

Theosophical isolation, the social media of Facebook, webinars, online Theosophical literature, and blogs are probably the best places to meet youth with Theosophical ideas.

Economic pressures have made it very hard for people to live physically close to meeting halls because of over-priced real estate, costly transportation expenses, and the economic pressures forcing both parents to work to support their families. Parents struggle to find a way to educate their children in morals and ethics, so may just toss up their hands and say that there is nothing else better around. Just getting to a meeting can be a luxury for many. So we do need other ways to connect than just face-to-face and that need will undoubtedly be met by the Internet and social media.

Some other real challenges facing current Theosophical unity come from the existence of several different Theosophical groups, but those challenges will fade as the Theosophical movement evolves. All the groups include remarkable students just as all cultures include remarkable people. So what is really important when it comes to the soul planes is less tradition-based; some other deeper principle needs to be operating that transcends all of the separate groups.

The usual intergenerational conflicts belong to the various cultures and to the evolution of consciousness in all of us. We are engaged in a balancing act that we pass on as we react to the skandhas of our parents and create skandhas for our kids, who will create them for theirs.

Seniors have needs too, and we have an aging population that presents new challenges to us as well. How can we be a bridge to four or five generations of a family in Theosophy? This is a new area for us. The oldest try and keep up with the technologies of the youngest, but are we out of touch as the result of aging leadership in the various Theosophical groups?

Are there deeper generational gaps we have not examined? Is there a forum where we can honestly and openly support senior Theosophists, and is there a need at times for seniors to step down graciously so that younger students can reach out better to the community as well as for their own needs? What means do we have to determine when leaders are no longer efficient in their role and need to step down to let others more capable take over? This latter question also applies to CEOs and board members, generals, and