

## *2. Are you active in your Lodge/Section and if so, what do you do?*

We meet regularly, study the Secret Doctrine, help plan and put on public events, and I will be speaking at one of these as well this coming year. I am also on the Advisory Board for this group. I have also been privileged to be a participant for the last three years in the ITC conferences, which I heard about through Garrett Riegg, another member (and current President) of our group. I am definitely an advocate of Theosophical Unity — as part of our greater efforts in recognizing and honouring our brotherhood of humanity. If we can't do it, then who can?

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

Interestingly I don't recall the first contact. What I do recall is going to the post office to mail my application, and feeling the stirrings of a sacred act.

## *4. What does Theosophy mean to you?*

We are all beyond privileged to know there is more to our existence than our mundane daily life and daily self. Without the teachings and teachers I've been honoured to encounter, in many contexts including Buddhist, I would know basically ZIP. Zero. Let us be grateful and let us share. Here is a door and a path, indeed a path to share joyfully, in the spirit of love, compassion, and brotherhood. Just think of those who have no clue. As in Blavatsky's *The Voice of the Silence*, this involves a path of practice — and not an easy one (speaking again as a practicing Buddhist and inter-faith advocate) and a path of knowledge which interacts with and furthers our ability to practice and to help others.

As per the 2nd and 3rd objects of Theosophy, let us maintain open minds, tuned to possibility, not anchored in the fixations, beliefs, and biases of the past. Let us pursue cross-disciplinary learning (after all, it is we humans who have chopped it us into disciplines). Let us deepen our understanding. Let us not shirk from considering possibilities not yet embraced by the mainstream scientific community — and this can refer directly to the brave and fascinating ITC keynote address this year by Dr. Dean Radin, who shows how anomalous phenomena are anything but — and furthermore are intrinsic to progress on the spiritual path. So see his earlier book, *The Entangled Mind*, and his new one, *Supernormal*. Yes, we can and all should be supernormal!