

THEOSOPHY AND PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy is the mother of science, the father of the theology of religion, and the midwife of the inspiration of art. Theosophy is the source and unity of the noblest philosophies, the spiritual essentials behind all religions, and the intuitive perception of the arts.

Philosophy transforms the knowledge of science into the wisdom of its application. It is philosophy that balances the emotional propensity of religion with the appeal to reason. Art is enriched by the philosophical significance of beauty. Theosophy unites the wisdom of philosophy, the truths of science, the ethical precepts of religion, and the beauty of art into one ordering reality which can be directly perceived and experienced.

The quality of our individual life on earth is determined by our philosophy of living. But the quantity of goods by which we surround ourselves does not necessarily bring those inner qualities of goodness that make life worth living. In most cases, a materialistic philosophy and a narrow religious belief strongly influence our approach to life, compounded largely by a state of unawareness disguised by a false righteousness.

There is a measure of understanding of ourselves and of the universe that is called for. And philosophy can bring us the wisdom of its treasures. It takes great courage to question and to think for ourselves, to investigate and to be honest, to inquire and to pursue, to be patient and persistent for the answers we seek. For example: what is the origin, the nature, and the destiny of our universe and of our humanity? Our answers, or the absence of any, set forth the kind of decisions and actions we make in life.

It is interesting to note that some who have found frustration with the study of philosophy have renewed their interest through theosophy. While those who have found theosophy have enthusiastically branched out from philosophy into religion, science and art.

It is not theosophy that substitutes our beliefs with another system of beliefs, no matter how orderly or convincing. If there is anything that theosophy provides for every individual, it is a very workable hypothesis of an understanding of ourselves and the universe, with a well defined path towards one's own realization. There is a prerequisite of a quality of life that approaches the fulfilment of every ideal and virtue that appeals to our own innate goodness.

In the verification of a theosophical hypothesis, the individual, himself or herself, is the scientist and the object of science, the philosopher and the philosophy, the spiritual seeker and religion itself, the artist and the art in process. Nowhere else is awareness turned on or tuned inwards, except on awareness itself; to fathom the secret of the full continuum of consciousness, from the human to the non-human onto the highest reaches of divine consciousness.

There are those who have touched the fringes to the very center of that underlying reality of our being. Their exclamations of discovery have found their way throughout the history of philosophy, appropriate to the clamoring need of every clime and culture. The same may be said for religion, science and art. And it is our awakened insights into unity and oneness that make all these self-evident. Then the wisdom of love wells forth nurtured by philosophy that is the love of wisdom.