

What Does the Theosophical Society Stand for?

- ✦ Celebration of the oneness of life
- ✦ Commitment to mutual understanding
- ✦ Recognition of our spiritual journey
- ✦ Investigation of the purpose of life
- ✦ Exploration of the spiritual sciences
- ✦ A search for truth in all things
- ✦ Freedom of thought

Members of the Society are spiritual seekers, united by their search for Truth and by their determination to promote brotherhood between all peoples – of all faiths or of none. The Society draws together those of goodwill whatever their nationality or opinions. You are welcome to join our exploration of the Ageless Wisdom.

There are many theosophical events held throughout the country, run by both the Society and the Foundation for Theosophical Studies, including residential courses and an annual Summer School. Details can be obtained from our website or via e-mail or telephone. Please contact us for information on publications and study courses. CDs, tapes and books on a large number of subjects are available, and there is a London Lending Library.

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Have you ever thought about JOINING THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY?

Belong to a Tried and Tested Organisation which has been bringing the Great Esoteric Truths to the Western World for 130 years.

Benefits of Membership

Reduced Price Entry to the Society's Study Groups, Workshops, Lectures, Seminars and Courses.
4 (free) copies each year of **Insight** Magazine and details of events by the Foundation for Theosophical Studies.
Local Branches throughout the Country.

We Welcome Anyone Who is in Sympathy With Our Three Objects which are:

1. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.
2. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science.
3. To investigate unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in man.

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The Theosophical Society

What Does Theosophy Mean?

The word Theosophy has been used for many centuries, it is of Greek origin meaning Wisdom of the Gods (**theo** - of Gods, **sophia** – wisdom). Wisdom cannot be enclosed within words, it is a Truth which must be discovered and experienced by each one for themselves.

Theosophy, sometimes known as the Ageless Wisdom, is the Light which shines through the many coloured lamps of religion. It is the thread of truth in scriptures, creeds, symbols, myths and rituals. Divine Wisdom is One, the paths towards it are many. Knowledge of it helps us to live harmoniously with ourselves and others.

Theosophy is not a religion, but it does consider spiritual ideas and the nature of life and the universe, including those from philosophy, religion and science. A study of theosophy throws a flood of light on all these areas of knowledge. It is an ageless wisdom which, if known, leaves nothing remaining to be known.

Other Leaflets explain different aspects of theosophy, such as the oneness of life and reincarnation, and about the benefits of meditation.

The Unexplained Laws of Nature and Powers Latent in Man

Mankind has many powers which are not yet understood. Theosophy offers knowledge of why and how things like precognition and telepathy exist, but science does not yet understand how they operate so these things are to the outer world the unexplained laws of nature.

The Theosophical Society

Seen as revolutionary when it was founded in 1875, the Theosophical Society set out to promote an understanding of the spiritual truths which lie behind all religions and has at its foundation an aspiration for universal brotherhood.

The Society is now a worldwide organisation with 48 national Sections, each of which has local branches. The International Headquarters are at Adyar, Chennai, India.

The Society does not impose any dogma on its members who are free to hold their own beliefs, religious or otherwise. Its members accept the three Objects of the Society which are:

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Universal Brotherhood

Theosophy recognises that mankind is not yet perfect and whilst there is unrest in the world and a lack of understanding of one another it is necessary to encourage brotherhood. In recognition of the oneness of humanity, and oneness of all life, members seek to form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of humanity and we try to live up to this ideal - to learn to live in harmony with one another. The Society should produce wise and active philanthropists. Many of its members give service to the peoples of the world.

The Motto of the Society

The motto of the Theosophical Society is “*There is no Religion Higher than Truth*”. Theosophy stands for knowledge of truth and the Society exists for those who are interested in seeking truth. This is an ancient tradition which has shown that by exploring the depths of our own nature we are able to reach an experience of Truth – an understanding of that Wisdom which is the seat of all spiritual knowledge.

If we study the great philosophies, religions and sciences of the world we find that there are many uniting principles. Through Theosophy we seek to learn what lies beneath these ideas. Each of us must find our own ‘Truth’ and strive to understand our own spiritual nature so that we grow to have a fuller knowledge of life and our reason for being here.

Whilst not advocating any particular religion itself, the Society recognises the underlying universal truths which can be found in all religions and advocates spiritual rather than psychic development. Its members are free to live in accordance with their own particular faith or philosophy and allow others to do the same.

The Emblem

The Emblem of the Theosophical Society is composed of a number symbols which have been used from ancient times to express profound spiritual and philosophical concepts about man and the universe. They are found in a variety of forms in the great religions of the world and in widely separated cultures. Each symbol studied separately will yield a wealth of understanding. The leaflet on the Emblem explains about the wealth of understanding these symbols contain.