

Dear Friends,

The theme for the ITC convention 'How to Awaken Compassion' is of the greatest importance. May it inspire all of you attending, and continue to help you with your work in the different sections all over the world. It is a pity regret that nobody from Sweden will be able to attend. Hopefully the next conference will take place closer to us. We send you all our very best wishes for a successful conference and convey our warm greetings to old and new friends.

Perti Spets

General Secretary for the Swedish Section

Greetings to the ITC meeting in NYC

Voice of the Silence, verse 300: "Compassion is no attribute. It is the LAW of laws — eternal Harmony, Alaya's SELF, a shoreless universal essence, the light of everlasting Right, and fitness of all things, the law of love eternal." Verse 48 of *Voice of the Silence* tells of the thunder as the voice of the divine spirit within us. A story in the Brihad-aranyaka Upanishad recounts that the divine father, Prajapati, had three sorts of children: the gods, human beings, and demons. When they had all completed their studies with their father, they each came to him to receive the special instruction appropriate for them. The heavenly Voice repeated to all of them: *DA! DA! DA!* Control yourselves, give, be compassionate. Those are the three great virtues: self-control, giving, and compassion. When we "feel with" others, we too are divine.

John Algeo

Dear friends,

On behalf of the members of the Scottish Section I wish to extend our greetings to everyone attending the conference which, wonderfully, is being held where our society began in New York. We are in no doubt that this event