

# The disgrace of materialism or: the main task of the theosophical movement

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Today's modern western society lives with an unimaginable large and fateful disgrace, so large, that it seems to be invisible!

Nature – without human beings – proves this to us. Animals take only as much food, as they need for physical survival. Generally they take as much out of the natural circulation, as they need for a survival. And therefore, in nature dominate perfect harmony. The free-living animal is usually sick only once, just before it dies. Nature is self-sustaining and each of its creatures is normally sufficiently well aided and all this, because animals are selfless. Selflessness or altruism is a virtue, that is essential to keep the natural harmony. And the same valid for the human being, because he is a part of nature.

But the man eats and drinks often more than he needs to physical survival. He consumed additional in a gigantic scale luxury food, which are not only unnecessary, but also very often destructive for physical survival. This is a gigantic waste of natural resources. The man consumes a lot of things for his vanity. This is largely unnecessary for a reasonable survival and also a gigantic waste of natural resources. Every technical device which will be replaced, even though it still works, perhaps because of new gadgets or to keep in vogue, is a gigantic waste of natural resources. And not least much of what is only for convenience is largely unnecessary for a reasonable survival and also a gigantic waste of natural resources. And that's just the tip of a large iceberg of shame, the disgrace of the materialistic society.

Do you have an idea, how much resources the man is wasting a day, a year, a human life, a generation, in your land, your continent or the whole earth? Can we find such a tremendous waste of natural resources in nature itself? If altruism creates harmony, what do we sow day after day? And what do you mean, what we will reap?

It's obvious for each, that a completely selfish society will sooner or later end in perfect chaos and also, that a completely selfless society will sooner or later live in perfect harmony. And what do we see in the

Western society? Correct, the fruit of selfishness – disharmony in many shapes.

And please note, I often said unnecessary for reasonable survival, because it's not about getting back to live as in the Stone Age, but to avoid unnecessary waste of natural resources and live nevertheless cultured and really civilized.

The point is, that today will be wasted by this materialistic society resources quite unconcerned in a gigantic scale. It is very well known, that the nature very intelligent overcome their problems, and if a society is a problem in nature, then this society must face the consequences. There are not only secular laws, to which which we have to answer for us, but also spiritual laws. And if we do not follow the eternal moral laws (virtues), then comes the suffering. Birth, growth, decay and death, the natural cycles come and go, but this society will neither have a long life, nor a peaceful end. This is evident so far. And what is true in the large proportion for all, applies also in smaller one for each individual.

It is known that, in accordance with the theosophical teachings, he who does not practise altruism, is no Theosophist. It is also no secret, that the basis of the theosophical doctrine is the soul-ennobling esoteric philosophy of Siddhartha Buddha. The Theosophical Movement was not only founded to become the Brotherhood of Humanity, but a significant other reason. Who has forgotten this, I refer to the readable article by H. P. Blavatsky "The Theosophical Society: Its Mission and Its Future". [1]

It is very clear in this article, that the theosophical movement is pledge especially to the struggle for a more moral society. And it is also clear, that if Theosophy does not lead this fight, they will die in the Western-World, because the adore brotherhood of the East sees in this fight the most important task for the theosophical movement and this is the reason, why we get the sacred theosophical teachings at all.

[1] see for example online:

<http://www.blavatsky.net/blavatsky/arts/TheosophicalSocietyItsMissionAndItsFuture.htm>