

She then asks “is this separateness consonant with the United Altruism of universal brotherhood? Is this the teaching of our noble masters?” And in regards to working together she states, “therefore do not for one moment relax in your efforts; press closer, shoulder to shoulder, every day; stand together as one man, come what may, fine weather or storm, and the victory of the cause to which you have placed yourselves is certain. *Striving thus in unison with your higher self*, your efforts must and will be fruitful of good to the society, to yourselves, to humanity.” (iv)

These messages were as prophetic then as they are today. The ITC 2014 Naarden conference is a unique opportunity for students of all traditions to come together sharing Theosophical ideas from the teachings of Madame Blavatsky and the Masters, and working with those ideas in workshop format together, with each and everyone present.

Each conference day will start with introduction lectures. After those, participants in workshops will be doing the most important and demanding work. Results of the workshops will be presented in plenary feedback sessions, as input for the end product of the gathering: “The ITC 2014, Naarden Declaration.” Furthermore, the core of the ITC program in Naarden will consist of three parts: Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

That work is the meaningful communication between students of all traditions in problem-solving some of the unique world challenges that this age and the future ages present. Why, because the great Master’s letter tells us that the Theosophical Society was chosen as the cornerstone, the foundation of the future religions of humanity ... “That the fundamental doctrines of all religions will be proved identical in their esoteric meaning (v). ... And that the true religion and philosophy offer the solution of every problem.” (vi) What is there greater to achieve?

Concerning the problems of life having to do with lack of morality, incomplete religions and philosophies, and we might add sciences, that add nothing to the understanding, or moral and spiritual nature of man; and concerning the questions of the great dual principles in nature, good and evil, right and wrong, pain and pleasure, egotism and altruism, liberty and despotism, The Master tells us, “to these problems there must be somewhere a consistent solution, and if our doctrines will show their competence to offer it,