

the sacred and thus, could bring into a situation opportunities for others to experience that very sense of the sacred. Ideally, Theosophical leadership will bring people together so that everyone can experience the brotherhood realized in a community of purpose that strengthens each and all as well as improves the likelihood that the goal of whatever task it is can be achieved.

Theosophical leadership would educate both in terms of the Teachings as well as in terms of the possibilities of effective practice. That is no easy purpose if you think of how many ways our lower natures pop up with opinions and negative reactions and various ways of increasing separation. Theosophical leadership would encourage everyone to engage in a kind of individual leadership by developing a discipline and ultimately a transformation in both consciousness and magnetic energy. That effort would then make them a better participant in a team or community, more willing to look for leadership in others than to demand a position of leadership.

This leadership would also recognize the need for ceaseless evaluation and correction. That is sometimes the tough thing to do because, when you are leading, there is a tendency to want to respond positively to everybody's ideas because that is in one way, part of the process. On the other hand, leadership will fail if it does not have an element of an objective evaluation of whatever the task is. Leadership may include some sort of admonishment of somebody in a group or a situation who is disturbingly off track. In serious, hostile situations one would at first try to learn from one's enemy or from any personality that has gone haywire in some way, and approach it with compassion. One would always draw the larger circle, holding out the possibility of transformation. Any particular person who is expressing negative emotions, perhaps caught in some bad karma, could, in the end, be made to feel that he or she has opportunity to do better. There is a major lesson to be learned from the story of the Buddha sitting outside the cave where a very dangerous evildoer was caught in his own pride of accomplishment, but was nonetheless attracted to the Buddha. The Buddha was displaying the calm of being in the still centre of the situation. Eventually that evildoer became one of his disciples, accepted responsibility for his evil actions and engaged in a full transformation.

The regeneration of human beings as well as the guidance of human beings is firmly the responsibility of the Theosophical leader. In the end he or