

Ali mainly drew from Buddhist teachings, Blavatsky's books *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Secret Doctrine*, as well as *The Mahatma Letters* and other classic books. Ali's presentation visibly inspired everyone in the audience. Her slides were elegantly made with illustrations pleasing to the eyes and the text in attractive colors.

S. Ramu, the president of the Madras Theosophical Federation, introduced Ali to a record crowd of about 100 people. In his concluding remarks, Ramu quoted J. Krishnamurti as having said that we do not take the laws of karma seriously because, if we did, our conduct would be vastly different from what it actually is. He expressed his hope that Ali's message would inspire a transformation in the lives of all those who attended the program.



*Ali Ritsema, well versed, convincing and always inspiring*

When the meeting ended, many of the participants surrounded Ali with further questions and gave her their e-mail addresses, as she generously agreed to send them an electronic file with her slides. Mr. S. K. Srinivasan, Secretary of the Madras Theosophical federation proposed a vote of thanks.

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