

idea, *I must emphasize*, is no longer feasible. All traditions, respectable as they all are, definitely have their own places, relevance, and something distinctive to offer. That, by all means, should continue. When we refer to Theosophical unity in the 21st century, we refer to primarily a spiritual unity. So it is a challenge to bring all those who call themselves Theosophists together in a spirit of compassionate brotherhood, whereby particularly the art of listening is being exercised and mutual respect and understanding are achieved. So, the biggest challenge in my opinion is to further develop that idea. H. P. Blavatsky handed out much when she reintroduced the old wisdom that had long been forgotten; and that is precisely what unites all Theosophists, both those affiliated with the various organizations and also those who operate independently. When all of them gather once or twice a year under the banner of ITC, they can explore ways to ensure keeping Theosophy alive for future generations. ITC folks put it very clearly: "Not back to Blavatsky, but *forward* with Blavatsky." In many of its publications, ITC refers to the following phrase, which is significant but also simple to understand by those not yet familiar with what this organization stands for: "... further explore the Path that all Theosophical traditions can follow to serve mankind in togetherness, respectfully and constructively, spiritually, and cooperatively untied, *while each tradition remains loyal to what it holds and advocates.*"

*7. Is there anything you would wish for the future of the Theosophical Movement?*

Is there anything to wish for about something that always was and always will be? I believe that the movement will take care of itself, so it all depends how one interprets this question. I wish that all those who feel attracted to the teachings, one way or another, would discover that being a true Theosophist means that one is committed at all times, for better or for worse. Too often some consider the Theosophical Society as their own little and exclusive playground, as if it were a kind of stage in a theatre where they can play their self-imposed roles as dominant figures or even as protectors. When egos are diminished to an absolute minimum, I see quite the opposite: a kind of eagerness is displayed, while hunger for titles, positions, or importance disappears. Some people consider themselves to be the "guardian angels" of Theosophy. How wrong can one be? Theosophy exists, and all we need to do is to serve it as humbly and silently as possible. Titles, so-called prominence,