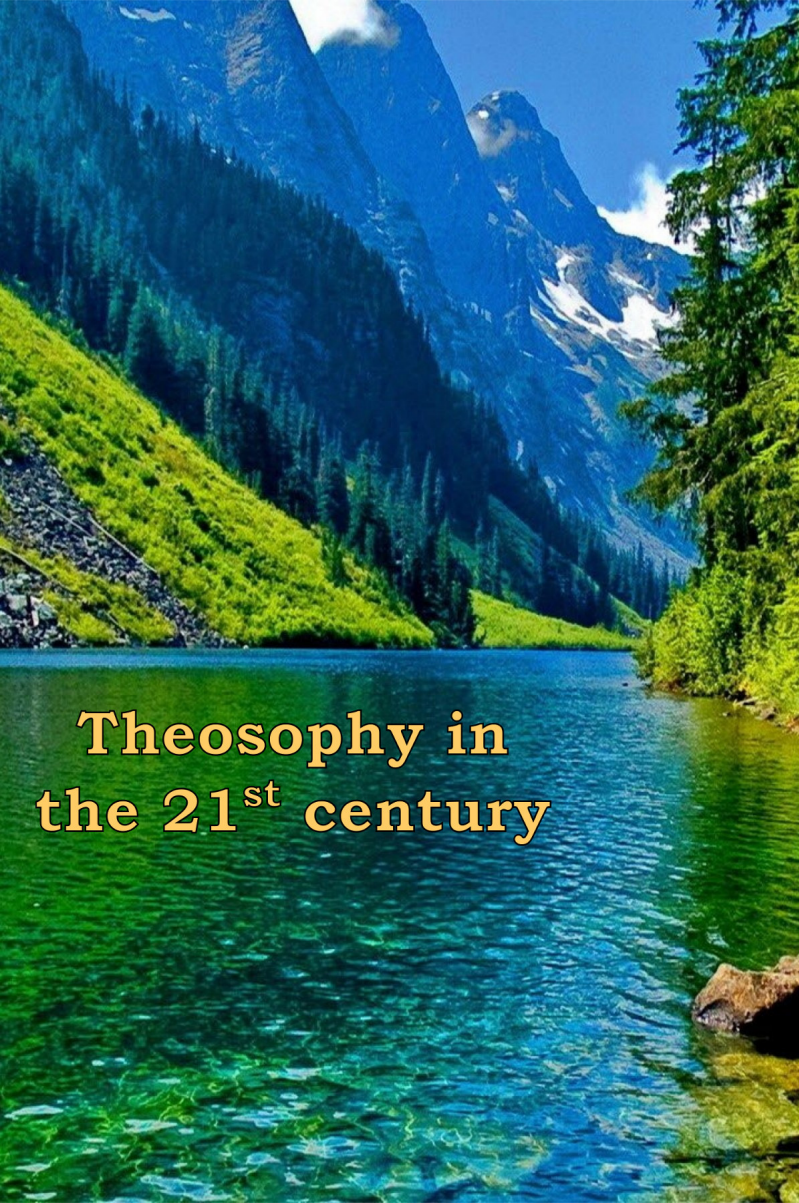




Theosophy in the 21st century

1 What is Theosophy?

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Essential questions about life

Who am I?

What is the
Universe?

What is the
time?

Is there
fate?



What is the
life?

What is the
death?

Can we be
happy?

Is there
justice?

Primitive answers



Gods

Idols

Animism

Superstition



Other answers

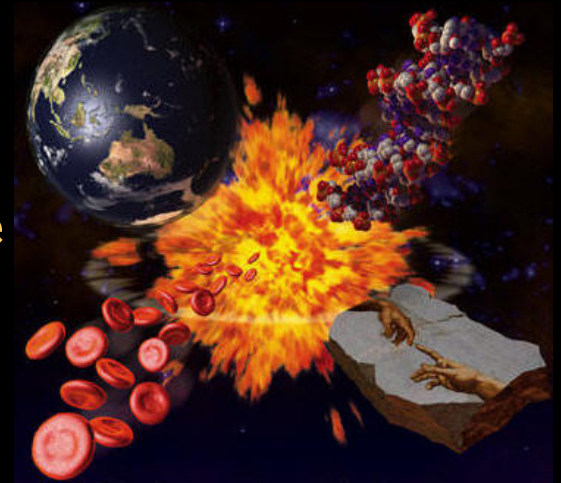


Philosophy



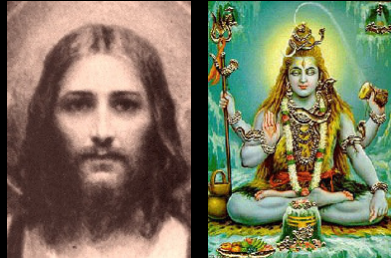
Science

Religion



Religions

**Problems: dogma,
authority,
subordination**



Based on faith,
on a leader or a doctrine

Rituals and precepts



Faith



Based on
revelations
or *sacred books*



They are transmitted through
education and tradition

**Problems: completeness,
opinionable,
today academic**



Concepts
creation

Criticism of knowledge

Moral and ethic

First Causes

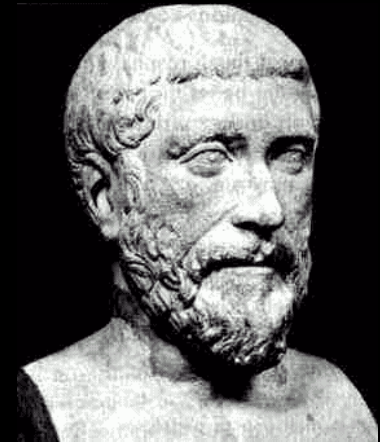
Reason

Philosophy

φιλοσοφία

Logic
Epistemology
Metaphysics
Ethics
Values

...

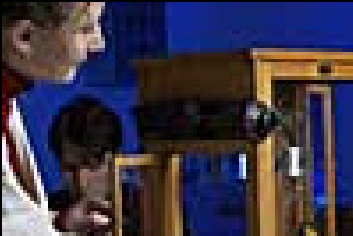


Pythagoras (571 bC – 495 bC)

Science

Problems: the ultimate questions are beyond the scientific method

Experimental method
Observation



Independent
checks

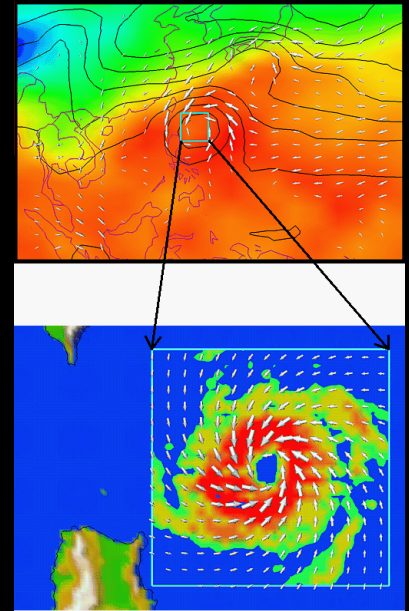


Experience
and
reason

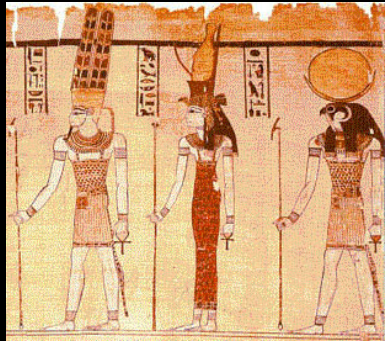
Logic,
Mathematics



Development of models
to understand reality



Theosophy: integral vision



Egypt



Science



Alchemy



Religion



India

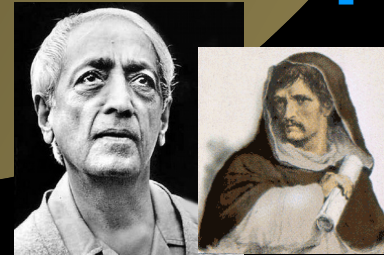
Theosophy



Philosophy



Classic world



Thinkers



Kabalah

And more ...

Theosophy: semantics

- From the Greek: *Theos* + *Sophia*

θεοσοφία

- Theosophy is the **Divine Wisdom**
- Is the wisdom of the essential principles of Life
- Wisdom is not knowledge but realization, experience, identity
- Other equivalent words:
 - Brahma Vidya
 - Ageless wisdom
 - Perennial philosophy
 - Occult doctrine
 - Esoteric philosophy

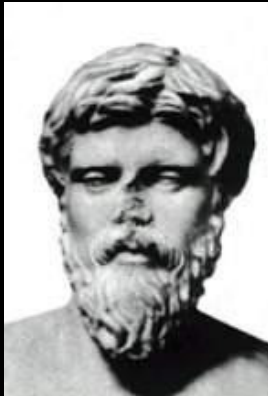


Sophia (Wisdom) in the
Celso library, Efeso

Theosophy: origin of the name



Alexandria Library
(reconstruction)
Ancient Center of
Research and Knowledge



Ammonius Saccas
(175? – 242)



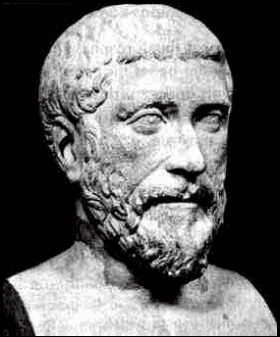
Plotinus
(205 - 270)

Neoplatonism

Theosophical Eclectic School

And also Porphyry, Iamblichus, Proclus, ...

Theosophy in history



Pythagoras



Plato



Leonardo
Da Vinci



Paracelsus



Giordano Bruno



Isaac Newton

And many more ...

Theosophy in modern times

- It emerged at the end of the 19th century thanks to **Helena P. Blavatsky**, an extraordinary Russian woman for the time.
- She had traveled extensively visiting knowledge centers in the East and relating to notable beings, who introduced her to Esoteric Philosophy.
- She gathered interested people with whom she founded the Theosophical Society in New York in 1875.
- Her teaching had an important impact on all modern culture.



Helena Petrovna Blavatsky

The Theosophical Society

- Founded on November 17, 1875 in New York by:
 - Helena P. Blavatsky
 - Henry S. Olcott
 - William Q. Judge
 - and others

Internacional name:

The Theosophical Society

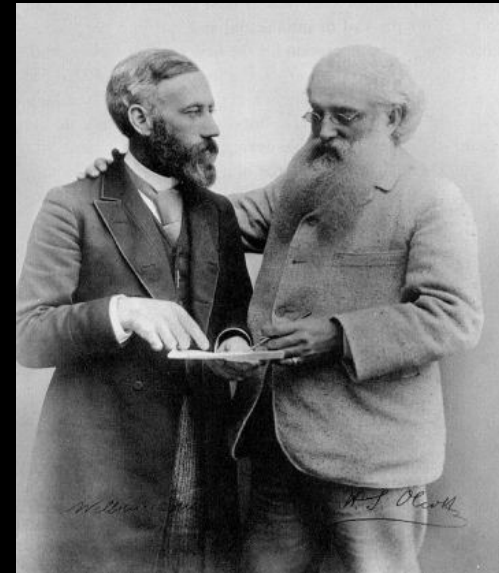
- Dedicated to the research, study and promotion of Theosophy.

Motto:

There is no religion higher than truth



Blavatsky and Olcott



Olcott and Judge

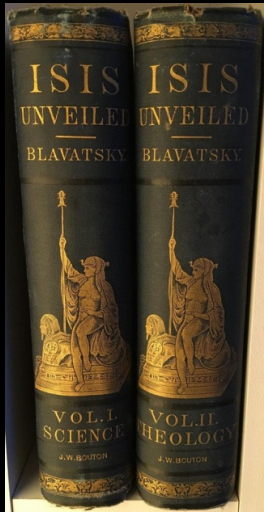
Objectives of the Theosophical Society

- 1- To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.
- 2- To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.
- 3- To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

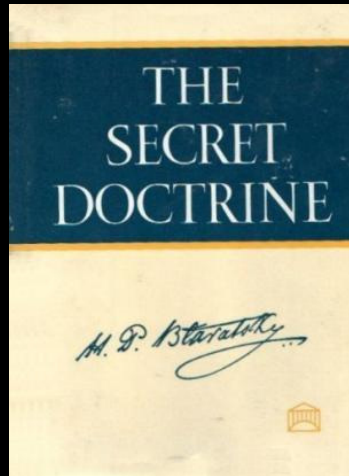


Emblem of the
Theosophical Society

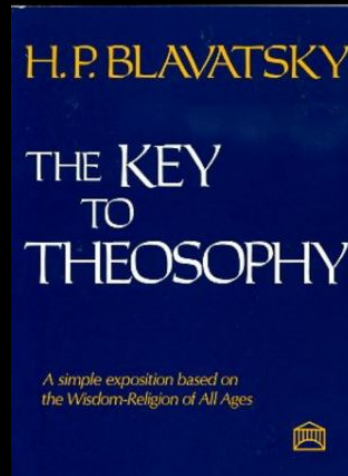
Fundamental works of Helena P. Blavatsky



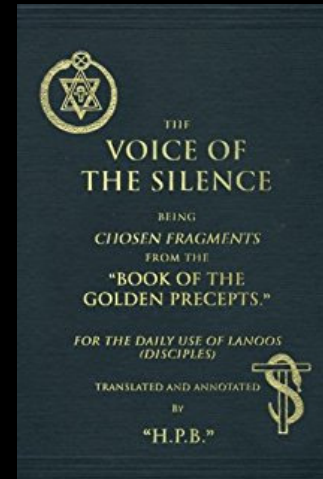
1877
2 volumes



1888
3 volumes



1889



1889

Helena P. Blavatsky
(1831 – 1891)



The Theosophical Society today

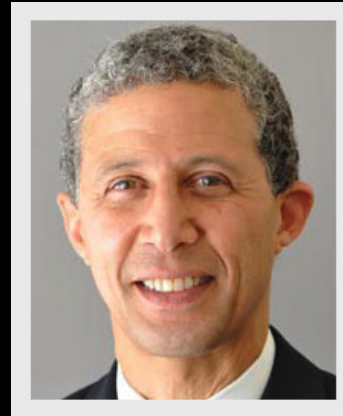
The Theosophical Society

Present in more than 60 countries (National Sections).

Members are grouped in Branches or Lodges in different cities.

Headquarter:
Adyar, Chennai (formerly Madras), India

International President
Mr. Tim Boyd (since 2014)



Tim Boyd
International President



Headquarter in Adyar, Chennai, India

Members of The Theosophical Society

Requirements

- Accept the 3 objectives of The Theosophical Society
- Payment of TS dues

Freedom of thought

Guaranteed by resolution of the General Council

Freedom of expression

It only demands respect from others

Rights

- Participation in Lodge meetings
- Events
- Use of library
- Elect authorities



Becoming a member of the TS does not make you a theosophist
The ideal of the members is to be seekers of the Truth

To think



Watch, think, investigate, inquire ...
Make the following questions or thoughts suggestions
But don't stay here, ask yourself and find out.