# The Theosophical Society in England

# DIPLOMA in THEOSOPHY



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## THE DIPLOMA

The Diploma is a one year open-learning course by the Theosophical Society in England designed to assist students' understanding of the basic Principles of Theosophy. Students will undertake the course by home study and have contact with other students through the forum which will also be monitored by a course tutor. There will be four modules during the year each divided into two subjects.

#### **HOW THE DIPLOMA WILL BE AWARDED**

The Diploma will be awarded to students who have completed the course and understood the theosophical principles. The course will be centred on gaining an understanding of basic Theosophical Principles. Students must also pass the end of year examination, which is an 'open book' exam with one month allowed for revision and completion.

# WHO CAN TAKE THE COURSE?

The Diploma is exclusively for members of the Theosophical Society. There are no entry requirements other than membership of the Society and the course is available to any member who has a wish to gain knowledge of basic Theosophical Principles.

# **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

The Fee for the Diploma will be £30 but overseas bank charges may apply for those living outside the UK. This modest fee is to make the course accessible. *How to pay*: by cash (personal callers only), at a branch of HSBC or 'on-line' quoting the following information (Sort Code 40-01-06 A/C number 9079 9920). Those living abroad should use the following details IBAN GB90MIDL40010690799920. BIC MIDLGB2105F

# **APPLICATION FORMS**

To download an application form, use the following link <a href="http://theosophical-courses.theosophicalsociety.org.uk/">http://theosophical-courses.theosophicalsociety.org.uk/</a>

The Diploma Application Form will open in Word form-filling format. Please complete and return by email to **office@theosoc.org.uk** or print off to return by post. Please telephone 020 7563 9817 to receive the form by post or write to "Diploma," The Theosophical Society in England, 50 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8EA.

#### **TO REGISTER**

Application Forms and Course Fees must be received at 50 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8EA *no later* than 1 March 2017

Applications received after that date will be held on file for the course commencing the following year.

# **DURATION OF THE COURSE AND AWARDS**

The Course will commence in March 2017; the end of year examination will be held in November and Diplomas will be awarded early in 2018.

#### **COURSE CONTENT**

# The Syllabus will be comprised of the following modules:

#### Module1

UNIVERSAL LAWS (From the within to the without, as above so below) KARMA AND REINCARNATION (As balancer, teacher, Self Initiator, Cycle of Life, Death and Rebirth, etc)

#### Module 2

HUMAN CONSTITUTION (Physical, etheric, astral, lower and higher mind, the spiritual triad or higher Self, personality or lower self)
COSMOGENESIS (The Awakening of the Cosmos)

#### Module 3

INVOLUTION AND EVOLUTION (Principles of materialization, from the One to the Many and Principles of spiritualization, from the Many to the One) THE SEVEN PLANES (Varieties of groupings – two, three, five, seven etc)

#### Module 4

HIERARCHIES (Angels/devas, nature spirits, and elementals)
CHAINS, ROUNDS & LIFE WAVES (General pattern only)
FOLLOWED BY TIME FOR REVISION WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY EXAM

The use of meditation will help to enhance deeper levels of understanding and is strongly recommended to all students.

# THE MOTTO

The Motto of the Theosophical Society is "There is no Religion Higher than Truth". The Masters of the Wisdom encourage each one of us to search for and find that Truth for ourselves.

## **FREEDOM OF THOUGHT**

As the Theosophical Society has spread far and wide over the world, and as members of all religions have become members of it without surrendering the special dogmas, teachings and beliefs of their respective faiths, it is thought desirable to emphasize the fact that there is no doctrine, no opinion, by whomsoever taught or held, that is in any way binding on any member of the Society, none which any member is not free to accept or reject. Approval of its three objects is the sole condition of membership.

No teacher, or writer, from H. P. Blavatsky onwards, has any authority to impose his or her teachings or opinions on members. Every member has an equal right to follow any school of thought, but has no right to force the choice on any other. Neither a candidate for any office nor any voter can be rendered ineligible to stand or to vote, because of any opinion held, or because of membership in any school of thought. Opinions or beliefs neither bestow privileges nor inflict penalties. The Members of the General Council earnestly request every member of the Theosophical Society to maintain, defend and act upon these fundamental principles of the Society, and also fearlessly to exercise the right of liberty of thought and of expression thereof, within the limits of courtesy and consideration for others.

The Theosophical Society, while cooperating with all other bodies whose aims and activities make such cooperation possible, is and must remain an organisation entirely independent of them, not committed to any objects save its own, and intent on developing its own work on the broadest and most inclusive lines, so as to move towards its own goal as indicated in and by the pursuits of those objects and that Divine Wisdom which in the abstract is implicit in the title 'The Theosophical Society'.

Since Universal Brotherhood and the Wisdom are undefined and unlimited, and since there is complete freedom for each and every member of the Society in thought and action, the Society seeks ever to maintain its own distinctive and unique character by remaining free of affiliation with any other organisation.

For further information contact the Headquarters of

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# APPLICATION FORM 2017 CLOSING DATE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017

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# INFORMATION YOU SUPPLY ON THIS FORM WILL BE TREATED IN CONFIDENCE **Date of Application:** Please complete the form **CLEARLY** using black ink or type. **Personal Details** If Handwritten Please Use Block Capitals First Name: Title: **Last Name: Address:** Postcode: **Daytime Telephone:** Mobile: **Email Address:** Are you resident in the United Kingdom: Yes/No Date of Birth: (See Membership Card) **TS Membership No:** I agree to fulfill Course requirements: **Signature: Enclose Enrolment Fee with Application £30:** (an e-signature is okay) (Overseas students will receive downloads of the reference books) For Office Use Only **Membership Confirmed:** Yes: No: Concession

**Date Copied to Administrator:** 

Date Accepted: