

## THEOSOPHICAL HISTORY

Agarwal, C. V., *The Buddhist and Theosophical Movements*, 2001, 104 pages.

Relates in detail how Buddhists and Theosophists labored in friendship to raise Buddhist ideals and teachings to a rightful place of dignity at a time when they were looked down upon under colonial rule.

**T Ag15 BTM 2001**

Arundale, George S., *A Fragment of Autobiography*, 1940, 41 pages.

Autobiographical notes by the Third President of the Theosophical Society, mainly focused on his spiritual life and work.

**T Ar84 FA (MINI)**

Besant, Annie, *Annie Besant: An Autobiography*, 1983, 332 pages.

An autobiographical account of the remarkable life of this very well-known English reformer (who was to become later the second President of the Theosophical Society) before she came in touch with Mme. Blavatsky and Theosophy.

**T B463 ABA**

Blavatsky, H. P., *The Letters of H.P. Blavatsky to A.P. Sinnett*, 1973, 404 pages.

A collection of letters sent by the Co-Founder of the Theosophical Society to an English TS member who was the recipient of a large number of letters from Mme. Blavatsky's Adept Teachers, published as the "Mahatma Letters".

**T B614 LHPB Bar**

Blavatsky, H. P., *The Letters of H.P. Blavatsky*, 2003, vol 1

Covering the period from the early 1860s to 1879, this correspondence tells the story of Mme. Blavatsky's preparation for her mission and the founding of the TS, with an insider's knowledge and in one of her own voice.

**T B614 LHPB v.1**

Blavatsky, H. P., *The Original Programme of the Theosophical Society and Preliminary Memorandum of the Esoteric Section*, 1931, 75 pages.

Two documents written by Mme. Blavatsky. *The Original Programme* explains the lines on which the TS was founded according to the instructions of the Masters, and the *Preliminary Memorandum* establishes the purpose of the Esoteric School.

**T B614 OPTS**

Brown, W. T., *W.T. Brown's "Scenes in My Life"*, 1995, 40 pages.

Mr. Brown is known as a recipient of written communications from the Master K.H. and as a witness to this same Master in the flesh. This writing of his experiences was an attempt to defend the existence of the Masters from skeptics.

**B B812 Bro SML (BIOGRAPHY)**

Caldwell, Daniel H., *The Esoteric World of Madame Blavatsky: Insights into the Life of a Modern Sphinx*, 2000, 451 pages.

The story of H. P. Blavatsky's life in the words of those who knew her, through the personal reminiscences of more than seventy of her contemporaries, giving a vivid portrayal of one of the most extraordinary and controversial figures of modern times.

**T B614 EWMB 2000 and B B614 EWMB 2000 (BIOGRAPHY)**

Carlson, Maria, *"No Religion Higher Than Truth: A History of the Theosophical Movement in Russia"*, 1875-1922, c1993, 298 pages.

Explores the place of the Theosophical Movement in Russian *fin de siecle* culture, its main tenets and personalities, its influence, and its interaction with the European movement.

**T C233 NRHT**

Carrithers Jr., Walter A., *"Madame Blavatsky: The Case for Her Defense"*, 2017, 449 pages.

Madame Blavatsky was known to be a medium for supernormal (psychic) phenomenon. In 1884 the Society for Psychical Research in London became interested in her and created a committee to investigate these claims. In 1885 the Committee branded Madame Blavatsky "one of the most accomplished, ingenious and interesting imposters in history." Additional years of research, discovery and study have led to a radical revision of this viewpoint. Walter Carrithers vigorously researched the Committee's "evidence." He offers a detailed defense of Madame Blavatsky's history and methods as well as her unique contribution to the bridging of science and religion through Theosophy.

**T B614z CAR MB**

Codd, Clara, *So Rich a Life*, 1951, 431 pages.

An autobiographical account of the life and experiences of this remarkable Theosophist, who was closely associated with Annie Besant, Leadbeater and Krishnamurti, among others.

**B C648 Cod SRL (BIOGRAPHY)**

Cranston, S. L., *HPB: The Extraordinary Life and Influence of Helena Blavatsky, Founder of the Modern Theosophical Movement*, c1993, 648 pages.

Portrays HPB's influence on poets, writers, artists, philosophers, and scientists alike—among them Yeats, James Joyce, L. Frank Baum, Kandinsky, Mondrian, Scriabin, Gandhi, William James, Thomas Edison, and Einstein.

**B B614 Cra HPB (BIOGRAPHY)**

Dixon, Joy, *Divine Feminine: Theosophy and Feminism in England*, c2001, 293 pages.  
The first full-length study of the relationship between esoteric spirituality and the feminist movement in England, showing how Theosophists produced arguments that became key tools in many feminist campaigns.

**T D593 DF**

Eek, Sven, *Damodar and the Pioneers of the Theosophical Movement*, 1965, 720 pages.  
Damodar K. Mavalankar was remarkable figure of the early days of the TS in India. This book compiles his writings and also offers bio-data of several leading figures of the theosophical movement.

**B D186 Eek DPT (BIOGRAPHY)**

Godwin, Joscelyn, *The Beginnings of Theosophy in France*, 1989, 39 pages.  
The early history of French Theosophy and its interaction with the cultural milieu present in France at the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**T G549 BTF**

Gomes, Michael, *Creating the New Age: Theosophy's Origins in the British Isles*, c2000, 73 pages.

This lecture examines the rich history of Theosophy in the British Isles, dealing with the origins, leading members, and later development of one of the main centers of Theosophical world influence, examining its achievements and contributions.

**T-Pam 080 BL 2000**

Gomes, Michael, *The Coulomb Case*, 2005, 73 pages.

A historical examination of the case which lead the Society for Psychic Research to appoint Richard Hodgson to undertake an investigation on “Theosophical phenomena”, resulting in a negative report against Mme. Blavatsky.

**T G586 CC 2005**

Gomes, Michael, *The Dawning of the Theosophical Movement*, 1987, 248 pages.

A history of the origins of the Theosophical Society, re-creating the key events involving Blavatsky, Olcott and a small group of like-minded occultists. This account covers the publication of *Isis Unveiled*, concluding with the pilgrimage to India.

**T G586 DTM**

Hanson, Virginia, *Masters and Men: The Human Story in the Mahatma Letters (a fictionalized account)*, c1980, 323 pages.

A story set in a historical framework dealing with real people and events that took place in the fascinating early years of the Theosophical Society, where letters from Mme. Blavatsky's Adept teachers were being received by some members.

**T H198 MM**

Harrison, Vernon, *H.P. Blavatsky and the SPR: An Examination of the Hodgson Report of 1885*, 1997, 78 pages.

The author of this book, member of the Society for Psychical Research, presents a critical analysis of Hodgson's report (in which Mme. Blavatsky was declared an impostor) finding that such report was biased and flawed.

**T B614z Har**

Jinarajadasa, C., *Biography of Annie Besant*, 1971, 73 pages.

A short biography of this outstanding reformer, educator, political leader, and spiritual teacher, by the fourth President of the Theosophical Society who was Annie Besant's close friend, co-worker and assistant.

**B B463 Jin BAB (MINI)**

Leadbeater, C. W., *How Theosophy Came to Me*, 1948, 157 pages.

Relates how one of the most remarkable occultists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century came to know Mme. Blavatsky and the early Theosophical leaders, the Theosophical work he was involved in, and his training by some of the Adepts to develop clairvoyance.

**T L469 HTC**

Linton, George E., *Readers guide to The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*, 1972, 308 pages.

A guide to understand the letters received from the Mahatmas providing a historical perspective. It includes information concerning people, phenomena and events in the early history of the Theosophical Society, referred to in the letters.

**T M277 MLz Lin**

Mills, Joy, *100 Years of Theosophy: A History of the Theosophical Society in America*, 1987, 215 pages.

An overview of the evolution of the TS in America exploring the founding, growth, goals achieved and not achieved and the momentous and less significant vicissitudes that accompanied the theosophical movement in this country.

**T M626 OHYT**

Murphet, Howard, *When Daylight Comes: A Biography of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky*, 1988, 277 pages.

In an entertaining style the author tells the extraordinary life of one of the Founders of the Theosophical Society, which involves traveling all over the world, meetings with Mahatmas, high philosophy and metaphysics, occultism, and psychic powers.

**T B614 Mur WDC 1988 and B B614 Mur WDC (BIOGRAPHY)**

Murphet, Howard, *Yankee Beacon of Buddhist Light: Life of Col. Henry S. Olcott*, 1988, 345 pages.

Formerly published as *Hammer on the Mountain*, this biography captures the drama and significance of Olcott's eventful life, from psychic investigation to association with Blavatsky and the founding of the Theosophical Society, as well as his struggle and success for the Buddhist cause.

**T O11 Mur YB and B O11 Mur YB (BIOGRAPHY)**

Neff, Mary K., *How Theosophy Came to Australia and New Zealand*, 1943, 99 pages.

The history of how Theosophy reached Australasia through TS members who were also spiritualists, which includes HPB's personal contact with several of them and some precipitated letters from one of the Masters received by an early member.

**T N298 HTC**

Olcott, Henry Steel, *Inaugural Address of the President of the Theosophical Society*, 1931, 20 pages.

The inaugural address given by Col. Olcott, President-Founder of the Theosophical Society, delivered at Mott Memorial Hall in the city of New York at the first regular meeting of the Society, November 17th, 1875.

**T-Pam 080 AP no. 150**

Olcott, Henry Steel, *Old Diary Leaves: The History of the Theosophical Society*, 1972-1975, 6 vols.

A first-hand relate of the fascinating events that occurred in the founding and early days of the Theosophical Society, written by its President-Founder, who kept detailed diaries which were the source of information for these books.

**T O11 ODL v.1-6**

Rajan, Ananya S., *The Theosophical Order of Service: 2007 Commemorative Issue*, 2007, 48 pages.

A historical account of the founding and early days of the Theosophical Order of Service formed by Annie Besant, as well as its later development, work, and leaders in the United States.

**T T343 TOS**

Ransom, Josephine, *The Seventy-fifth Anniversary Book of the Theosophical Society*, 1950, 252 pages.

A continuation to the book *A Short History of the Theosophical Society*, this book relates the growth of the TS from 1926 to 1950 with an accurate, impartial, style.

**T R174 SAB**

Ransom, Josephine, *A Short History of the Theosophical Society*, c1938, 591 pages.

An impersonal and fair statement of the facts that delineate the fascinating story of the origins, development, and expansion of the Theosophical Society from 1875 to 1937.

**T R174 SHTS**

Ross, Joseph E., *Krotona of Old Hollywood*, 1989-2004, 2 vols.

Krotona was founded by Theosophical leaders as an Esoteric Center for spreading the teachings of J. Krishnamurti. This book records a fascinating chapter of the Theosophical history providing great number of previously unknown letters by Annie Besant, C.W. Leadbeater and A.P. Warrington.

**T R733 KOH v.1-2**

Sanat, Aryel, *The Inner life of Krishnamurti: Private Passion and Perennial Wisdom*, 1999, 324 pages.

A historical research about Krishnamurti's inner life, which was rich in esoteric happenings. This book shows that in his private life he neither denied the existence of his perennial "Masters" nor his role as a vehicle for the manifestation of Lord Maitreya.

**B K897 San ILK (BIOGRAPHY)**

Santucci, James, *Theosophy and the Theosophical Society*, 1984, 42 pages.

A study lead by the Department of religious Studies of California State University about Theosophy, the Theosophical Society, and its impact on popular culture, the arts, and political activism.

**T Sa59 TTS**

Shearman, Hugh, *Charles Webster Leadbeater: A Biography*, 1980, 39 pages.

An objective and balanced account of the life and work of this Theosophical leader who is regarded by many as one of the most important occultists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**B L469 She CWL (BIOGRAPHY)**

Sinnett, A. P., *Autobiography of Alfred Percy Sinnett*, 1986, 58 pages.

An autobiographical account of the life of one of the leading Theosophists and authors in the early years of the TS, who received letters from Mme. Blavatsky's Adepts Teachers.

**B Si65 Sin AAPS (BIOGRAPHY)**

Theosophical History Foundation, *Theosophical History*,

A quarterly journal of research about the history of the modern Theosophical Movement from the time of Mme. Blavatsky onwards.

**T Per TH (PERIODICAL)**

Theosophical Society in America, *Personal Memories of G.S. Arundale*, 1967, 152 pages.

An appreciation "by some of his numerous friends and admirers" of the life, character and work of the third President of the Theosophical Society, who was a close associate to Annie Besant and was involved in Krishnamurti's education.

**B A84 PMG (BIOGRAPHY)**

Theosophical Society in America, *A History of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society: A Study Course*, 1956, 94 pages.

A Study Course that traces the teachings of Theosophy from ancient times down to the present. It also offers an outline of the history of the Society, and biographical sketches of its main leaders.

**T T343 HTS (OVERSIZE)**

Theosophical Society, *The Golden Book of the Theosophical Society*, 1925, 421 pages.

A Brief history of the Society's development and growth from 1875 to 1955, issued in commemoration of the Jubilee of the TS, with a large number of illustrations.

**T J564 GBTS**

Wachtmeister, Constance, *Reminiscences of H.P. Blavatsky and The Secret Doctrine*, c1976, 141 pages.

A day by day detailed account of the life of HPB and the extraordinary events that took place while she was engaged in the writing of her magnum opus, *The Secret Doctrine*, revealing some of the insurmountable odds encountered in her task.

T B614 Wac RHPB

Wessinger, Catherine Lowman, *Annie Besant and Progressive Messianism (1847-1933)*, c1988, 380 pages.

About the religious thought of Annie Besant and its development throughout her life and of how these ideas motivated her for an intense and energetic action in the world.

**B B463 Wes AB (BIOGRAPHY)**

## **Sound Recordings**

Algeo, John, *The Inner Story of the Theosophical Society*, CDA 0049

Cooper, John, *A Historical Look at the Theosophical Movement*, AR 0220

Cooper, John, *History of the ES within the Theosophical Society*, AR 3099

De Zirkoff, Boris, *Life of HPB*, AR 0998

Hoeller, Stephan A., *Charles Leadbeater, Enigma of Modern Occult Seership*, AR 0241

Kunz, Dora, *Reminiscences of A.B. and C.W.L.*, AR 0561

Mills, Joy, *The History of the American Section*, AR 0259

Sujatha, Bhante, *Henry S. Olcott and the Revival of Buddhism*, CDA 0225

Urban, Vonda, *Blavatsky, the Mystery*, AR 4767

Wessinger, Catherine Lowman, *Annie Besant and Issues in Contemporary Feminist Spirituality*, AR 4791

## **Video Recordings**

Algeo, John, *Who Are the Founders? Chaos, Plan, and Order in the Society's History*, VR 1230

Algeo, John, *The Man Who Met the Masters: Henry Steel Olcott*, DVD 0151

Blavatsky Trust, *The Life of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky*, VR 0782

Lysy, Anton, *The Remarkable Life of Colonel H.S. Olcott*, DVD 0052

Hoeller, Stephan A., *The Mysterious Mme. Blavatsky*, DVD 0158

Schweizer, Steve, *The Theosophical Society in America, An Illustrated History, 1875-2000*, VR 1101

Theosophical Society in America, *Inter-Theosophical Dialogue: The Theosophical Movement, Past & Future*, VR 0830 pt.1-2

Timewatch BBC, *A Woman's story: A Biography of Annie Besant*, VR 0421