

existent for over 100 years.

2. Reviews following conferences were all strongly proclaimed “success.”

3. Theosophical fraternization or unity meetings have occurred in many places on the planet.

4. Some have opposed this movement, but for the most part, key leaders from all traditions have willingly participated.

5. Many publications, magazines, and articles resulted following a conference.

One student, just prior to our publication, after being told of these findings, said you have to ask at the end of the article why unity has not come about. It is our feeling that each and every one of us should take on this question.

This is particularly true as we approach the Naarden conference in August 2014. The Naarden conference is truly historic. Think of this. ITC conferences have now been held at the headquarter locations of three different traditions – Los Angeles, CA (ULT), The Hague, The Netherlands for the Theosophical Society – Point Loma, Wheaton Illinois, for the Theosophical Society Adyar and now the next conference will take place at the International Theosophical Centre in Naarden, The Netherlands.

We feel the motivation as to why so many have participated is clear. Our first object is to form a nucleus of universal brotherhood. We really know it needs to start with us. Division is not unity. Most recognize too the lack of unity mitigates the power of Theosophical principles taking their place on the world stage. So what is holding us back? We will suggest a few answers:

1. There is the false belief that unity means one large Theosophical organization. We start to feel that somehow we will have to buy into writings or teachings of other traditions different from our own. We do not want to do this feeling that somehow we may have to give up something important in our own traditions. We contend unity does not mean this. It does mean that we can communicate with each other, try to understand each other, but unite at a higher level and, perhaps, become even stronger in our own traditions.

2. Unity can be painful. If we have become convinced that our