

as guilty of it as the rest of the world if they are not careful. However if a member of the Society can come and go through its hallways without ever hearing about the laws of Occultism, being encouraged to peruse *Isis Unveiled*, or encountering some ideas from *The Secret Doctrine* or *The Mahatma Letters*, then the Society has failed that member. If its members believe it is only a house for the study and comparison of other faiths, then they have missed the point of this approach. That being stated, almost all spiritual practices and studies have a place within the Society. Even astrology, movie watching, or a cooking class could be considered Theosophical practices if they are done with the right spirit in the hearts of the practitioners.

From a certain perspective, the entire “experiment” that is known as the Theosophical Society could be paraphrased with the axiom “You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.” In this case, the horse is humanity and the water is an understanding of Brotherhood. Perhaps a better motto would be “You can lead a TS member to Theosophy, but cannot make him awaken.” No one can force humanity into a recognition of its many faces. Not even Jesus, Mohammed, Moses, Krishna, or the Buddha. A belief in Jesus only yields one with a wonderment of Jesus, and even though the disciple cannot understand what his messiah is explaining, he will bow down and mimic the words. Even the right answer, without allowing a person to work out the conclusion for themselves, is not the right answer. And so we have the Theosophical Society – a house where people can study in the name of Brotherhood, until they realize that all religions are pursuing the same thing, which is an experiential Oneness.

Theosophy proposes that human beings can understand what Brotherhood means, and they are capable of realizing its implications, if those who are teaching it have a little patience. The Theosophical Society shows its members the water and waits for that aha moment where they realize that Cosmogony and Anthropogenesis are fascinating studies on their own, but they are only functional in the capacity that they are glowing neon arrows pointing to the revelation that we are all One!

A Theosophical Society without Fear

“But if the two Founders were not told what they had to do, they were distinctly instructed about what they should never do, what they had to avoid,