It is true that wonderful and beautiful self-sacrifice is often shown by individuals in ordinary life: a man will give up all his hopes and ambitions to minister to some relation who is weak and ailing; but still those opportunities come only here and there. I suppose nothing else than a colossal war could have offered an opportunity for so splendid an outburst from so many simultaneously.

## Lifted Up By Duty & Devotion, Lifted Up By Sorrow And Pain

Remember that unselfish and awakened egos are needed at this very moment for the Sixth Sub-Race, which is beginning in America and Australasia. Perhaps there was no other way to get them in sufficient numbers and in a sufficiently short time, except through some great world-conflict. Be thankful that we, at least, are on the right side in this. Be thankful, you who send to this great War those whom you love, that the opportunity has come to them thus to advance themselves in one incarnation more than otherwise they could have done in a score of lives. You have sorrow and suffering and pain as your share; but you are offering that suffering for the freedom of the world; and remember that you who send the soldier are thereby also taking your part in the fight, and that the very sorrow and pain through which you pass is lifting you, just as his devotion to duty has lifted him. Many of those who die will be worthy of birth in the new Sub-Race, but so also will be many of the women who have bravely sent forth their nearest and dearest to answer to their country's call. They have given up husband or son or brother. They win the advantage by that noble sacrifice just as much as the men who go and stand in the firing line.

There are many who cannot for one reason or another go and fight, though I hold very strongly that everyone who can should do so. But we can all do something to help. Some of us are too old to fight ourselves—or so the Government thinks; but at least we can take up the work of some younger man and set him free to go. That I have done myself. So you may all bear your share in this. All can help, and furthermore, all *must* help; certainly all should be on the side of the right in a matter like this, and all should do whatever they can to help in any one of the

many indirect ways that are possible.

We are all trying, so far as may be, to prepare for the coming of the Great Teacher. Realize that this great War is part of the world-preparation, and that, however terrible it may be, there is yet the other side—the enormous good that is being done to individuals. **Perhaps in the distant future when we come to look back upon it all with greater knowledge and with wider purview, we shall see that the good has outweighed all the frightful evil, and that though the old order changeth, giving place to new, it is only that God may fulfil Himself in many ways.**



## APPENDIX

### HPB's comments on Bismarck

In commenting on the victories in France, HPB, in the following article, "Prince Bismarck's Mysterious Visitor", stated: "Who knows but Professor William Carpenter may yet show that the victories in France were but a result of **Bismarck's unconscious cerebration.**" The full article is shown below, originally published in *The Theosophist*, Vol. V No 8 (56), May 1884, page 186 [HPB's Collected Writings Vol VI page 218-9]—

### Prince Bismarck's Mysterious Visitor

*La France* in an article headed "Chronique Allemande" says about Prince Bismarck: "There is no doubt that he works hard, while undergoing treatment at Kissingen; but it is not religious politics that takes up his time. Although not a single caller is admitted, still a very mysterious visitor comes to him every day. This

visitor is a tall, dried-up, old man with grim face and clothed in the fashion of the country people of Bavaria, namely wearing, as they all do, silver pieces in place of coat buttons. Certain knowing gossips say that this peasant comes from Pasing, near Munich, that his name is Huber, and that he is nothing more or less than a magician or wizard."

This account, coming as it does from a French source admittedly unfriendly to Prince Bismarck, would appear, at first sight, to have for its object to throw a slur on the Chancellor, and charge him with superstition and credulity. But if we turn to the German Journal "Psychische Studien" (Issue of September, 1883, reprinted in "Light", London, Vol III, December 8, 1883, pages 533-4) published at Leipzig, we find another article headed "Gambetta and Bismarck in their relation to Psychism." It shows that several years before Gambetta's death he was dining at the house of a friend, when after dinner the lady of the house proposed a bit of fortune-telling by cards, an amusement that was smilingly accepted. When it was Gambetta's turn to have his fortune told, the lady became suddenly serious. "Do you know," she said, "that you are threatened by a great danger which comes to you through a woman?" "You are perhaps right," replied Gambetta, "my mother was already told before my birth, that she would have a son who would occupy a high position in France, but who would be killed by the hand of a woman."

According to the same journal Prince Bismarck is a sensitive. Ideas come to him and keep him awake, when he would prefer to sleep. **Who knows but Professor William Carpenter may yet show that the victories in France were but a result of Bismarck's unconscious cerebration.** Hesekiel tells a ghost story which occurred in Bismarck's castle

in Schönhausen; the Chancellor himself saw the ghost and never denied it. He also expressed on a certain occasion his belief in mystic numbers and lucky and unlucky days, and when on the 14th of October, 1870, General Boyer opened negotiations with him in regard to the surrender of Bazaine, Bismarck put off the transaction of that serious business, privately giving the reason for it that it was an unlucky day.

Shall we draw the conclusion that these great men are ignorant and superstitious, or that they, perhaps, have higher developed intuitions than the ordinary rabble?

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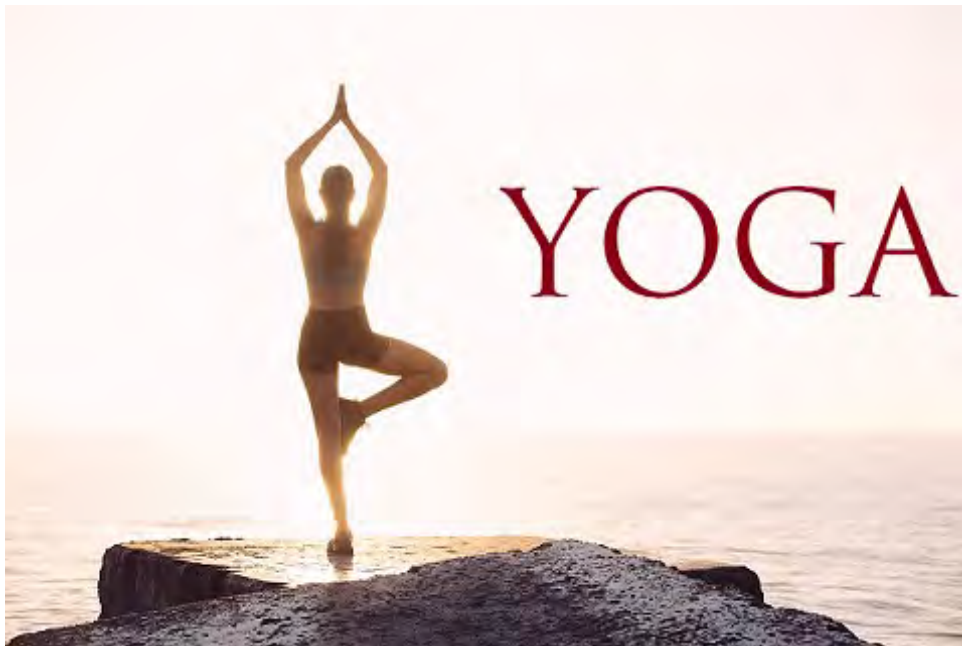
HP Blavatsky further gives a somewhat prophetic comment: "...that **neither Prince Bismarck's dinner,**

**nor the might of the German Empire, coincide with the aims and purposes of universal life, but that they are in flagrant contradiction with them."**

From "The Science Of Life", originally published in *Lucifer*, November, 1887 [HPB's Collected Writings Vol VII page 245]

## HEALING BALANCING SOUNDS

by Andy Khong



Ancient yogic texts say that there are 72,000 Nadis in the psychic body. Nadis literally mean 'flow' or 'current', and sometimes translated as 'nerves' but they are not actually part of the physical body. They are subtle channels through which energy we refer to as Prana, Qi (Chi), or Ki flows through.

There are three principal Nadis in the body: the Central Nadi running parallel to the spine (Sushumna), and the Right (Pingala) and Left (Ida) Nadis which run either side of the Central Nadi. The Left and Right Nadis coil around the Central Nadi (Sushumna) at a number of points to form a series of knots. Along the Central Nadi are seven Energy-Centres known as "Chakras" in Sanskrit. They are the Root Centre, Sacral Centre, Solar Plexus Centre, Heart Centre, Throat Centre, 3rd Eye (Brow) Centre, and Crown Centre.

These Chakras are the major subtle organs of the energy body involved with all aspects of our existence and are responsible for all our emotional, psychic, and spiritual abilities. Energy Centres or Chakras resonate with vibrations, and certain sounds are highly beneficial for each centre. The human voice can attune, balance, cleanse, and charge each Energy Centre.



Sit up straight in a relaxed posture and comfortable position. Then breath in deeply through the nose into your belly, and as you exhale through the mouth, intone the below sounds out loud once per Chakra, starting first from the Root Centre; when you have finished intoning the first sound (“Larm”), go to the Sacral Centre to breath in deeply through the nose into the belly and exhale through the mouth while intoning the second sound (“Varm”). Do this for every Chakra working all the way up to the Crown Centre; your deep attention should be placed at the corresponding Chakra for each sound intoned, and allow your breath and awareness slowly becoming one. You may also wish to visualise the colour for each Chakra when intoning.

Each sound is impregnated with spiritual power so when you intone it, you are working not only on your subtle body but directly on the mind. This exercise will help you balance and develop your subtle energy body plus improve your health and well-being. Rest in profound silence at the end of the exercise.

Chakra	Sound	Colour
Root	LARM	Red
Sacral	VARM	Orange
Solar Plexus	RARM	Yellow
Heart	YARM	Green
Throat	HARM	Sky Blue
3 <sup>rd</sup> Eye/Brow	AUM	Indigo
Crown	OM	Violet

The above practice may be performed regularly to purify and balance the Chakras and Nadis to awaken spiritual vision and elevate consciousness.





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On the family trip to nirvana

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# TOS SUPPER NIGHT

## PRESENTATION

TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 7:30 PM

## LIFELINE WA

### SPECIAL PRESENTER: KATHERINE HOUAREAU

Katherine Houareau is a Lifeline WA Ambassador and community advocate in suicide prevention, with an interesting and inspiring story to tell.

Katherine is a passionate, energetic and insightful lived experience speaker, community representative, and an Ambassador for organisations including Lifeline WA, Wellness4Women, and Voices for Change/Our Watch. Katherine inspires and empowers others to use their “LIFE Expertise” in a powerful way as a “Disruptor and Influencer”.

Katherine has experienced significant traumas in her life commencing from early childhood and enduring 30 plus years of challenges due to being lost in an unforgiving system and society without supports. Through those experiences she channelled her focus to survive and thrive in a creative and meaningful way. Today, Katherine is facilitating and supporting change around individual recovery, community understanding, systemic change and advocacy.

Katherine is a champion of advocacy in the WA suicide prevention sector. She is connected with her community, runs her own Suicide Prevention Network – The Wanneroo and Communities Suicide Prevention Network, and acts as a voice for lived experience and community representation in the WA suicide prevention sector.

The evening includes:

**Supper: 6:30 pm (\$10/pp) -**

And check out our fund raising:

- Raffle, and
- Books for sale.

## Two Poems of Tukaram

Words are the only Jewels I possess  
 Words are the only Clothes that I wear  
 Words are the only food That sustains my life  
 Words are the only wealth I distribute among people  
 Says Tuka Witness the Word He is God  
 I worship Him With my words



### Landlocked in Fur

I was meditating with my cat the other day  
 and all of a sudden she shouted,  
 "What happened?!"

I knew exactly what she meant, but encouraged  
 her to say more – feeling that if she got it all out on the table  
 she would sleep better that night.

So I responded, "Tell me more, dear,"  
 and she soulfully meowed:

"Well, I was mingled with the sky. I was comets  
 whizzing here and there. I was suns in heat, hell – I was  
 galaxies. But now look – I am  
 landlocked in fur."

## Three Truths

There are three truths which are absolute and cannot be lost, but yet may remain silent for lack of speech.



- ☯ The Soul of man is immortal, and its future is the future of a thing whose growth and splendor has no limit.
- ☯ The principle which gives life dwells in us, and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, is not heard, or seen, or smelt, but is perceived by the man who desires perception.
- ☯ Each man is his own absolute law-giver, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself; the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment.

**These truths, which are as great as is life itself, are as simple as the simplest mind of man. Feed the hungry with them.**

# MAHAMRITYUNJAYA MANTRA



ॐ त्र्यंबकं यजामहे सुगन्धिं पुष्टिवर्धनम् ।  
उर्वारुकमिव बन्धनान् मृत्योर् मुक्षीय मामृतात् ।

Oṃ tryambakaṃ yajāmahe sugandhiṃ puṣṭivardhanam  
urvārukamiva bandhanān mṛtyor mukṣīya mā'mṛtāt

Revered as one of the oldest mantra in Vedas, the Mahamrityunjaya Jaap is a verse from Rig Veda, and addresses the Rudra avatar of Lord Shiva. It is believed to be the most spiritual pursuit for Hindus.

In unification of three hindi words, Maha- great, Mrityun- death and Jaya- victory; the one who is victorious over death. According to Hindu mythology, the mantra is also referred as Mrita-Sanjivini mantra because of its "life-restoring" practice.

Hailed by the sages as the heart of the Vedas, the Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra can help you tune into the healing force that is always at work within you, supporting your growth, lifting you up in times of trouble, and reminding you of the higher aim of life.

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