

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The Theosophical Society is not a secret or political organization. It was founded in New York in November, 1875. Its objects are:

1. To form a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color.

2. To promote the study of Aryan and other Eastern literatures, religions and sciences, and demonstrate the importance of that study.

3. To investigate unexplained laws of nature and the psychical powers latent in man.

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The only essential requisite to become a member of the Society is "To believe in Universal Brotherhood as a Principle, and to endeavor to practice it consistently."

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No person's religious opinions are asked upon his joining, nor is interference with them permitted; but everyone is required, before admission, to promise to show towards his fellow-members the same tolerance in this respect as he claims for himself.

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Attendance at the following meetings of the Toronto Theosophical Society, 365 Spadina avenue, is invited:

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SUNDAY, 9.45 a. m. to 10.45 a. m., Scripture Class.

SUNDAY, 7 p. m., Public Meeting, at which Theosophical Addresses and Readings are given by members.

SUNDAY, 3 p. m., Class for the study of "The Secret Doctrine."

FRIDAY, 8 p. m. to 10 p. m., Public Meeting for the informal discussion of the World's Religions, Sciences and Philosophies. This Meeting is specially intended for those who are unacquainted with Theosophical ideas, and who seek information.

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A meeting for the members of the Society is held Wednesday evenings. Persons desiring to join the Society should apply to one of the officers or members. The entrance fee is \$1.50. Annual subscription, \$1.00.

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Books may be had from the Society's library on application to the librarian.

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The programme for the ensuing month will be found on another page.

FACTS FOR VEGETARIANS.

The human body "in the beginning" did not require food to support life. Man ate nothing, but imbibed nutriment by osmose from the air. It was only when the body became condensed and in a sense gross that repair of the system had to be made by food taken into the stomach.

The history of human evolution on this planet is the history of descent from spirit to matter. The result is multiplicity of reincarnations.

Man can never follow the advice of the Delphic oracle until he conquers his lust for flesh and frees himself from the woes it brings in its train.

The astral senses cannot be developed by meat-eaters. With the majority of mankind the tide of evolution will be making its last round in objective life before they are awakened.

The enlightened are retarded in their progress by the materiality of the many. But the advance of the race is the factor in the problem of which selfishness takes no cognizance. The underlying Karmic principle is that an agency which prevents a race from moving forward slackens the pace of every member, albeit he has an adept's impulse to growth.

Man has no enemy half so powerful as his own selfish nature. A man is his thoughts; to change him they must be changed. Self is the witness of self. The only path to happiness is the power over self.

To dwell in the light of the "Great Science" man must live like the sages of old—tranquil and pure; free from debasement of any of the seven attributes of his nature.

—Buddhist Diet Book.

Sparks.

In the Pythagorean code pupils were not allowed to eat beans. Is this why some men don't know beans?

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Mr. Coleman in the Light of Truth argues against reincarnation that on scientific authority there are 86,853,444,900 possible variations in the several offspring of the same parents, and that the wonder is children do not differ more in a family. He fails to perceive that it is the similarity of the egos incarnating that causes the resemblances. When a strong type of ego enters a family, heredity scarcely seems to be a factor, and so we get geniuses and other variants.