

Tim Boyd never went back to Brown University. In his own words, he says, "That was where I would spend the next twenty to thirty years of my life."

As many know, those experiences led Tim Boyd to become the national president of the Theosophical Society in America as well as to be nominated for the international presidency. Boyd currently serves on the same campus that Bill Lawrence found so captivating when he first learned of the Theosophical Society.

What is also particularly of interest to many who know Tim well, and have read the description he gives of his mentor, Bill Lawrence, is the striking similarities of the qualities they both share. There are certainly physical qualities such as the piercing eyes, but there is also a nature of presence that is appropriately similar. Many have commented that Tim Boyd carries about him a warm yet intense atmosphere. Whether in a crowd or in a personal audience alone with him, a welcoming and sincere energy permeates those who are privy to it. The reason for bringing up that fact here is that it testifies to the strength of a teacher-student relationship, and to the Theosophical belief that those in these positions of influence do not get there without earlier lifetimes leading up to it.

Tim Boyd has done a few articles and lectures on the Old Man, but surely there is room for more. The reason Theosophical Societies celebrate such worthy Theosophists and past leaders is both to remind others of the Theosophical mission and the means by which it is accomplished in so many different cultures and walks of life. Bill Lawrence is exceptional. How fortunate we all are to learn from his great example.