

deliberately ignore their origin. The Theosophical Society is no different from its members; each one of whom by their understanding and actions contributes undoubtedly to the collective spiritual level of the Society as well as its impact in the world.

We all know that the Theosophical Society was founded in the 19th century to oppose materialism and egoism. After more than one hundred years of existence and activity, it seems that its task and role are needed more than ever. The human society with more powerful appealing forms and effective organization often misuses technological progress for the intensive exploitation of human desires and fears. Unrestrained materialism, based on generalized greed, in covenant with religious dogmatism fed by ignorance and mental laziness, seems to hold the monopoly of dictating the behavior of many human beings.

The experiment of Theosophical action bears consideration. We may ask, who will hear better the voice of reason combined with the concern for the spiritual well-being of fellow human beings, but the members of the Theosophical Society? The latter, meant to be the cornerstone of future religions [1: 3], has to provide society with individuals who are capable of resisting materialism's new forms of attack and of helping their fellows to do the same. To learn to relinquish temptations – constantly fed by organized malice, to learn to get rid of all this amalgam of so-called religions, managed by a class of salaried priests, and to denounce the pseudo-mystic fair marketed by cheap gurus – means to prevent the evil-minded from poisoning the atmosphere of subtle regions of existence. In that way, the outpost of the Army of Light can be formed. Only those who have good will and who aspire towards that which is lofty can be enrolled.

The sharing of ideas which are, after all, different facets of the insight of the doctrine, should not become a contest of eloquence where the winner affirms his superiority as an undisputed and incontestable authority. This sharing is meant on the contrary to lead students of Theosophy towards a level of consciousness where awareness is *de facto*. Naturally, this is only possible after serious study and with an open mind. Moreover, the student would keep a distance from book learning which produces brains stuffed with undigested concepts which sooner or later, become mechanically repeated formulas.