



Literature, supporting the study (on Sunday, October **23**, 2022) of the lecture of Herman C. Vermeulen (on Sunday, October **16**, 2022)

Series: The spiritual impulse of Helena P. Blavatsky Lecture: Universal Brotherhood: the Way of Peace

The objects of the Theosophical Society

1890 (last version during life of Helena P. Blavatsky)

- 1. To form the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.
- 2. To promote the study of Aryan and other Eastern literatures, religions, philosophies and sciences, and to demonstrate their importance to Humanity.
- 3. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the psychic powers latent in man.

1898-1929 (version during leadership of Katherine Tingley)

- * An organization established for the benefit of the people of the earth and all creatures.
- * The title of the organization shall be UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF HUMANITY or THE BROTHERHOOD OF HUMANITY.
- * This organization declares that Brotherhood is a fact in nature.
- * The principal purpose of this organization is to teach brotherhood, demonstrate that it is a fact in nature and make it a living power in the life of humanity.
- * The subsidiary purpose of the this organization is to study ancient and modern religion, science, philosophy and art: to investigate the laws of nature and the divine power in man.
- * This Brotherhood is a part of a great and universal movement which has been active in all ages.

1929-now (version during leadership of Gottfried de Purucker and successors)

Constitution of The Theosophical Society, Article 3, Section 1:

The objects of The Theosophical Society are:

- a. To diffuse among men a knowledge of the laws inherent in the Universe.
- b. To promulgate the knowledge of the essential unity of all that is, and to demonstrate that this unity is fundamental in Nature.
- c. To form an active brotherhood among men.
- d. To study ancient and modern religion, science, and philosophy.
- e. To investigate the powers innate in man.

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