

things in the entire Universe into one grand whole. This is our Theosophical definition of religion; but the same definition changes again with every creed and country, and no two Christians even regard it alike.” And so the definition of “religion” will continue to change as the human race progresses. Do not let the Theosophical Society be the one obstinately against this change, for it is a manifesting result of the seeds so diligently sown by the Society’s own efforts. It is a success!

Defining Relevance

One thing the Theosophical Society should have great concern for is to never become irrelevant. In order to accomplish this it is important, in the information age, to clearly define what it is here for, and what it provides that is different from the many altruistic organizations that have become our allies since its foundation in 1875. While some of the founders’ goals have been achieved, like that of an appreciation for the wisdom of India and a dispelling of the Spiritualist misteachings, the world still needs the Theosophical Society just as much as ever.

The surest bridge between Brotherhood and Occultism is still made by Theosophy. And the Theosophical Society, among being many things, is still an excellent vehicle through which to spread those divine teachings to a much more open-minded public than in the past. Should they call it a religion is of no consequence, as long as they walk away knowing that there are many methods toward Brotherhood, and that Theosophy is very much an encouraged practice to attain that goal.

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