

describes. Certainly those kinds of clairvoyants are few and far between, but yes, I think that he's held as somewhat of an authority.

However all of our members are free to accept or reject that idea. I mean, in any area as subjective as clairvoyance, even CWL was one of the first to say, *the astral is a place of illusion*. It is transitory and changing all the time, so it's very easy to make mistakes. That is why even he, in his clairvoyant work, worked in cooperation with other clairvoyants. My personal feeling is that some of the things that I have read, I can't prove, and so I'm not sure that I accept everything. But for the most part, I think the Bishop Leadbeater was pretty close to what is going on in the other planes.

LeFevour: One final question, and it's more a question I am personally curious about, if you'll permit me. I think some people view the LCC as if it shouldn't be associated at all with the Theosophical Society, and there are other Theosophists who believe in the Liberal Catholic Church who feel that they are completely harmonious teachings. I'm not asking you to defend it, I'm just asking what would you offer for those differing sides to consider?

Downey: Well, the church has had a close relationship with the Theosophical movement from its beginnings, but there has always been this dichotomy in thinking with regards to the church and I suppose there always will be. We, on our side, likewise want to make it abundantly clear that we have no organized connection whatsoever to the Theosophical Society because we don't want to be looked upon (and I speak for myself again) as the handmaiden of the Theosophical Society either. We believe that we are a continuation of the historic Catholic Church. Rome may not agree with that, but that is our position, and we believe we offer an interpretation of the ageless wisdom, much of which harmonizes with the Theosophical Society. We want to continue our warmest and most cordial relationship wherever possible and cooperate in any way, but each person must find their own path and if they can resonate with what we offer then we would welcome them to come.

That's the other thing, our altars are always open so that anyone, whether members or not, are welcome to come and avail themselves of our sacraments. You do not have to be a member of the Liberal Catholic Church to witness the mass for yourself or to receive communion.