

She clarified that the modern theosophical movement was created “upon the footing of a Universal Brotherhood”. [2]

And she immediately added that the theosophical movement is “unconcerned about politics; hostile to the insane dreams of Socialism and of Communism, which it abhors - as both are but disguised conspiracies of brutal force and sluggishness against honest labour”.

The theosophical school of thought, according to HPB -

“Cares but little about the outward human management of the material world. The whole of its aspirations are directed toward the occult truths of the visible and invisible worlds. Whether the physical man be under the rule of an empire or a republic, concerns only the man of matter. His body may be enslaved; as to his Soul, he has the right to give to his rulers the proud answer of Socrates to his Judges. They have no sway over the inner man.” [3]

How can one then promote real progress in human society?

Blavatsky writes in “**The Key to Theosophy**” something that one can easily recognize as self-evident:

“To seek to achieve political reforms before we have effected a reform in *human nature, is like putting new wine into old bottles*. Make men feel and recognize in their innermost hearts what is their real, true duty to all men, and every old abuse of power, every iniquitous law in the national policy, based on human, social or political selfishness, will disappear of itself. Foolish is the gardener who seeks to weed his flower-bed of poisonous plants by cutting them off from the surface of the soil, instead of tearing them out by the roots. No lasting political reform can be ever achieved with the same selfish men at the head of affairs as of old.” [4]

Self-improvement must be the basis of every social improvement. One must deserve before desiring. The life of the soul is the source and foundation of all human progress. In social life, these axioms mean that *mutual respect* and *mutual help* are the correct path to follow.

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NOTES:

[1] See “[The Key to Theosophy](#)”, p. 79, for instance.

[2] “Collected Writings of Helena Blavatsky”, TPH, USA, volume II, p. 105.

[3] “Collected Writings of Helena Blavatsky”, TPH, USA, volume II, same p. 105.

[4] “[The Key to Theosophy](#)”, p. 231.

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Read more:

* [Getting Rid of Rousseau’s Delusion](#).

* [Abandoning the Sociological Delusion](#).

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How to Face Challenges: **Efficiency in the Art of Living**



Do we want to calmly face reality as it evolves, with its daily instabilities and hourly turns of events? A few sentences from a book by Donald J. Trump help us accept old and basic facts:

“Life is not always going to turn out the way you expect. Every day is a new adventure. There are no guarantees. You can never know what is going to come at you, and sometimes it is pretty horrible. You have to be strong to survive, and you can never give in without a fight. Quitters do not stand a chance.” [1]

Students of esoteric philosophy may take a few lessons from these words.

The study of Theosophy includes the search for truth regarding both the higher and lower realms of life. It is not merely a logical process, for it has to be an existential journey. You must gradually die for ignorance, often painfully, and slowly get born again with a little more wisdom. You are invited to do both things at the same time during your present incarnation and while preserving your physical and emotional health.

One of the secrets of the journey is that, if you want to look for truth, you have to be in syntony with it. You must build an affinity with truth in the first place. Being truthful and loyal means you are in tune with truth. However, you will not be surrounded all the time by

all kinds of loyal people. There will be challenges. What about the theosophical lodges worldwide?

“The thing that’s most important to me is loyalty”, says Trump. He proceeds:

“You can’t hire loyalty. I’ve had people over the years who I swore were loyal to me, and it turned out that they weren’t. Then I’ve had people that I didn’t have the same confidence in and turned out to be extremely loyal. So you never really know. The thing I really look for though, over the longer term, is loyalty.” [2]

The nominal theosophical movement may include false persons, but the real movement is much smaller, for it is made of deeply loyal individuals only.

Every student has therefore to undergo an alchemical process during which he learns to identify illusion in himself, and leaves it aside. Progress is gradual. This is a long-standing battle which renews itself each day, and “quitters to not stand a chance”.

NOTES:

[1] “Think Big”, by Donald J. Trump and Bill Zanker, Harper Collins Publishers, New York, N.Y., USA, copyright 2007, 367 pages, see page 66.

[2] “Think Big”, by Donald J. Trump and Bill Zanker, op. cit., page 308.

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A Broad View of Life

How to Expand Your Ability to Learn



A clean life, an open mind, a pure heart: these are the initial steps in the [Golden Stairs](#) of theosophical philosophy. The three factors make you capable of learning. They liberate you from the hypnotic power of accumulated ignorance.

Some theosophists act as if they knew everything already. They start seeking for the appearance of a distinguished person, and try to put themselves on a small pedestal. This is how they destroy their own ability to learn.

Treading the spiritual path means consolidating the lessons learned, while looking at each new day as if it were for the first time.

Donald J. Trump shares his vision of the art of renewing life:

“Whenever I start something new, I know I have tons to learn. I see each new project as a blank page that I can’t wait to fill. I get excited because I love to investigate, dig in new areas, acquire information, put it together, and gain an in-depth understanding of something completely new.”

“I’ve had this feeling at every stage of my career; it’s how I begin every successful project. I consider it a sign; if I don’t feel excited, I usually pass on the opportunity, even if it could produce huge profits. My enthusiasm drives me to learn, and what I learn gives me more control. My knowledge also helps me avoid mistakes and eliminate problems that could arise.” [1]

Each day I see naive people of every age adopting the false idea that they already know all things that are necessary to learn.

Many teenagers think they know more and better than their parents. “My mother is ignorant, and my father knows nothing.”

Others think that everyone who is older than 50 has attained wisdom. At any age, it is possible to deceive oneself in many different ways. On the other hand, those who are well informed know that the more one knows, the more one can learn. Depending on one’s point of view regarding life, a mature person is capable of learning much more and better than an immature person.

A fool is he who thinks he doesn’t need to learn. Avoiding the trap of mental laziness, Trump quotes the unforgettable phrase by Socrates:

“I only know that I know nothing.”

And Trump advises:

“Remain open to new ideas and information. Nobody knows it all and thinking that you do is dumb; it can slam the door on great discoveries and opportunities. If I had started in business thinking that I knew everything, I’d have been finished before I began. Don’t make that mistake. Every business has surprises, hidden dangers beneath the surface, and simple problems that become complex.”

“In my life, I want each day to be full of discoveries, and I frequently wonder what I’ll be learning each day. It’s a terrific way to start the day. When I learn, it makes me feel great, alive, and excited - it makes me want to learn more. As a result, I’m never bored, which I think is a big reason for my success.”

“Never think of learning as a burden or a chore. It may require some discipline, but it can be a stimulating and exciting adventure.” [2]

Treading the spiritual path means simply learning.

Being wise is the same as having an open mind and being quick to grasp knowledge - sometimes instantly - in the amount necessary and with firmness enough to make the right decisions.

There are levels of perception that are above rational knowledge. The intuitive mind surrounds and inspires the thinking mind.

NOTES:

[1] From the book “Trump 101 - The Way to Success”, by Donald J. Trump with Meredith McIver: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2007, New Jersey, USA, 188 pp., see pp. 94-95.

[2] “Trump 101 - The Way to Success”, by Donald J. Trump with Meredith McIver, op. cit., pp. 95-97.

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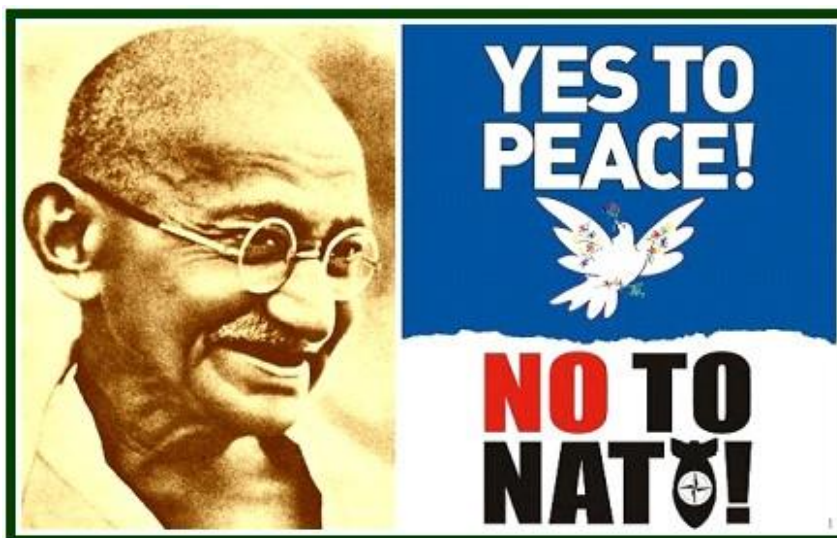
* [Give Your Higher Self a Chance.](#)

* [The Pedagogy of Theosophical Wisdom.](#)

* [The Pedagogy of Confidence.](#)

* [Original Theosophy and Creativity.](#)

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The Philosophy of Donald Trump: **The Way to Become a Winner**



Donald Trump and his wife Melania Trump

[The following passages are reproduced from the book “Never Give Up”, by Donald J. Trump, with Meredith McIver, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New Jersey, USA, Copyright 2008 Trump University, 179 pp. The number of page of each paragraph is indicated in parenthesis at the end of it.]

* I’ve seen some people get completely swallowed up by failures. The worst thing you can do to yourself is to believe that bad luck is your due. It isn’t! It’s not just intelligence or luck that gets us places, it’s tenacity in the face of adversity. (p. 6)

* Some people see problems as bad luck, but I don’t. Problems are a part of life and a big part of business. The bigger your business, the bigger your life, the bigger your problems are likely to be. Being prepared for that will save you a lot of emotional turmoil, unnecessary deliberating, and even illness. (p. 6)

* I’ve known people who have come back not just from adversity but from tragedy. There’s adversity and then there’s tragedy. Thinking about both is a good way to get an objective view of what you may think your problems are. Your situation may be tough, but you can bet others have had far worse things to deal with. One way to pave your way for a comeback (or for a first victory) is to read about people who have been courageous against long odds. My guess is they felt they had an obligation to succeed, and in some cases, an obligation to survive. That’s how I feel. (...) (p. 6)

* You can have the same attitude, no matter what your situation or background. When failure comes your way, you must believe that you matter, that you can overcome it, and most importantly, that success is what is expected of you. You'd be surprised at what you can accomplish when that's your attitude. It's not just survival, it's not just success, it is your obligation. A sense of duty toward wholeness will go a long way toward your personal and professional success. (p. 7)

* What I learned at the time of my worst financial problems is that I was resilient and that I had this indomitable sense of success that couldn't be taken from me. (...) That brings me to another level of thought, which is faith. Faith is a bit like wisdom. People can help you along the way with it but above all you have to develop it yourself. Faith in yourself can prove to be a very powerful force. Work on it daily. Sometimes when you're fighting a lonely battle, keeping yourself company with positive reinforcement and faith in yourself can be the invisible power that separates the winners from the losers. Losers give up. (p. 7)

* In summary: Strive for wholeness, believe in yourself, keep your momentum at full throttle, and be strong and tough in your resilience. Don't expect anything less than that from yourself, and I can assure you that success will become a permanent situation for you, even when your external circumstances may not show it. Never Give Up! (p. 7)

(Donald J. Trump)

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Read and practice yourself: "[A Prayer for Our Planetary Community](#)".

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Thoughts Along the Road

Three Kinds of Students in Esoteric Philosophy



The Master and the Scorpion

* In his book “M’Explico”, Carles Puigdemont tells a story about how to do good in a society where good will, gratefulness and sincerity are not the only things one finds along the path. And he says:

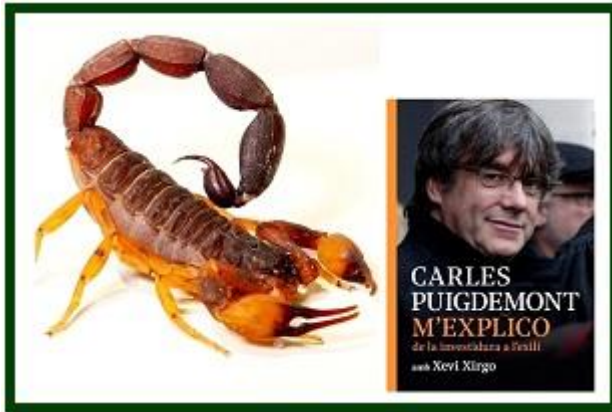
* “An Eastern master saw a scorpion that was drowning and decided to save it. When he grabbed it to pull it out of the water, the scorpion stung him. The master felt a twinge of pain and let him go.”

* “The animal fell back into the water and was going to drown again. The master tried to pull it out again, and once more the scorpion stung him. Someone who had observed everything approached the teacher and said:”

* “- *Excuse me... you are too stubborn! Can’t you see that each time you try to take the scorpion out of the water it bites you again?*”

* “The master said:”

* “- *The nature of the scorpion is to sting, and that will not change my own nature, which is to help.*”



* “And then, using a leaf, the teacher pulled the scorpion out of the water and saved its life. If someone hurts you, do not change your nature; but take precautions.” [1]

* So far the story as told by Carles Puigdemont. Can it be useful for theosophists and other good-willing people?

Three Classes of Theosophy Students

* Writing on studies in magnetism, Edmund Shaftesbury said something that applies to the study of theosophy.

* There are three classes of persons who undertake the investigation of both topics. Shaftesbury listed them in these words:



* “*First.* Those who, through curiosity, or as incredulous investigators, pursue the study with hesitation and indifference.”

* “*Second.* Those who commence with enormous zeal and determination to succeed, and devote every spare moment to it for a few days, or weeks, and then suddenly cool off. This is a large class, and they have had their ardor as suddenly cool off in a hundred other undertakings before.”

* “*Third.* Those who commence deliberately and work and wait patiently, plodding along in the dark for some time; but persisting until the light dawns upon them. When the light does come it seems to break all at once. They possess that rare faculty called application.”

* “The last named class will achieve success”, says Shaftesbury. “The other two accomplish something of value in every minute they devote to it.”

* According to this author, out of the very many practical exercises pertaining to the study of living magnetism there is not one which is not of great value, and “this value is always practical and useful”. [2]

* The same can be said of the theosophical journey to self-knowledge and self-control.

* Whether people persevere or not in self-discipline, the efforts they dedicate to improving their contact with the spiritual soul are among the best moments and aspects of their lives, spiritually speaking, and the ones with the most lasting results.

* It is unintelligent to feel contempt for those whose souls are not mature enough. There is a time for everyone to awaken and persevere in the search for truth and in the building of a correct self-discipline, which allows the pilgrim to expand his direct inner affinity with Truth. Such a moment and opportunity must emerge from within. It cannot be accelerated from the outside, unless the pilgrim is ready for the teaching.

Dodecahedron, the Model of the Universe

* One finds these words in “The Secret Doctrine”:



* “It was taught in the *inner* temples that this visible universe of spirit and matter is but the concrete image of the ideal abstraction; it was built on the model of the first DIVINE IDEA. Thus our universe existed from Eternity in a latent state. The soul animating this purely spiritual universe is the central sun, the highest deity itself. It was not the *One* who built the concrete form of the idea, but the first-begotten; and as it was constructed on the geometrical figure of the dodecahedron [3] the first-begotten ‘was pleased to employ twelve thousand years [twelve thousand ages] in its creation’.” [4]

The Yearly Cycle of a Task

* Helena Blavatsky’s mission is reborn every year on August 12. And with it, the Spirit is born again of the small authentic theosophical movement. The living, dynamic essence of the theosophical project is constantly renewed all the time, for it remains in contact with its highest source, which is inexhaustible.

NOTES:

[1] From the Catalan language book “M’Explico, De la investidura a l’exili”, Carles Puigdemont with Xevi Xirgo, Ed. La Campana, first edition, 2020, Barcelona, Spain, 677 pages, see p. 11.

[2] “Instantaneous Personal Magnetism”, Edmund Shaftesbury, 1928, copyright 1926, Ralston University Press, Meriden, Connecticut, US, 400 pages, see p. 19.

[3] Plato, “Timaeus”. (Note by HPB)

[4] Reproduced from “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”, [volume I](#), p. 340.

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An Independent Examination of Facts is Necessary:
Big Brother Wants to Think for You



Some persons seem to have generously volunteered to decide what the citizens and nations around the world can think, read and watch, and what they can't. And these persons are doing their best. Will they be able to *cancel culture*? Is this “*the end of History*”? Not at all: Theosophy teaches that such illusions have no future and end in disaster. Many are already awakening from the nightmare of “1984”. Take a look, for instance: <https://www.foxnews.com/media/elon-musk-surprising-defender-x-banned-brazil-washington-post>

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Two Poems: The Light and the Silence

By Michael Smith



1. The Silent Flames

The Silent Flames
that once moved alone;
Now move as
ONE
toward some
Greater Light.

Far beyond, yet within the constellations of
The Mind
this Ageless Story has been written.
Bearing mute testimony to the silent
dictation of some
Higher Voice.

And the once shadowed landscapes of
the heart will now lie revealed,
in the
Holy Light of Truth.

2. The Ageless Light

The Ageless Light that carried us gently
into this incarnation, will lead us on
to see, that the fears and pain
of times past, were but a
beacon of our own
personal Truth.

Love will bring us safely to the soft Light
of the dawn of understanding.
Unveiling the deeper meaning
of this Timeless Journey.

Till, perhaps we will be like rain,
falling gently back into the
Great Ocean
of some
Eternal Being.

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In The Secret Doctrine:
A Kabalist Poem by
Rabbi Solomon Ben Gabirol



Ben (or Ibn) Gabirol, partial view of a statue in Spain. Source: Wikipedia.

From the superb religious poem by the Kabalist Rabbi Solomon Ben Gabirol in “the Kether Malchuth”, we select a few definitions given in the prayers of Kippur:

Thou art one, the beginning of all numbers, and the foundation of all edifices;

Thou art One, and in the secret of Thy unity the wisest of men are lost, because they know it not.

Thou art one, and Thy Unity is never diminished, never extended, and cannot be changed.

Thou art one, but not as an element of numeration; for Thy Unity admits not of multiplication, change or form.

Thou art existent; but the understanding and vision of mortals cannot attain to thy existence, nor determine for thee the Where, the How, and the Why.

Thou art Existent, but in thyself alone, there being none other that can exist with thee.

Thou art Existent, before all time and without Place.

Thou art Existent, and thy existence is so profound and secret that none can penetrate and discover thy secrecy.

Thou art Living, but within no time that can be fixed or known;

Thou art Living, but not by a spirit or a soul, for Thou art thyself, THE SOUL OF ALL SOULS (...).

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Reproduced from a footnote by Helena P. Blavatsky, on pp. 439-440 of [volume I](#), “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”.

See also the book [Qabbalah](#), by Isaac Myer, which contains the Philosophical Writings of Solomon Ben Yehudah Ibn Gebirol, or Gabirol, or [Avicebron](#).

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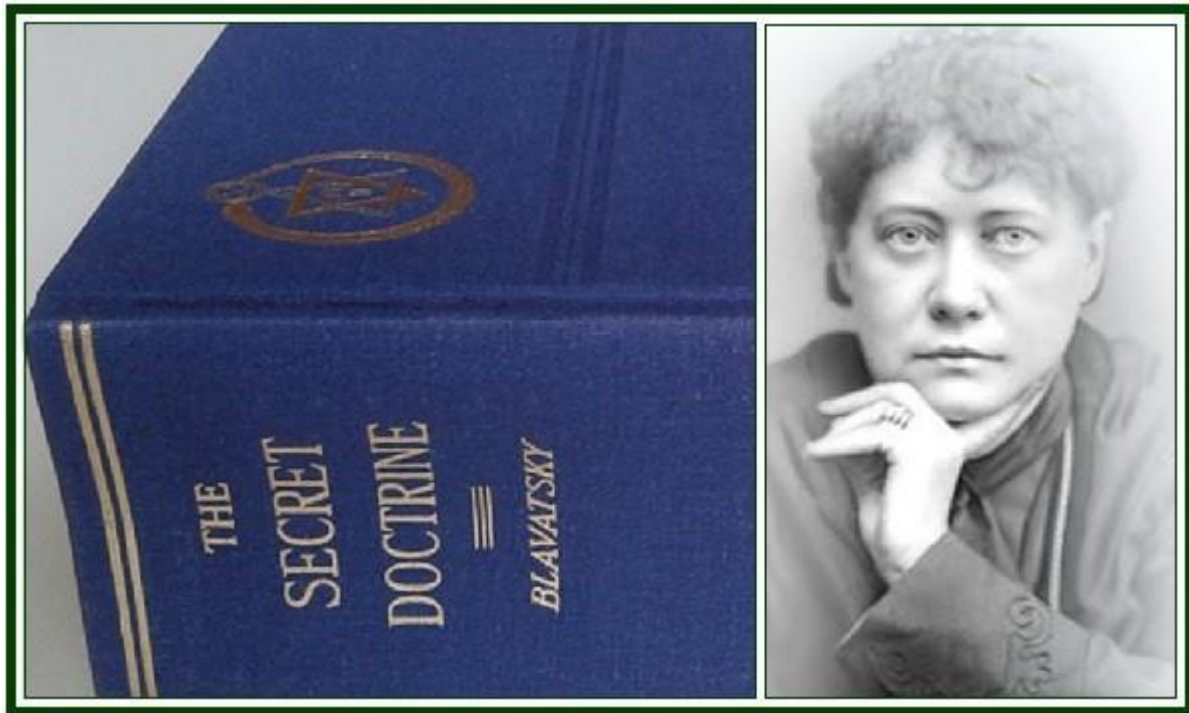


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The Subtle Inner Change

Practical Effects of Studying the SD



In a way, a careful reading of the book “The Secret Doctrine” (SD) makes me find an abstract space of inner contemplation. But in order to achieve that I need to calm down emotions and thoughts, before I begin reading.

The SD is an excellent book for anyone who wants to learn the fundamental concepts of esoteric philosophy.

One of the parts of the book I like the most is the first part of volume II. [1] There I find many insightful passages. However, I think the Introduction and the Proem are among the most important parts for the learner in general.

One of the things I have noticed is that some passages in the SD are quite arid and obscure, while others are very clear and enlightening. For example, I find it difficult to understand the passages where HPB examines mythology and symbolism using a complex language. On the other hand, some concepts and terms may sound strange if compared to the views of current science.

The student should not approach the book expecting to find in its pages the ultimate revelation of all the mysteries of the universe. Although the book is large, with some 1,500 pages in two volumes, HPB and the Mahatmas could only reveal a small part of the esoteric science in it. Moreover, being a book for the public, it cannot contain all the truth and all the details related to the topics it discusses.

Therefore, I think that a wise thing to do is to look with some flexibility even at the most transparent passages of the book. Some of them could have several levels of meaning and may be saying something different from whatever the literal reading seems to show.

I think the fact that the structure of the book does not *seem* to be well organized results from a deliberate choice, so that the reader has to exercise his willpower and his patience.

I am used to underlining passages in the book. I write down and copy on a notebook the excerpts that seem clear and significant to me. Usually, abstract ideas have a hard time getting recorded on my memory.

Often a deep idea is contained in a brief sentence put in the middle of an apparently unimportant place, such as a footnote. The reader may find it worthwhile to look for the pearls that are scattered throughout the book.

Over the course of time, a calm reading of the DS produces positive changes in my consciousness and inner being, but these changes are largely invisible.

(Alex Rambla Beltrán)

NOTE:

[1] Volume II is available on the websites of the ILT:

<https://www.carloscardosoaveline.com/the-secret-doctrine-volume-ii/>

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Who Has Respect for Liberty of Thought? **Donald Trump Defends Religious Freedom**



Click and watch the seven-minute speech:

<https://youtu.be/Im50BDUzY1k?si=uVcVa4CCQrL80x8E>

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New Items in Our Websites



On August 6th we had 3397 items in the associated websites, including texts, books, poems, audios and videos. Of these, 27 items were in [Russian](#), 41 items in [French](#), 348 in [Spanish](#), 1475 in [English](#) and 1506 in [Portuguese](#). [1]

The following items were published in English and Spanish between 9 August and 6 September 2024. The more recent titles are above:

1. **El Teósofo Acuariano 034, Septiembre de 2024**
2. **La Lealtad y el Coraje Llevan a la Victoria** - Carlos Cardoso Aveline
3. **Isis Sin Velo, Tomo II** - Helena P. Blavatsky
4. **Isis Sin Velo, Tomo I** - Helena P. Blavatsky
5. **El Simbolismo de Judas Iscariote** - Carlos Cardoso Aveline
6. **Thoughts Along the Road - 77** - Carlos Cardoso Aveline
7. **Carrying Out the Decision** - Jean des Vignes Rouges
8. **The Aquarian Theosophist, August 2024**

NOTE:

[1] These are some of our associated websites: www.TheosophyOnline.com, www.HelenaBlavatsky.net, www.HelenaBlavatsky.org, www.FilosofiaEsoterica.com, www.CarlosCardosoAveline.com, www.TheAquarianTheosophist.com, and www.RussianTheosophist.com. See also our blog at [The Times of Israel](http://TheTimesofIsrael).

See "[A Few Lessons from George Orwell](#)". It reveals we all must remove the presence of [Messianism, 'Doublethink' and Fraud in the Theosophical Movement](#).
