OFFSHOOTS OF THEOSOPHY AND ANTHROPOSOPHY

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THEOSOPHICAL STREAMS

1870 — *Helena Blavatsky's individual gnosis*

T.S. founded 1875

1880 — *Dayananda Saraswati's individual gnosis*

Arya Samaj ("Noble Society") founded in India.

TS + Arya Samaj merged from 1878 to 1882.

It neither was, nor is, "Theosophical" in content or aesthetics. Arya Samaj is a Hindu religious reform movement; basically a denomination of Hinduism. The Theosophical Society wanted an "exotic" partner and so brokered a nominal union. The two movements separated again within 4 years.

1890 — *William Judge's individual gnosis*

1895: American Section separates from T.S. (Adyar) to form "T.S. in America", later "T.S. (Pasadena)."

Hargrove

1900 — *1909-1911: London Ldg. >Eleusinian Society.*

1902: German Section of T.S. begun by Rudolf S.

1898: name changed to United Brotherhood

Robert Crosbie's individual gnosis

1898: TotP

1899: TSNY

1909: United Lodge of Theosophists founded

1910 — 1911: Order of the Star of the East founded.

1911: R. St. founds the "Society for Theosophical Style & Art."

and Theosophical Society (UBTS) from 1898 to 1929.

Another "T.S. in America" founded by Ernest Hargrove, exists from 1897 to 1943.

Alice Cleather's individual gnosis

1912: Anthroposophical Society founded. (55 of 69 Theosophical lodges in Germany join the new society.)

"Blavatsky Association" founded in London. Exists from 1923 to 1947.

LaDue & Dower found Temple of the People.

William Hartley's individual gnosis

Salisbury, Nicolson, & Percival's individual gnoses. They found the T.S. of New York (Independent)

1920 — 1929: Krishnamurti disbands the Order and leaves the Theosophical Society. *(See right-edge of page for Krishnamurti's further work.)*

1929: name change: Theosophical Society (Point Loma)

1945: became Theosophical Society (Pasadena)

1951: T.S. (Pt. Loma-The Hague) founded, centered in the Netherlands.

1950: *Harold Percival's individual gnosis.* The TSNY dissolves after Percival leaves to establish The Word Foundation.

The Temple of the People (Halcyon, Cali.)

The Word Foundation (Rochester, N.Y.)

ANTHROPOSOPHIC STREAMS

Rudolf Steiner's individual gnosis

A "Free Anthroposophical Society" forms in competition with the regular Anthroposophical Society. They merge in 1923 to form the General Anthro. Society. (The FAS continues as the Youth Section.)

1930 — 1935: The British and Dutch National Societies are expelled from the General Anthroposophical Society in a failed attempt to assuage the National Socialist persecution of Anthroposophists in Europe. They are reintegrated by the 1950s.

Two of possibly several examples of "societies" which are distinct from, and parallel to, the Anthroposophical Society: one founded on the individual gnoses of Douglas and Tyla Gabriel, the other on the individual gnosis of Jacob Harlow:

Our Spirit: Neoanthroposophy and the Sisters of Sophia (2014)

The Initiative for Anthroposophy (2014)

"HEINDELIAN" STREAMS

Max Heindel's individual gnosis

1909: The Rosicrucian Fellowship founded in Oceanside, California. Heindel's texts are admittedly a personal re-rendering of Rudolf Steiner's teachings.

The individual gnoses of the Leene brothers and Henriette Stok-Huizer.

1935: Dutch members form the Lectorium Rosicrucianam.

Rudolf S.: "A man from America learned our teaching over a period of many months, wrote it down, brought it to America in a watered down version and then published a Rosicrucian Theosophy, which he copied from us." —The Fifth Gospel, lecture five, 1913

Max H.: "[I]t was thought better to dedicate the book to Dr. S. than seem a plagarist. [...] The dedication has [...] been a mistake [...] The writer [conveys] an apology to Dr. S. for any annoyance [...]"

"DEUNOVIAN STREAMS"

Peter Deunov's individual gnosis

1897: "Society for Uplifting the Religious Spirit of the Bulgarian Nation" founded.

1900: First meeting of the White Brotherhood Society.

1910: Unconfirmed, reported "referral" by Rudolf Steiner: *"The Slavonic people are destined to have a great mission. They, and particularly Bulgaria, will contribute a good deal to the elevation of humankind. Return to Bulgaria, there is a powerful spiritual movement in Bulgaria, headed by a great spiritual initiate."*

[Note: The Anthroposophic legendry speaks of a "great one" who is especially associated with Slavonic and Scythian humanity.]

1932: Deunov's Paneurythmy created.

Mikhail Ivanov's individual gnosis

1947: Universal White Brotherhood founded in France.

Deunov, Ivanov, Martin, and Tolev each refer to Rudolf Steiner as central to their spiritual lineage; for example this statement by the Essene Nation: "The last three great representatives of the Essene Tradition: the Masters Rudolf Steiner, Peter Deunov amd Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov were wrongly persecuted and constantly limited in their actions, which were only motivated by love of humanity..."

Olivier Martin's individual gnosis

1991: School of Life and Spirit founded.

Vaklush Tolev's individual gnosis

1999: "The Way of Wisdom Society Association" founded.

Tolev's basic text has chapters devoted to Anthroposophy and Deunovism.

2006: Esssene Nation founded.

"ASCENDED MASTER" STREAMS

These spiritual traditions have taken the two fallen Lunar personas or soul constructs of Blavatsky (and Steiner's early lessons): "Kuthumi" and "Morya," and expanded them into a sort of pantheon or "legion of occult superheroes" who cater to the prosperity of their adherents.

Helena and Nicholas Roerich's individual gnoses

1920: The Agni Yoga Society founded.

Bailey's effort is characterized by Sergei P. in Part 2 of "The East in the Light of the West."

As characterized by Sergei P. in his book "The East in the Light of the West: Part 1", Agni Yoga appears to be a crypto-Marxian, aesthetically Buddhistic "Red Theosophy."

Alice Bailey's individual gnosis

1922: Lucifer (>Lucis) Trust founded.

Guy and Edna Ballard's individual gnoses

1930: St. Germain Foundation founded, a.k.a. "I AM" Activity.

Geraldine Innocente's individual gnosis

1951: Bridge to Freedom founded.

Mark & Elizabeth Prophet's individual gnoses

Benjamin Creme's individual gnosis

1972

1980 name change: New Age Church of the Christ.

c.1989 name change: "Bridge to Spiritual Freedom"

1958: Summit Lighthouse founded.

1975: Church Universal and Triumphant founded.

Many other Ascended Master orgs. such as:
- The Temple of the Presence (1995)
- The Hearts Center (2005)
- The Aquarian Christine Church Universal (2006)

KRISHNAMURTI AFTER THEOSOPHY

Jiddu Krishnamurti's individual gnosis.

The Krishnamurti Foundation founded in Chennai, India.

1929: Disbands the Order of the Star.

1960s to 1970s: Krishamurti Foundations established in other countries. (England, USA, Spain)

TODAY

The Theosophical Society (Adyar) — *HQ: (Adyar neighborhood, Chennai city, S.E. coast of India.)*

Arya Samaj (Delhi)

Theosophical Society (Pasadena, California)

United Lodge of Theosophists (Los Angeles)

The Theosophical Society (Pt. Loma-Blavatskyhouse) (The Hague, Neth.)

The General Anthroposophical Society (Dornach, Switzerland)

The Rosicrucian Fellowship (Oceanside, California)

The Lectorium Rosicrucianum (Haarlem, Netherlands)

White Brotherhood Society (Bulgaria)

Universal White Brotherhood (France)

Essene Nation (France)

Way of Wisdom Society Association (Bulgaria)

International Centre of the Roerichs (Moscow)

Lucis Trust (NYC)

Share Intl. (London/Amsterdam)

The Saint Germain Foundation (Chicago)

The Bridge to Spiritual Freedom, Inc. (Arizona)

The Church Universal & Triumphant (Montana)

The Krishnamurti Foundations