

too is meant to bring about regeneration.

The third Object is investigation of the hidden laws of nature and of the powers latent in human beings. All natural laws are an expression of the divine intelligence. Those who do not understand them, who do not realize they are unchangeable and intransgressible, come up against an impenetrable wall, so to speak, and hurt themselves. Knowledge of the laws, on the other hand, is power to accelerate progress. If we do not understand how the great stream of evolution proceeds, what the great design is, we are led into foolishness and vanity. All the world is vanity because, if we think that we can work outside the law, we do not try to understand it. The law of harmony is perhaps the most important of all, for all other laws may be an expression of the great harmony of the universe.

This third Object implies study not only of nature in its outer manifestation but of the relationship of all things, one to another, for all law is a statement of relationships. Those relationships are subtle, and many people think they do not exist. But an understanding of ourselves is connected with an understanding of laws and of the forces at work behind them. There are many such forces and many forms of intelligence at work everywhere. There is a hierarchy of intelligences, we are told, working for the great Plan. What is our own place in all this? Can we claim a place which is not in the Plan, or carve a place for ourselves according to our own notions? Do we have to abandon our ideas and find out how to live according to the Plan? Discovering the answers is the same as trying to understand what our potential powers are, what spiritual faculties are latent in human consciousness, and how they can be unfolded.

We mentioned earlier that, unless we see what the human being is potentially, we cannot create an environment helpful to true progress. We are doing the opposite, creating chaotic surroundings that suppress the human potential instead of awakening it. So the study of the human beings as we really are, and of our highest possibilities, the depths or heights we can reach, is important for humanity.

It seems to me that, to make the work of the Society effective, we must see the connection between the three Objects of the T.S. and the relation of all three Objects to the unfoldment of the human consciousness and the