

changing the structures of society I could help my fellow humans. But at the age of 20 I began to doubt it and started to look for a better way to alleviate the suffering in the world. A friend took me to the Blavatskyhouse. I was deeply touched. Theosophy gave answers to all the questions I had asked myself since I was a boy. It was that for me has never before an unknown mixture of logic, mysticism and above all compassion that overwhelmed me. I understood that only by changing mankind's mind can you create a better world.

Because of the fact that I had already planned a journey abroad, I attended the lectures just for a couple of months. But I could not forget Theosophy and when I came back in the Netherlands, I immediately took the courses, *Think differently* and *Wisdom of life* and became a co-worker.

4. *What does Theosophy mean to you?*

I cannot imagine my life without Theosophy. For me it is the very essence of life. Everything I undertake, I try to do in a Theosophical way. Just like a pregnant woman who, although she is doing her daily work, is always aware of the fact that she is going to get a baby, I try, while doing the duties of daily life, to have in mind the inspirational Ideal of Universal Brotherhood that thanks to Theosophy I have built up. I think that if Theosophy only plays a role in your life when you are in your lodge or among other Theosophists, you didn't get the point. Theosophy should play a role in everything you think and do: at your work, in your family, in your street and so on. Theosophy gives purpose, meaning, understanding, tools to cope with the problems and difficulties in life. And above all, it inspires to live a compassionate life. And that gives happiness.

5. *What is your favorite Theosophical book and why?*

The Voice of Silence by H. P. Blavatsky. It inspires to live the life of a chela and it brings you in the compassionate sphere of the Lodge of Wisdom and Compassion. It clearly shows that compassion is the Law of Laws. But the *Secret Doctrine* is also very important for me, because it gives answers to the questions from where we came and where we are going to. But without the books of Gottfried de Purucker, especially *Fundamentals of the Esoteric Philosophy*, I would have grasped very little of the S.D. So this book is also one of my favorites.