

leadership would encourage everyone to engage in a kind of individual leadership by developing a discipline and ultimately a transformation in both consciousness and magnetic energy. That effort would then make them a better participant in a team or community, more willing to look for leadership in others than to demand a position of leadership.

This leadership would also recognize the need for ceaseless evaluation and correction. That is sometimes the tough thing to do because, when you are leading, there is a tendency to want to respond positively to everybody's ideas because that is in one way, part of the process. On the other hand, leadership will fail if it does not have an element of an objective evaluation of whatever the task is. Leadership may include some sort of admonishment of somebody in a group or a situation who is disturbingly off track. In serious, hostile situations one would at first try to learn from one's enemy or from any personality that has gone haywire in some way, and approach it with compassion. One would always draw the larger circle, holding out the possibility of transformation. Any particular person who is expressing negative emotions, perhaps caught in some bad karma, could, in the end, be made to feel that he or she has opportunity to do better. There is a major lesson to be learned from the story of the Buddha sitting outside the cave where a very dangerous evildoer was caught in his own pride of accomplishment, but was nonetheless attracted to the Buddha. The Buddha was displaying the calm of being in the still centre of the situation. Eventually that evildoer became one of his disciples, accepted responsibility for his evil actions and engaged in a full transformation.

The regeneration of human beings as well as the guidance of human beings is firmly the responsibility of the Theosophical leader. In the end he or she seeks to help people experience the highest potential in their very being and thus increase their loyalty and their dedication to the common enterprise helping them become Theosophical leaders in turn. Must not leaders in secular positions also learn and practice some higher principles of human growth, brotherhood and environmental care? While contemporary monarchies delink their authority from claims of divine rights and sacred authority, could they not recognize the sacred aspects of their responsibilities? Must not all who would be leaders recognize the heartfelt aspirations of humanity for peace and opportunity for true fulfillment within the great harmony of cosmic evolution?