

Our Unity

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What can be done to overcome the apparent unsurmountable hindrances that have divided the Theosophical traditions for so long?

The answer to this question is both very simple and quite challenging. Simple because if we would all manage to live Theosophy there would be no hindrances, only unity. And challenging because understanding Theosophy is one thing, practicing it in everyday life is quite another.

Now let's be clear about one thing: when I say Theosophy I mean Theosophy as it was brought to us by the Masters and H. P. B.

To advance working together I see three important steps:

- 1) sharing a vision;
- 2) being willing to learn;
- 3) being able to have a constructive dialogue.

To start with the first, all Theosophical organizations (that I know of) share the wonderful objective of a brotherhood of men. This is a most inspiring, but also abstract concept. What does it mean? What does it look like? Is this a situation in which we cooperate more or less on autopilot? Or is this a situation in which the wisest tell the others what to do? Or do we secretly think that this will only happen once all the other organizations finally realize that they had it wrong?

Of course not. It is harmony that can only be established by combining a wide variety of characteristics that make the whole complete. A perfect diversity of physical, emotional and mental characteristics; even in our *buddhic* aspects we develop differently. Very much like a giant tree all the branches and leafs are different, but they share the same roots and work together towards the growth of the tree. We need to be different or we could never grow together. In H. P. B's words: