

## THE HIDDEN SIDE OF THINGS

Two thousand five hundred years ago the greatest of Indian teachers, Gautama the Buddha, said to his disciples: "Do not complain and cry and pray, but open your eyes and see. The truth is all about you, if you will only take the bandage from your eyes and look, and it is wonderful, so beautiful, so far beyond anything that men have ever dreamt of or prayed for, and it is forever and forever."

To everything there is a hidden side, and we also know that in the great majority of cases, this unseen side is of far greater importance than that which is visible to the physical eye.

Behind all the vagueness around us there is a bedrock of fact- something which can be approached rationally and studied scientifically. It is possible for men to develop their senses until they can see much more of this wonderful and beautiful world in which we live in than is ever suspected.

We are only half way up the ladder of evolution at present and so our senses are only half-evolved. But it is possible for us to hurry up the ladder-possible by hard work, to make our senses know what all men's senses will be in distant future. The man who has succeeded in doing this is often called a seer or a clairvoyant, the word which means "ONE WHO SEES CLEARLY"

The intelligent man profits by this discovery and rearranges his life accordingly. Once more the unintelligent man takes no heed of the new discoveries, and thinks that what he cannot see can have no importance for him.

Now is the time to open up to a new world in regard to our everyday life - a new world which is yet a part of the old. To painting, to literature, to music, to religious ceremonies, to the beauties of nature there is always a hidden side- a fullness, a completeness beyond the mere physical, and the man who can see or sense this has at his command a wealth of enjoyment far beyond the comprehension of the man who passes through it all with unopened perceptions.

How we are influenced, how we influence ourselves and how we influence others is what we try to understand. We must not fall behind in the march of evolution. "Knowledge is power", in this case as in every other. To secure the best results, the glorious trinity of power, wisdom and love must ever go hand in hand. We must understand better, the effects of all that we are, and of all our relationships, so that we are better able to regulate our thoughts and actions in such a way as to contribute to peace and harmony in the world.

The **Youth Convention** being organised at the International Head Quarters of The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai, India, is one such platform where people from different lands, different religions, habits, customs, traditions, belief systems, etc., come together to contribute and gain in the humble attempt to understand and decipher the knowledge given to us by great clairvoyants. This is an opportunity to understand the hidden side and march forward in the journey of evolution.