

*for it forms the entrance to the Inner life. ... Thus, then, "UNION IS STRENGTH"; and for every reason private differences must be sunk in united work for our Great Cause. (Vol.XI; pp. 165-166)*

The use of the term union, or unity, implies more than one thing or being united in a common work. Although the Theosophical Society began as one, we have become multiple. Over the past more than 130 years, we Theosophists have divided and split over a number of issues, generally personal in nature. In a number of ways, that is most unfortunate, but if our differences can be seen as complimentary and enriching, then perhaps we find ourselves at an auspicious juncture. If we can work together with mutual respect and cooperation, we just might be able to achieve our original goals in time to save this fragile world. Instead of having our "goose cooked" we might make a great deal of progress toward our objective. In other words, we might "make the cake."

I end with another citation from the *Collected Works of HPB*:

*"Theosophy teaches self-culture and not control," we are told. Theosophy teaches mutual-culture before self-culture to begin with. Union is strength. It is by gathering many theosophists of the same way of thinking into one or more groups, and making them closely united by the same magnetic bond of fraternal unity and sympathy that the objects of mutual development and progress in Theosophical thought may be best achieved. (Vol.VII; p.160)*

