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Neither the form of man, nor that of any animal, plant or stone has ever been *created*, and it is only on this plane of ours that it commenced "*becoming*," *i.e.*, objectivising into its present materiality, or expanding *from within outwards*, from the most sublimated and supersensuous essence into its grossest appearance.¹

A review of last quarter programs

In the first quarter of 2026 ending March 31 there were 12 lectures at the ULT on Sunday evenings at 6-15. Subjects of the talks at the ULT are always of such genre which touch on meaning and purpose of human life from the perspective of the timeless Wisdom of the ages now repromulgated to the modern world under the appellation of *Theosophy*.

The celestial in the mundane, search for the meaning of life, what happens after death, Eastern thought and the western mind, were some of the topics considered. . Recordings of some of the talks are hosted on the ULT website :ultindia.org which may be heard online at any time.

On Saturday evenings and on Sunday mornings we have study classes in which one of the basic texts of Theosophy is taken up for detailed study. Mr. Judge's *The Heart Doctrine* is studied on Saturdays, and Madam Blavatsky's monumental work, *The Secret Doctrine, Vol. II* is considered in depth on Sunday mornings at 10 AM

On Sunday, May 3rd a special public meeting was held to commemorate Madam H.P.Blavatsky. It is observed about this time every year in Theosophical Lodges the world over as *White Lotus Day*. A brief comment follows on the importance and significance of this day.



White Lotus Day

Helena Petrovna Blavatsky spearheaded the Theosophical Movement of the modern era under the orders of the Fraternity of the great Sages of the world who watch over the world's progress and aid intellectual and spiritual evolution of humanity in accordance with the Cyclic and Karmic Law.

She was born in the Ukraine province of Russia on August 11, 1831, and passed away on May 8, 1891. Her mission was to repromulgate to the modern world a Unified body of all-comprehending Knowledge and Wisdom, an Eternal synthetical unity of science, religion and philosophy, which is the exhaustless source of all world

¹ *The Secret Doctrine, Vol. I, p. 282*

religions, philosophies and sciences, to the extent humanity at the present stage of evolution can comprehend.

With the help of Mr. William Q. Judge, Col. H.S. Olcott, and four others she founded the first Theosophical Society in the city of New York on November 17, 1875 to promote three objects : (a) to form a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinctions of race, colour or creed' (b) to promote comparative study of world religions and philosophies; and, (c) to investigate unexplained laws of nature, and psychical and spiritual powers latent in man.

She travelled all over the world more than once, including India, as a preparation for the mission she was entrusted with. With the help of other two colleagues she founded hundreds of Theosophical Societies in India, Europe and America.

Her first monumental literary production was *Isis Unveiled*, in two volumes - master keys to science and religion. In the first she shows modern science is ignorant of the metaphysical truths of universal mysteries, compares and. contrasts the limited scope of modern science with the infinitely vaster scope of ancient Science and gives glimpses of its profundity.

In the second, she makes a masterly review of the world religions, mystic traditions, occult phenomena, and shows their origin from the primeval fount of the timeless Universal Wisdom-Religion, how they lost their spirit over time, and splintered into numberless mutually conflicting sects. Winnowing them all with the touchstone of the primeval source of them all which she propounded, weeding them of misconceptions, false beliefs, superstitions, reveals their original scientific spirit and purity, to be One Truth underlying them all.

In the second great work, *The Secret Doctrine* in two volumes – first volume showing the principles and laws of cosmic evolution, and in the second, those of Humanity and of the Earth – she reveals the whole history of cosmic and anthropic origins, evolution to the present stage, and their final goal towards universal divine perfection of humanity under cyclic and Karmic Law. It is pure **Jnana Yoga**, study of which purifies the mind and heart. arouses the Buddhic faculty (spiritual discrimination) latent in man.

In the book, *The Key to Theosophy*, practical application in daily life of spiritual knowledge and lofty ethics based on it , is shown. It is the spirit of **Karma Yoga**. In the devotional Book, *The Voice of the Silence*, the highest ideal of life to be ,Great Renunciation of Moksha or Nirvana, after attaining Enlightenment, choosing to remain out of it, so as to be able to help all beings and fellowmen for countless ages, is taught. It is the very essence of **Bhakti Yoga**. In the periodicals she founded and edited she gave out extensive invaluable teaching of the ancient Wisdom-Science.

Why is the commemoration day of H.P.B called White Lotus Day

H.P. Passed away on 8th of May, 1891. The first anniversary of her passing was observed in the Theosophical Society at Adyar, Madras. At that time the lake in Adyar was full of white lotus in bloom. Col. Olcott, the president of the T.S., who presided over the event proposed to name the event as the White Lotus Day. Since then commemoration of Madam Blavatsky on 8th of May is observed as **White Lotus Day**.



Lotus – A Universal Symbol

Ancient Wisdom-Science speaks of no creation. The universe, and the beings and things that exist, first existed as **Idea in the Universal Mind** - Spirit of the Universe. The symbol of this Eternal Idea is **Fire - Agni**, the highest God in Rig Veda. For the Idea to become manifest as a visible universe it needs a material basis (Upadhi). The primordial eternal spiritual Substance, called *Mula-Prakriti* is that basis. It is symbolized as **Water** – in Rig Veda personified as **Varuna** - all-pervading infinite Space.

They are One in essence but become two opposites in manifestation as Spirit and Matter. When time (*Kala*) comes for awakening of the Universe from the night of sleep of Pralaya, energy (Sakti) of Cosmic Ideation (Spirit) energises the primordial Cosmic Substance (Matter), upon which the universe, visible and invisible, evolve on seven cosmic planes, from the spiritual to the material. Hence it is metaphorically said that it takes Fire and Water to form the universe.

The ideal Universe in Universal Mind is impressed on the Primordial Substance, thus forming the first prototype of what the universe is to be. It is the **Archetypal Universe**. This through a series of emanations by universal law of evolution develops into spiritual, psychic and material universe.

The natural symbol of the **Ideal** and **Archetypal** universe becoming the visible concrete universe is the **Lotus**; because all parts of the lotus, its petals and sepals, are already present in miniature in the invisible embryo as a prototype which becomes a visible manifested Lotus.

Theosophy teaches that nothing is created out of nothing; but everything—from sun to an insect in the grass – evolves or unfolds from pre-existing Eternal Archetypes; there is no creator but a hierarchy of creative powers and forces (personified as Brahma) which bring forth into visible manifestation the invisible Ideal Prototypes in the Universal Mind.

The Lotus flower represented as growing out of Vishnu's navel, that god resting on the Waters of Space and the Serpent of Eternity (*Ananta Shesa*), is the most graphic emblem of the Universe; the navel representing the Central Spiritual Sun (Spirit), water symbolising primordial universal Substance (Space). And the coiled Serpent symbolising moral and intellectual coils, and its seven heads representing seven primordial Rays the Spiritual Sun, the seven constructive powers (Prajapati), seven great periods of evolution (seven Manvantaras), and so on.

Universal Evolution and Involution

Seed of the Lotus plant above the water, containing in embryo the prototype of the Lotus to be, falls into the water and sinks, becomes sown in the muddy bottom of the lake. In time, by the power of the heat latent in it (Spirit) and the surrounding water (Matter) in time (*Kala*) sprouts, in the muddy floor of the lake (material world), its stalk gradually rises above the mud into the clear water above (Ethereic plane), and finally rises above the water in the clear air (Spiritual plane), and opens out in full bloom to



the Sun in the sky (Central Spiritual Sun - Atma) - signifying Enlightenment and emancipation.

This symbolises the truism that Spirit (Purusha) descends into Matter (Prakriti) – which is involution of Spirit and evolution of Matter; and thereafter struggles out of the bondage of Matter, to evolve back to its original purity into the plane of Spirit through the intermediate psycho and cosmic planes (evolution

of spirit and involution of Matter) as enlightened being through assimilation of Manasic experiences through cycles of reincarnation following the law of Karma.

Closing thought

Therefore our human forms have existed in the Eternity as astral or ethereal prototypes; according to which models, the Spiritual Beings (or Gods) whose duty it was to bring them into objective being and terrestrial Life, evolved the protoplasmic forms of the future Egos from their own essence. After which, when this human Upadhi, or basic mould was ready, the natural terrestrial Forces began to work on those supersensuous moulds which contained, besides their own, the elements of all the past vegetable and future animal forms of this globe in them. Therefore, man's outward shell passed through every vegetable and animal body before it assumed the human shape.²

² The Secret Doctrine, Vol. 2, p.282