

The Secret Doctrine (SD) as a
touchstone and basis for
collaboration

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Obstacles and challenges by study the SD

- The SD present a part of Universal Wisdom we know as Theosophia
- To explain the Theosophia to the West, H.P. Blavatsky uses many parallel examples of different traditions
 - which are not 100% equal she expressed in:
 - Symbols, Propositions, Stanzas, examples from Science and Religions
- We have to distill the *theosophical mathematic* principles from them



Difficulties in translations

- To maintain the original meaning:
 - Don't touch the capitals
 - Better to break the grammar rules than breaking the basic concepts of Theosophia
 - Better to come up with a new word than a word that doesn't have the right idea
 - Otherwise we lose very important clues / hints



Growing understanding

- H.P. Blavatsky announces that SD will be better understood in the future
- Over the year we learn to understand the SD better
- Many thoughts and additional studies have been done
- The only way to understand the SD is by becoming the teachings



All conclusions must be in accordance with the three fundamental principles

- If we try to line-up modern Science with Theosophy
- If we study the SD in combination with modern publications
 - All sources we use must be in accord with the SD
- The SD is our benchmark, our reference point



The SD as touchstone

- Do not believe, go from believing to knowing
- That means: a lot of study
- Understanding the SD is a non-linear dynamic process
- Then you have your own proof of the SD



The Secret Doctrine as basis for COLLABORATION

- if we study as outlined above then cooperation is not difficult



There is a great need for Universal Wisdom in the world

- To make theosophy known in the world we have to work together
- SD is common-ground for all theosophical streams and split-offs



Cooperation based on the principles of the SD

- Study together to understanding our common ground
- Working together to be more effective in the world
- Above the organizational politics
- Working together *without* bias
- Truth-finding beyond the Theosophical streams



working together, we are more powerful

- We learn faster to promote
- Organizations are not goals, but tools



ITC: International Theosophy Conference

- Para ser uma plataforma neutra

Os elementos-chave da declaração de Naarden de 2014 são:

"Nós nos comprometemos, através do aprendizado, treinamento e polinização cruzada, a popularizar e manter vivos os ensinamentos para as gerações futuras".



- Founded in 2008 for yearly conferences, organized by members of
- ULT (United Lodge of Theosophists)
- TS Point Loma - Blavatskyhouse (TSPL)
- TS Adyar
- ITC is led by the board of directors and its members.
 - President: Eugene Jennings (ULT)
 - Vice-President: Herman C. Vermeulen (TSPL)



To be a neutral platform

International Theosophy Conferences Inc. is a platform where Theosophical organizations and all other earnest students of Theosophy meet. This infers that ITC won't typically function as another Theosophical vehicle, in spreading Theosophy itself. Instead ITC is committed to connect all Theosophists, supporting them in their common cause in the light of the purposes of ITC, which are:



Purposes of ITC

1. To maintain the principles of the Modern Theosophical Movement presented by H. P. B. as a living power in the minds and hearts of Humanity, encouraging explorations in the light of her teachings.
2. To foster mutual meaningful intercommunication, understanding and respect among the Theosophical mainstreams, stimulating thereby continuous spiritual Unity.



3. To be a platform, supporting and sponsoring the annual international Conference of Theosophical Organizations.
4. To unite people in sharing the Philosophy of Theosophy, studying and further exploring Religion, Philosophy and Science from a Theosophical Perspective.

Key elements of the 2014, Naarden declaration are:

"We commit ourselves through learning, training and cross-pollination to popularize and keep the teachings alive for future generations."



The Point Loma Theosophical Society (TSPL):



1. Main characteristic of TSPL is based on the 1888 impulse of HPB

- TSPL tries to keep the (ES) Soul of TS alive
- So not much an ES structure, but an ES mentality

Study the pledge and try to live the pledge before your take the pledge



2. Main characteristic of TSPL is Compassion

In the light of Compassion:

ES Pledge articles 1, 4, 5 and 6

are a guideline for our way of working



3. We always work in groups

Art.4. I pledge myself to maintain a constant struggle against my lower nature, and to be charitable to the weaknesses of others.

- The only way to become a fit instrument “in the hands of” the Masters
- co-operation as colleagues, training and supporting each other
- Never isolated solitary individuals



4. Highest priority:

Public activities, propagating Theosophy

Art.5. I pledge myself to do all in my power, by study and otherwise, to fit myself to help and teach others.

We never study for the sake of study, but study as a preparation to teach Theosophy to others, to alleviate suffering in the world



5. No members but co-workers

Art.6. I pledge myself to give what support I can to the Theosophical movement, in time, money, and work.



6. We always present Theosophy in a way you can apply it in daily life (Never as an interesting theory)

Art.1. I pledge myself to endeavor to make Theosophy a living power in my life



6. We always present Theosophy in a way you can apply it in daily life (Never as an interesting theory)

Basis of all our studies is always :

starting from universal (Atmic thinking) to details (Manasic thinking),

but then upwards again:

going back from details to universal (= Atmic insight in the higher moral consequences in your life, now you have developed more knowledge)



7. Membership (= co-workers)

- To become a member it generally requires to follow the 2 courses: 'Thinking Differently' and 'Life Wisdom'
- Co-worker is a different attitude than being a member
- We like to have co-workers, more than 70% of our members are active



8. Social fertility

- TSPL is not active in giving material support in society
- We tell people how to fish, we do not fish for them
- But every TS member should be a living expression of the Theosophical principles in daily life
- His is expected to do that in any practical form, in any social organisation, he chooses



Compassion: the sole reason for the existence of The Theosophical Society

How to support each other to become useful instruments in the hands of the Masters of Compassion

