



## Theosophical Society Point Loma - Blavatskyhouse

Literature, supporting the study (on Sunday, October **09**, 2022)  
of the lecture of Herman C. Vermeulen (on Sunday, October **02**, 2022)

Series: **The spiritual impulse of Helena P. Blavatsky**  
Lecture: **Who was Helena P. Blavatsky?**

### **Gottfried de Purucker – ‘The Hierarchy of Compassion.’**

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The Hierarchy of Compassion is a Cosmic Hierarchy divisible into almost innumerable Minor Hierarchies, running down the scale of the Ladder of Cosmic Being from the Supreme Hierarchy of our Solar System through all intermediate stages and infilling every planet of the Solar System, until finally its representatives on this our present physical plane are found on the different Globes of the different Planetary Chains. It is builded of Divinities, Demi-Gods, Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, and great and noble Men in varying degrees and grades of individual splendor, who serve as a living channel for the spiritual currents coming to this and every other planet of our system from the Heart of the Solar Divinity, and who themselves shed glory and light and peace upon that pathway, from the compassionate deeps of their own being.

Little do men know, even those belonging to our own Order, of the immense love, the divine impulses of compassion, which sway the Souls of those who form this Hierarchy of Light. They have made the Great Renunciation, giving up all hope of personal evolutionary progress, it may be for aeons to come, in order to remain at their appointed tasks in the service of the world. Unrecognised, unthanked, ever silent, ever compassionate, ever filled with holy peace, they work steadily on, watching others go past them as the slowly moving River of Lives sweeps along in unending flow.

On our Earth there is a Minor Hierarchy of Light. Working in this sphere there are lofty intelligences, Human Souls, having their respective places in the hierarchical degrees. Our own Masters, the Mahātmanas, are members of and in this Hierarchy of Light appurtenant to Mother-Earth.

I wonder if the intense reality of this fact comes to us as frequently as it should come — I mean the fact that we are participants in, and co-laborers with, the agents of the mightiest spiritual forces which guide our globe as far as this can be done, and, so far as our human family is

concerned, as much so as humans will allow it to be done. Let us think of the Masters as living realities in our lives, for that is just exactly what they are for those who realize it. And let us try to understand that they are no mere shadowy figures in a vague and far-away background of distance. They are real, living forces in the spiritual life of the world; and awakened minds and intuitive human hearts sense their presence, at least at times.

Consider the wonderful work in which labor those who have preceded us in our Order. They are Revealers in the sense of Unveilers, for they are the Initiators. These unveilers or revealers are handers on of Light from age to age. Those of the Order of the Buddhic Splendor, of the Order of Wisdom and Compassion, which is our own holy Order, labor incessantly for others. They are the Bringers of Light, the Revealers, because they reveal in the sense of unveiling. This is lofty; it is sublime.

And do you know that they merely copy among us on this Earth what takes place in spheres supernal? There are revealers, unveilers, among the gods themselves. And with the immortals, as we human beings conceive them to be, there is likewise what we call a training-school, and a passing on of Light from manvantara to manvantara.

The old Hermetists were right. "What is above is the same as that which is here below, and what is here below is but a shadow, a reflexion, of what is above."

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