

17 November 2020 - 145 Years of Theosophical Society

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Theosophical Society is completing 145 years of History. On the 17 November 1875, H.S. Olcott made his Inaugural Address and from this date onwards it became traditionally the anniversary of our institution. C. Jinarajadasa wrote on the booklet “Original Programme”:
“With H.P.B. alone, there would have been Theosophy; but without Henry Steele Olcott, there would have been no world-wide Theosophical Society”^[1]. In spite of the laudatory content of this declaration, the undeniable truth is that: “Without H.P. Blavatsky, there would be neither Theosophy, nor Theosophical Society, nor H.S. Olcott, nor W.Q. Judge, nor D.K. Mavalankar, and above all, we would not exist as theosophists”. Dates like this, like 8 May and 12 August, the death and birth of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky respectively, should be celebrated with equal enthusiasm. On these dates Theosophical Society should stop all activities and concentrate all its efforts to give thanks to H.P. Blavatsky. Members of one section should be in one place and time to celebrate this dates together, especially nowadays where we all have online conferences platforms of various kinds. The more humility and gratitude we have, recognizing that the Theosophical Society was founded on the mission given by the Masters to H.P. Blavatsky, giving her the centrality she deserves, the more the Mahatmas will be motivated to approach once again to the Theosophical Society as in the period when she was alive. The more we focus on leaders and secondary authors of the post-Blavatsky period, the longer the Masters' silence will last. We must concentrate all efforts in terms of the original version of the Secret Doctrine and publish it in all languages, as well as the other works written directly by Masters sacred hands via Their Direct Agent: H.P. Blavatsky. They were the ones who made this decision in the first place. The entire Theosophical Society must focus on this restructuring of editorial policy which must be internationally orchestrated and focused on the original literature. So the next 145 years will be one of unity of effort that will make everyone proud, especially the Mahatmas. And the biggest beneficiary will certainly be humanity. [...]Ingratitude is not among our vices, nor do we imagine you would wish to advise it. . . .^[2]

^[1] The Original Programme of The Theosophical Society and Preliminary memorandum of the esoteric section by H.P. Blavatsky. With An Introduction By C. Jinarajadasa – 1974, Theosophical Publishing House Adyar, Madras 600020, India

^[2] This is Letter No. 2 in *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, 4th chronological edition.