

own selfish purposes. They were presented at once as dangerous innovators and as enemies of true progress. They were charged with falsifying the culture of nations by penetrating the national life under the guise of becoming assimilated. In the same breath they were accused of being so stubbornly inflexible that it was impossible for them to fit into any society.

Almost beyond imagination were the charges brought against them, charges known to their instigators to be untrue all the while, but which time and again influenced the masses. In times of unrest and turmoil the masses are inclined to hatred and cruelty, whereas in times of peace these traits of human nature emerge but stealthily.

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The above is a fragment from the text “**Why Do They Hate The Jews?**”, by Albert Einstein. The article is available at www.TheosophyOnline.com and its associated websites.

The Secret of Right Action



It's useless to deny the existence of challenges in front of us.

Problems must be examined with realism, and to keep one's inner balance is of decisive importance. The years 2014-2015 are not the time to be too naive. Postponements often make the troubles worse. Once the Goal is noble, Discernment stimulates Courage to make a real decision, and these three factors combined lead to right action.

What's the Agenda

The ethics that emerges from one's own heart can be defined as the art of planting good karma. And how many topics can be of greater importance than this, in the art of living?

The Keys to Evolution Intelligence and Love Are Waiting

N.C. Ramanujachary



Hidden and concealed in Nature, Intelligence and Love are waiting for the invitation of the human beings. When we accept ourselves as we are, and accept the world as it is (in its progressive move), the Creative process brings that Intelligence and Love into our lives, individually and collectively.

It will not remain static in its place but spreads in its forms of Mobility and Connectivity. It flows down as Compassion and Beauty, and similar aspects of perception. It brings down the Bliss till such time when the whole of Cosmos is divinized. We may not measure it in normal 'time-scale'. It is evidently a time-less scale.

Do we not know that time is also 'darkness' and Timelessness is the bright lamp of Light?
Have we ever considered that LOVE is the key for EVOLUTION?

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Helping the Planetary Transition: A Time to Have Priorities Clear



“The New York Times” reported on 18 July: ISIS has forced the last Christians to flee the city of Mosul, in Iraq. [1]

The fact deserves a flashback. Years ago, the United States decided to export its democracy to Iraq, and destroyed much of that country in the name of human rights and free elections.

Historically, one of the practical results of Iraq’s invasion by the USA is ISIS, the former branch of Al-Qaeda which now dominates much of Iraqi territory and threatens to take Baghdad.

Confronted with these facts, the USA seems not to know what do to.

Right action in such a case would not consist necessarily of more acts of war. The first step might be a deeper examination of facts and an honest assessment of the political influence exerted by the U.S. industrial-military complex.

There is another example of such foreign policy to observe. More recently, the United States decided to export its democracy to Ukraine. Such an intention - fully supported by Europe and NATO - has had as a result a bloody civil war in Ukraine.

One must conclude that exporting democracy by acts of war - instead of through example and by brotherly actions - is good for arms dealers; and not so good for the populations involved.

There is a more serious challenge to face. The USA would do well in not creating more trouble with Russia, whose help is needed to stop nuclear proliferation in Iran and elsewhere.

Military tensions are increasing and multiplying around the world and the political leaders of the West seem not to have noticed it. Are they so naïve as not to see that?

One task among others is to ask ourselves as planetary citizens who want peace whether there exists or not a relation between the main wars in human history and the search for economic profit. Are wars, by any chance, an escape from financial trouble? Do wars work as business? Is the present world economic dis-order in “need” of some major international war, so that arms-dealers and the military-industrial complex can take hold of economies?

If fabricating a major war is NOT the aim, then stopping nuclear proliferation must be a priority for both the USA and Europe. They should not be creating trouble with Russia, or protecting Hamas in Gaza Strip.

For years Israel has been telling the United States - “help stop Iran’s nuclear project”. And the United States has been losing time and energy as Iranian nuclear project goes on. International attention has not been firm enough regarding the task of avoiding nuclear weapons’ proliferation.

From a theosophical perspective, it is a decisive factor to keep a reasonable degree of peace. Humanity is in a transition which needs peaceful dialogue and understanding among nations. Wherever it is possible, there must be also democracy, freedom of thought, social justice, and compassion in deeds and words.

Major conflicts should be avoided.

Our civilization is suffering from a Karmic Fever of transition between different Ages. The higher temperature in human soul has alchemical effects. It powerfully accelerates the inner and outer challenges to be faced by mankind. The moment has its dangers.

On one hand, the self-destruction of religious fanaticism deepens. On the other hand, economical materialism becomes more clearly unsustainable. This double process must be undergone as peacefully as possible, while the citizens of goodwill preserve the planet from any disproportionate world conflict.

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[1] See the news in “The New York Times”:

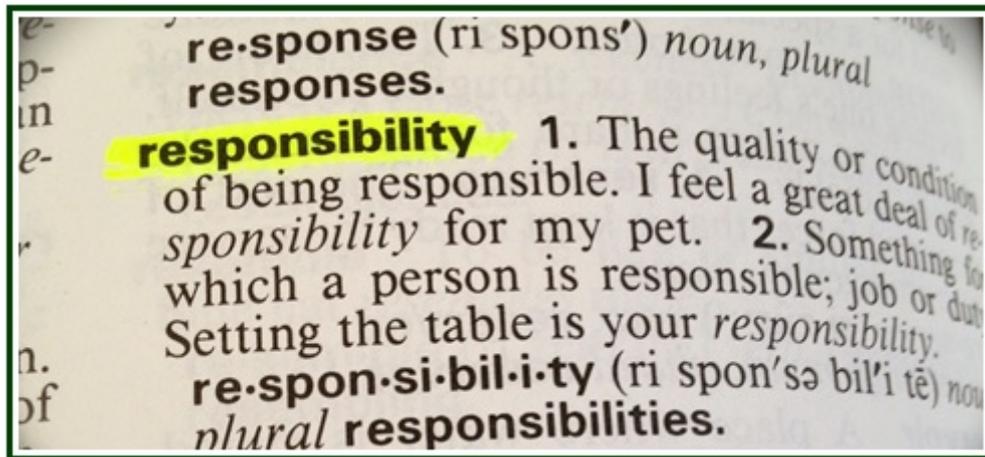
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Karmic Fever And The Birth of a New Cycle



In this hectic beginning of the 21st century, sincere theosophists may ask themselves what is their responsibility with regard to the bulk of human karma.

As students of esoteric philosophy, they are the outer guardians of a sacred wisdom both ancient and modern. It is supposed that they do not study it solely for their own individual benefit - for, if they do so, failure is unavoidable from the start. In order to understand sacred wisdom, your goal must be benefitting mankind, and even this is not enough. HPB also taught that philosophical knowledge must be a living and creative process tested in daily life. You can't achieve great wisdom simply by repeating ideas contained in the best books available.

But if we have some degree of true altruism and a willingness to act - we may be entitled to face, in these days, an uncomfortable question:

“As our civilization confronts great and growing dangers and challenges of various kinds, in what sense should we feel responsible for its future? What is our actual responsibility?”

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These are the opening lines of the article “**The Coming of the New Cycle**”, which can be read at www.TheosophyOnline.com and its associated websites.

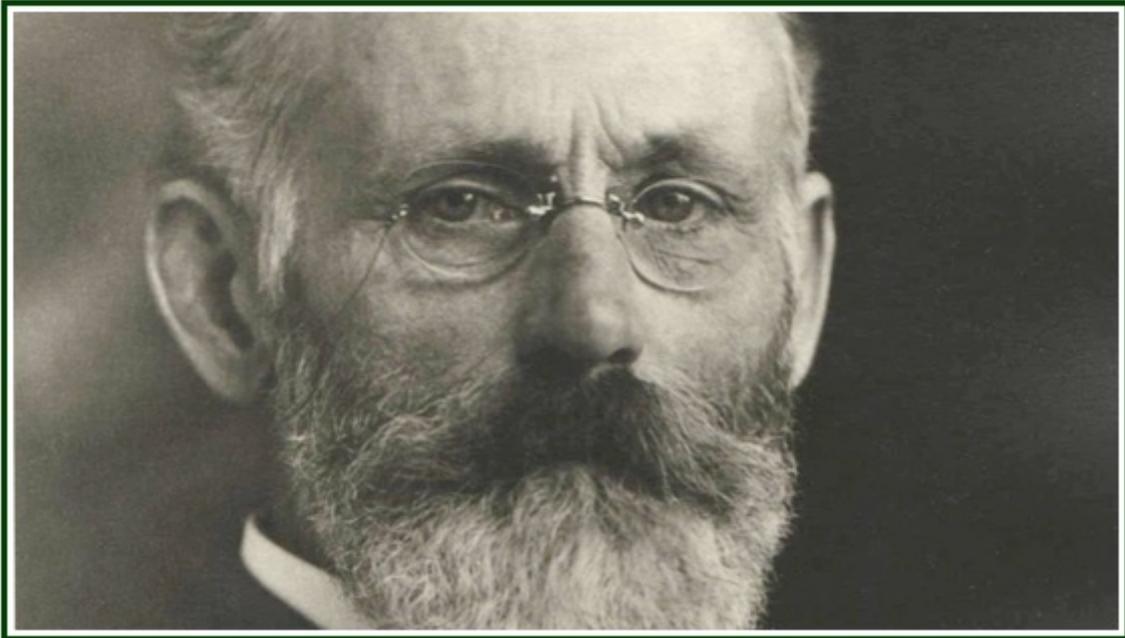
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A Peaceful State of Mind

Eastern traditions teach an unconditional peace. Such a state of mind emerges from a conscious unity with the cycles of nature.

Hidden Blessings in Life

Robert Crosbie



R. Crosbie (1849-1919) was one of the main founders of the United Lodge of Theosophists, ULT, in 1909.

No one can know anything for another. Each one has to know for himself. Each one has to do his own learning.

The object of Theosophy is to teach man what he is, to show man what he is, and to present to him the necessity of his knowing for himself. No vicarious atonement, no vicarious transmission of knowledge, is possible. But the direction in which knowledge lies may be pointed out; the steps which will lead us in that direction may be shown, as can be done only by those who have passed that way before. It is exactly what is being done. It is the course of all Saviors of humanity. It is the doctrine of Krishna, of Buddha, of Jesus, no less than the doctrine of H. P. Blavatsky.

The two teachings that the West is most urgently in need of are those of Karma and Reincarnation, the doctrines of hope and responsibility. Karma, the doctrine of responsibility, means that whatever a man sows he shall also reap. Reincarnation, the doctrine of hope, means that - whatever he is reaping - there never will be a time when he may not sow better seed.

The very fact of suffering is a blessing. Karma and Reincarnation show us that suffering is brought about by wrong thought and action; through our suffering we may be brought to a realization that a wrong course has been pursued. We learn through our suffering. Life is one grand school of Being, and we have come to that stage where it is time for us to learn to understand the purpose of existence; to grasp our whole nature firmly; to use every means in

our power in every direction - waking, dreaming, sleeping, or in any other state - to bring the whole of our nature into accord, so that our lower instrument may be “in line” and thus more and more fully reflect our divine inner nature. [1]

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[1] “The Friendly Philosopher”. Robert Crosbie, Theosophy Co., Los Angeles, p. 263.

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Studies in Self-Development: The Need for Personal Responsibility

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In her article “Practical Occultism” H. P. Blavatsky begins by distinguishing between theoretical and practical occultism, and what it takes to become a Theosophist, versus an occultist. Whereas it is necessary to develop the heart qualities to become a Theosophist, a practical occultist has to fully develop the spiritual faculties of true clairvoyance, will and intuition. The latter qualities endow the individual with three powers, natural in the mind united to the spiritual soul.

The first higher psychic power is the ability to see and know what is good to do. The word “good” as used here goes beyond the normal meaning of good intentions, the altruistic desire to help another, or all relative value judgments. It is full knowledge of the consequences of

action to the individual in all departments of their nature, as well as the effect such action will have on others, now and in the future. It is knowledge of the karma of many lives that have led to the present circumstance with all its apparent obstacles and difficulties.

The second higher psychic power is the right discrimination between good and evil. It includes all the abilities of the previously mentioned power, plus the ability to know what is pleasing to and needed by the Soul. All evil is the result of ignorance. As each human being is the partial and temporary vehicle of an individual spiritual monad pursuing its own evolution over many lifetimes, it is necessary to know what spiritual lessons have been learned or not by the monad, in order to truly know what is good or evil for another.

The third higher psychic power is the ability to do that good, without apparently lifting a finger. This ability requires the full use of meditation, concentration, and will, plus a knowledge of the occult laws and chemistry of nature.

Occult chemistry refers to the hidden sympathies, interactions, and correspondences between the beings in every visible and invisible department of nature, as well as their interaction with the nature of the occultist. All human beings are inherently and potentially creative forces in nature; however, the occultist, thoroughly uniting thought and will, thinks what is willed and wills to create whatever is thought.

Thus, it is clear why a teacher of the Sacred Sciences assumes an enormous responsibility for the regular disciple, whose sins of commission and omission present a real danger to him whenever he begins to really teach the pupil. The teachers take upon themselves the responsibility for the errors of their accepted and proven, but not fully initiated, disciples.

What does this have to do then with those who aspire to be true Theosophists? As soon as students decide to take a step on the path of spiritual self-development by cultivating the heart qualities, they are preparing themselves to pursue the highest path of discipleship in this or some future life. A rent in the veil of silence and secrecy of the sanctuaries for ages was made when H.P.B. published "The Secret Doctrine". On the dedication page she writes:

"This Work I Dedicate to all True Theosophists, In every Country, And of every Race, for they called it forth, and for them it was recorded."

It is no small matter to deprive True Theosophists, regardless of their race, creed, sex, condition, or theosophical affiliation, access to the genuine doctrines of the Occult Philosophy, consciously or unconsciously, with good or evil intentions, by acts of commission or omission.

From those to whom much is given, much is expected. Every true Theosophist shares in the responsibility of calling forth publicly this knowledge and in different degrees shares the karma of its misuse, misrepresentation, and misinterpretation. Not everyone can be a practical occultist. However, anyone can compassionately and impersonally correct the misunderstanding and misdirection of the teachings by others. If not by actually promulgating the teachings themselves, they can at least point to where those pure teachings can be found. Assuming responsibility for the promulgation of the Teachings, to the best one is able, as if its presence and influence in the world personally depended in part on ones individual action, is a key component in Self-development.

As H.P.B. writes in “Practical Occultism”:

“But it is quite another matter to put oneself upon the path which leads to the knowledge of what is good to do, as to the right discrimination of good from evil; a path which also leads a man to that power through which he can do the good he desires, often without even apparently lifting a finger.”

And she added:

“Moreover, there is one important fact with which the student should be made acquainted. Namely, the enormous, almost limitless, responsibility assumed by the teacher for the sake of the pupil. From the Gurus of the East who teach openly or secretly, down to the few Kabalists in Western lands who undertake to teach the rudiments of the Sacred Science to their disciples - those western Hierophants being often themselves ignorant of the danger they incur - one and all of these ‘Teachers’ are subject to the same inviolable law. From the moment they begin really to teach, from the instant they confer any power - whether psychic, mental or physical - on their pupils, they take upon themselves all the sins of that pupil, in connection with the Occult Sciences, whether of omission or commission, until the moment when initiation makes the pupil a Master and responsible in his turn... Thus it is clear why the ‘Teachers’ are so reticent, and why ‘Chelas’ are required to serve a seven years’ probation to prove their fitness, and develop the qualities necessary to the security of both Master and pupil.” [1]

While the above passage is obviously emphasizing the responsibility and risks assumed by the Masters for their accepted disciples, these words in no way imply that the disciple is not also responsible. They do not interfere with the actions of a disciple, as disciples are permitted to act autonomously until the end of their regular discipleship.

The conditions of this special relationship do not apply to those who affiliate themselves with the theosophical movement or aspire to one day be an accepted disciple.

The Masters may be Founders of the theosophical movement and work behind the scenes and in public to further the fulfillment its objects. Nevertheless, they do not assume the karma of individual theosophists, lead us by the hand in our evolution, or vicariously atone for our mistakes. Each of us has to do his or her own homework, so to speak, and learn his own lessons.

NOTE:

[1] “Practical Occultism”. The article is included in the three-volume compilation entitled “Theosophical Articles”, by H. P. Blavatsky, Theosophy Co., Los Angeles, 1981. See volume II, p. 91.

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On Facing Repetitive Novelties

What To Do When “Surprising Facts” Are Always the Same



An Image of the Pandora Box

There are pleasant and unpleasant facts in life: the warrior of truth observes his or her own attachment to some of them, and the feeling of rejection for other ones.

Whenever someone develops the habit of “getting always surprised by the same things”, there is a lesson to be learned.

Repetitive surprises indicate the individual is living in self-deception. He forces his mind to forget some basic fact; when the same aspect of reality comes back to his mind, he becomes confused, perplexed, or irritated.

“This again!” - he says, as if he did not know that life is cyclic.

Everything that took place once tends to occur again, and vigilance as to its return is as decisive as detachment.

Those who become mindful regarding life cease to be “caught by surprise” by the same old and trivial novelties which make so many naive people suffer needless pain.

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The Book of Kiu-te

In the book of Kiu-te, spirit is called the unultimate sublimation of matter, and matter the crystallization of spirit.

(“The Mahatma Letters”, TUP edition, p. 142, letter XXII.)

The Joy of Simplicity

Esoteric Philosophy Invites Us To Give Up Addiction to Complaining



Each time the wish comes to you to complain about any aspect of life, decide to be thankful, instead.

Don't pay too much attention to problems which do not depend on you. Instead of having negative thoughts about anyone, ask forgiveness to your own conscience for the mistakes you have made in life, and take practical measures to correct and compensate them.

You are in time to learn better. Enable yourself to see the countless small positive opportunities now surrounding you. Do creative actions to expand and multiply them. Thus you will be more self-responsible.

"Thanks" can be a mantra to yourself. By feeling gratitude, you make yourself available to more events for which you may have to be even more thankful in the future. Voluntary simplicity is a way of life. It is not just a key idea in economics and sustainable development, but a septenary attitude. It is like saying thanks to life in our various levels of consciousness.

The Joy of Simplicity

In order to be peaceful, our existence needs to be physically simple. And this can only be sustained by an *emotional* simplicity or absence of unregulated desires. Emotional peace is also inseparable from intellectual simplicity.

A *simplicity of mind* allows one to think deeply and correctly consider those factors which are decisive. To live with simplicity means renouncing that which is of secondary importance. Detachment leads to concentration, as concentration leads to detachment.

Simplicity provides a direct relation between theory and practice, intention and action. Emotional attachments and desires, on the other hand, cause unending complications.

A painless and sometimes pleasant renunciation occurs as one's heart gets sick and tired of small events, and looks for that which is immense and eternal, instead. Just as a chicken sees insects, the eagle examines the mountains. If the point of view from which you look at life is elevated, your horizon will be wide and your vision, wise. Then the dedication of your life to a noble ideal becomes a way to joy and to happiness.

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Jupiter, Uranus, and Pluto in 2014-2015



A square (uneasy aspect) between Uranus and Pluto in the sky is taking place since 2012.

It causes an inner change or revolution which many have not even had the time to think about. This will last until 2015. Meanwhile Saturn in Scorpio intensifies the “permanent transmutation” effect. Rebirth is on the agenda.

Jupiter, a solar Teacher who works as a team with Saturn and other planets, entered Leo on 16 July 2014 and now brings more optimism and truthfulness into the human equation. Those who work with falsehoods, however, may have something to learn from now up to 2015 and beyond. The sun of Truth gets even brighter than in the last 12 months: and it was bright already. It shows things both beautiful and ugly.

The victory of love for truth gets easier: other aspects in the sky make deep changes unavoidable. The center of the wheel of life will stay undisturbed.

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The Science of Self-renewal

Life is a surprising combination of new and old things, past and future events, stability and renewal. We are born again every day: lessons remain from the past. It is within our reach to create new and worthwhile situations each moment.

Freedom From Attachment to Pain



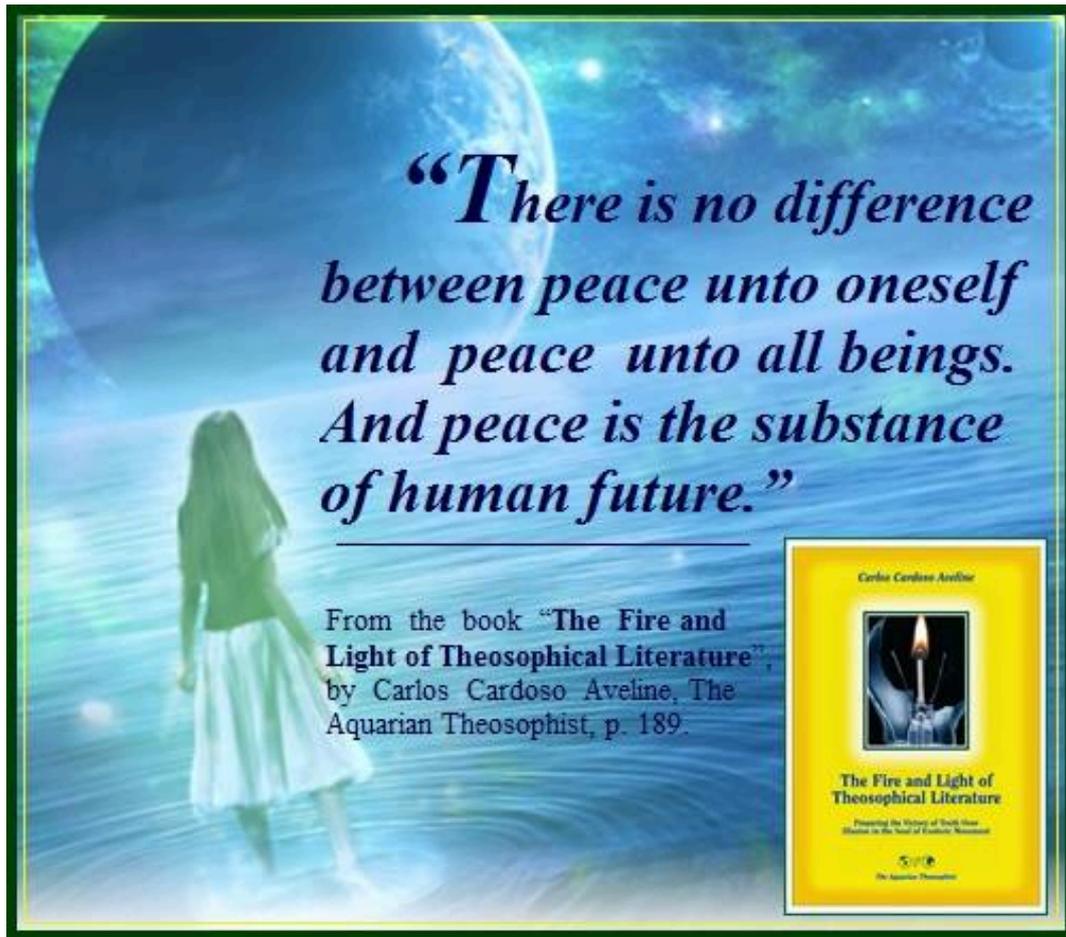
Life implies a degree of suffering. “Pain” or “Dukkha” corresponds to the first Noble Truth of Buddhism. However, there is an unnecessary attachment to pain in human soul, and there may even exist a desire to cause suffering, whether to oneself or to others. Such a double impulse is often involuntary. Human individuals learn to get rid of such a disease as they search for wisdom and happiness.

Masochism is entirely different from self-sacrifice. A generous renunciation to comfort belongs to the higher self and implies an indifference to personal pain or pleasure. Such a stoic attitude is ethically and philosophically correct. It is theosophical. It produces equilibrium. Attachment or rejection to pain or to pleasure, on the other hand, are both expressions of spiritual ignorance and threaten the individual’s emotional balance.

This set of unhealthy impulses is at the root of all systematic hatred among nations. It explains wars, long and short. It marks many a social movement and political conflict. It is present in struggles involving the conquest of “political power” within the modern theosophical movement. Conventional religious devotion often has a sadistic or masochist trend which stimulates religious conflicts, violence and intolerance, in the Middle East and elsewhere. Satisfaction in pain is not exclusively social: Erich Fromm shows that no family or marriage is easily free from attachment to suffering as a cause of false satisfaction. And freedom comes from understanding its whole process.

The text **FREEDOM FROM ATTACHMENT TO PAIN**, by Erich Fromm, is a fragment of his 1941 extraordinary book “Escape from Freedom”. It discusses the individual and collective “pleasure” involved in inflicting pain to others or in feeling pain oneself.

[The above text, by Carlos Cardoso Aveline, is the Editorial Note to Erich Fromm’s text “**Freedom From Attachment to Pain**”. The article is available at our websites.]



The Dynamic Unity of All

A universal view of life that enables each individual to see the dynamic unity of all beings is the solution for the world sorrows and pains. This, however, is not a good news for those who are afraid of structural changes.

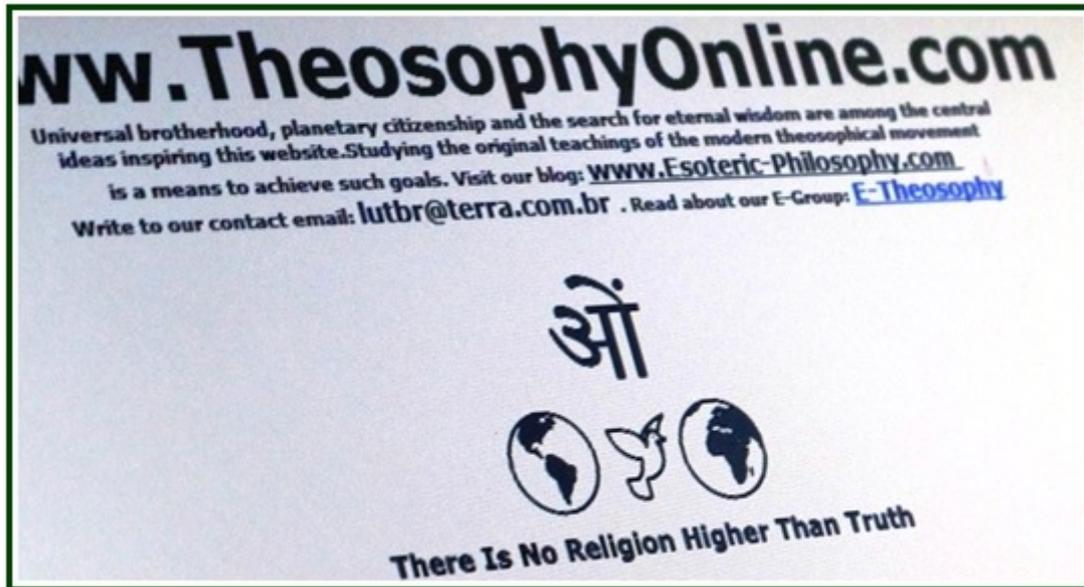
To Follow a Path

An oscillating mind makes alternated efforts in one direction and the other, so that its various attempts defeat one another. Before making a decision, we must therefore evaluate our possibilities and limitations. Is our decision serious? Once the goal is chosen, a long-term perseverance will make it possible to produce good and lasting results.

The World is Everyone's Responsibility

No theosophical association or esoteric group can wash its hands like Pontius Pilate with regard to the state of the world. Acts of war, terrorism and organized hatred are interconnected phenomena. They express the need for expanding our ability to live the law of universal brotherhood. What one sows, one harvests. All human beings are brothers and sisters and *fratricide* must be avoided.

The New Texts in Our Websites



We reproduce below the monthly report of www.TheosophyOnline.com and its associated websites, valid for July 22nd.

There are four items in French: three books and one text. In Italian, we have eleven items, including ten articles and one book. In Spanish, there are 35 items, which include 32 texts and three books. [1]

In English, we have 725 items, including 14 books. The following items were published between 22 June and 21 July:

(The more recent titles above)

1. **Jacob Boehme in Russia** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
2. **Jesucristo, el Guerrero de la Verdad** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
3. **The Problem of Ethics** - *Erich Fromm*
4. **Freedom from Attachment to Pain** - *Erich Fromm*
5. **Los Versos de Oro de Pitágoras** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
6. **The Power of the Small** - *Steven H. Levy, M.D.*
7. **The Art of Understanding Time** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
8. **What Is Truth?** - *Helena P. Blavatsky*
9. **The Story of "The Aquarian"** - *Carlos Cardoso Aveline*
10. **The Aquarian Theosophist, June 2014**

NOTE:

[1] Our associated website www.FilosofiaEsoterica.com has 787 items in Portuguese language, of which 7 are books.

