

# Moving Forward

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Since its creation, the history of the modern Theosophical movement looks like a never-ending record of schisms, human conflicts and divergences in ideas and actions. To realistically propose ideas and initiatives for reconciliation with plans to move forward as a united (re-united) stream of thoughts and actions, we must assess thoroughly the root-causes for these departures from the initial Theosophical Society's goals and from its founder's intents. A common denominator, often existing in most spiritual movements, seems to be this everlasting egoistic behavior of people who are so convinced that they know how to find the Truth better than anyone else, including the founders of the movement, and therefore reject any other voice.

Through individual and collective initiative, the twenty-first century seems to have triggered a theosophical "renewal" where students are moving away from the crystallization of existing organizations in order to go back to the original goals of the Divine Wisdom. It seems history is repeating itself when we compare this with religious movements like, for example, Christians who have returned to the original Gospels message. And it brings hope of a new energy and a unity in diversity.

Lessons learned are key factors for future achievements. Such success starts with integrity and the ability to forget one's own personal desires and wants. To "know" is not enough. We must live by it and become a living example of these values. Then, a working-together attitude is required. Most organized movements have a pyramid-like leadership where one person is responsible for the decisions of the many and the organization as a whole. This can often lead to one-sided or an autocratic leadership. Also, while age brings wisdom and experience, we must be realistic that age also weakens the body and sometimes the mental capabilities. As we age we may not see things as clearly as we once did. Intergenerational leadership teams where young and mature work together can provide a good balance between the solidity of