

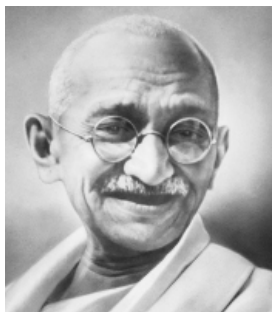
signifies that they were born of love ... [and] are demigods. Think of the word in the old Attic, and you will see better that the name heroes is only a slight alteration of Eros, from whom the heroes sprang." (*Cratylus*, 398c-d)

What is compassion? H. P. B. begins by telling us what it is not: "Compassion is no attribute" she says. "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. The more thou dost become at one with it, thy being melted in its BEING, the more thy Soul unites with that which Is, the more thou wilt become COMPASSION ABSOLUTE. Such is the Arya Path, Path of the Buddhas of perfection." (*The Voice of the Silence*, 1892, pp. 58-59)

There are also many examples of such heroic action in real life including:



*Thomas Paine, pamphleteer and writer, who President Washington called the single man most responsible for the success of the American Revolution*



*Mohandas Gandhi, apostle of non-violence and father of modern India*