

Human Regeneration - Part III.

Regeneration and the Objects of the T.S.

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[Recognizing regeneration as the kernel of all Theosophical work, the International Theosophical Centre at Naarden, The Netherlands, jointly with the Federation of Theosophical Societies in Europe, organized two seminars in July 1990, with a number of office-bearers, workers and members of the Society from different countries as participants. The proceedings of the seminar were published as a book under the title Human Regeneration.]

Although the Theosophical Society has three Objects, it surely has only a single purpose, which is to uplift humanity from the moral and spiritual point of view. This is not identical with what most people call progress. But moral and spiritual regeneration will be the strongest force in bringing about even material progress. Everywhere we see attempts that are retarded because of selfishness, tensions, and indifference. Therefore progress must centre around a new outlook, new attitudes.

The Objects of the Society cannot be unrelated to each other, for they are all related to the question of human progress and perfection, to regeneration. If we think of them as separate, each one having its own independent purpose, they may not help to fulfil the goal of the T.S. It is probably necessary for members of the T.S. throughout the world to enquire into what these Objects signify in terms of regeneration, the upliftment of the human mind — whatever one likes to call it.

Universal brotherhood, the realization of a mind in which there is no prejudice whatsoever, no barrier against anything, is regeneration, because such a consciousness is totally different from the ordinary consciousness. It has, as mentioned, a religious quality. The realization of the indivisibility of existence is the aim of true religion. In "Is Theosophy a Religion?" H.P.B. says that religion per se is that which unites all men, and all beings into one whole; it is not something which divides. So the experience of unity is a religious experience, it is a new kind of perception, a new quality of the mind.