

Compassion begins at home:

I have to be in a state of compassion to be able to be compassionate. This implies compassion to my own condition, which is marked by the facts that I am imperfect, my knowledge is partial, I am a partaker of the collective suffering and of the predicaments of all beings, suffering will continue to educate me in my evolutionary process, I am still evolving and I will probably continue to evolve eternally, which may include some struggle based suffering.

Suffering & Compassion. Another New Theosophical Perspective.

H. P. Blavatsky said that 'To be true, religion and philosophy must offer the solution of every problem.' 'But Religion and philosophy are as far from the solution as they ever were' ... but 'to these there must be somewhere a consistent solution.' I dare to complete what H. P. B. left a bit incomplete and say that the possible '*consistent solution*' referred by H. P. B. may well be Compassion.

The Compassionate Theosophist:

The true Theosophist is a Compassionate Yogi. The Theosophist earnestly allows constant unfolding of the power of compassion 'latent in him'. The Theosophist preaches only what he practices and knows that only by his compassionate living can he awaken compassion in others. "The simplest acts of kindness (or compassion) are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer." — Mahatma Gandhi.

A Theosophist is a compassionate spiritualist.

Spirituality has to do with level of consciousness. And there are markers or signatures of higher consciousness. 'Compassion is the signature of Higher Consciousness. Great sages have felt compassionate for even the suffering due to the entanglement of the spirit in matter or the spiritual being entangled in materialism, which ultimately is the illusion of mistaking the phenomenal world for Reality. "It is compassion, the most gracious of virtues, which moves the world." — Thiruvalluvar, (Tamil Poet of 1 AD and author of Tirukkural) "The one who is without loving kindness is just a bundle of bones clad in skin" *ibid*.