

Our Unity

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What do you believe could be done in order to bring about more understanding among all the Theosophical traditions, overcoming the apparent insurmountable hindrances that have divided them for too long? How can you individually or with your group positively add to this process?

Religious or spiritual traditions are the product of their past in terms of change and continuity. Each one tends to recreate itself in successive generations over time, preserving and even solidifying the original model in its structures, beliefs and methods. Members usually have karmic connections and emotional investment in the tradition they choose or into which they are born.

Revolutionary offshoots tend to change methods or structures according to different values and perceptions. Evolutionary change within an organization becomes necessary when different cultural or changed social contexts impact on its relevance or survival. And so, one response to the guiding question is to say that while like-minded people across boundaries in spiritual organizations or churches could group together in a variety of activities for a variety of reasons, to do so is not so much to repair the past (because nothing is broken that needs fixing) - as to respond to a perception of a felt need and *common cause*.

