

program of lectures to address these problems in the light of the Theosophical teachings. We give lectures in eight different cities and also on request.

Every year in May we organize a symposium weekend on a specific theme. We prepare lectures and workshops for this symposium with a team of our volunteers. And we organize the sound and live stream, the logistics, and simultaneous translations from Dutch into English and from English into Dutch. I often volunteer to be involved in the lectures and workshops team and I am part of the translating team as well.

*3. How did your first learn about Theosophy or come in contact with the Society?*

In December 2000 I read a small announcement in a local newspaper in my home town The Hague of a lecture on Buddhism given by the TS Point Loma. I was interested in the topic and decided to attend this lecture. What struck me first when I arrived at the hall was that I saw people handing out a brochure at the door and directing me to the lecturing hall. There I saw people giving explanations about the books on sale, others were behind the bar serving coffee and tea and some were working on the sound system. What was so special was that everyone worked together in such a harmonious way; everyone knew what to do and all were cheerful in a calm sort of way. And they noticed me and were friendly but nobody wanted to push me in any direction, but just let me be. This was very pleasant. Then I thought that if this was the result of what these people lecture about, I certainly wanted to know more about it! This is how I first learned about Theosophy: I saw how it was applied first and then I learned about the teachings in the lectures.

*4. What does Theosophy mean to you?*

I took the courses the Blavatsky House organizes for those interested to know more about Theosophy (*Thinking Differently* and *Wisdom of Life*). This gave me the keys to build a vision of life based on spiritual unity and boundlessness, of ONE life permeating all manifestations. Studying Theosophy has helped me to realize that we are all one and that brotherhood is a fact of life. Theosophy guides my thoughts and actions. I try to make Theosophy a living power in my life. I try to apply the Theosophical values in everyday life by approaching all as equally valuable spiritual beings who just like I, are learning to express this.