

# Olcott Institute Suggested Reading List

*Do not read much.*

If you read for ten minutes, reflect for as many hours. -- HPB

## A Introductions to Theosophy

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|----|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | <i>The Key to Theosophy</i>      | H.P. Blavatsky  |
| 2. | <i>The Ancient Wisdom</i>        | Annie Besant    |
| 3. | <i>The Inner Life</i>            | C.W. Leadbeater |
| 4. | <i>Human Regeneration</i>        | Radha Burnier   |
| 5. | <i>Theosophy</i>                 | Robert Ellwood  |
| 6. | <i>To Light a Thousand Lamps</i> | Grace Knoche    |
| 7. | <i>The Secret Gateway</i>        | Ed Abdill       |

## B Spiritual Guidebooks

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|----|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | <i>At the Feet of the Master</i>      | J. Krishnamurti |
| 2. | <i>Tao Te Ching*</i>                  | Lao Tzu         |
| 3. | <i>Bhagavad Gita*</i>                 |                 |
| 4. | <i>Light On The Path</i>              | Mabel Collins   |
| 5. | <i>Dhammapada*</i>                    |                 |
| 6. | <i>The Voice of the Silence</i>       | HPB             |
| 7. | <i>Golden Precepts of Esotericism</i> | G. de Purucker  |

## C Recent Works

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|----|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | <i>Reverence</i>               | Paul Woodruff    |
| 2. | <i>A Path with Heart</i>       | Jack Kornfield   |
| 3. | <i>A Terrible Love of War</i>  | James Hillman    |
| 4. | <i>Essential Spirituality</i>  | Roger Walsh      |
| 5. | <i>Integral Psychology</i>     | Ken Wilber       |
| 6. | <i>Dark Nights of the Soul</i> | Thomas Moore     |
| 7. | <i>The Sunflower</i>           | Simon Wiesenthal |

## D Biography & History

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| 1. | <i>HPB</i>                             | Sylvia Cranston     |
| 2. | <i>Yankee Beacon of Buddhist Light</i> | Howard Murphet      |
| 3. | <i>The White Buddhist</i>              | Stephen Prothero    |
| 4. | <i>Annie Besant</i>                    | Anne Taylor         |
| 5. | <i>The Inner Life of Krishnamurti</i>  | Aryel Sanat         |
| 6. | <i>Krishnamurti and the Wind</i>       | Jean Overton Fuller |
| 7. | <i>Tying Rocks to Clouds</i>           | William Elliott     |

## E Theosophical Writers

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|----|--|-----------------|
| 1. | <i>The Spiritual Life</i>                | Annie Besant    |
| 2. | <i>The Pilgrim and the Pilgrimage</i>    | Emily Sellon    |
| 3. | <i>The Path of Compassion</i>            | G. de Purucker  |
| 4. | <i>Yoga and the Teachings of Krishna</i> | Ravi Ravindra   |
| 5. | <i>Entering On The Sacred Way</i>        | Joy Mills       |
| 6. | <i>The Pilgrim Self</i>                  | Robert Ellwood  |
| 7. | <i>Gnosticism</i>                        | Stephan Hoeller |

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### F Advanced Theosophy

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|----|--|-------------------|
| 1. | <i>Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett</i>       | V.H. Chin (ed)    |
| 2. | <i>Stanzas of Dzyan and/or O, Lanoo</i>      | HPB or H. Tordoff |
| 3. | <i>Chakras</i>                               | C.W. Leadbeater   |
| 4. | <i>The Way to Self Discovery</i>             | I. K. Taimni      |
| 5. | <i>Krishnamurti's Notebook</i>               | J. Krishnamurti   |
| 6. | <i>Talks on the Path of Occultism</i>        | AB & CWL          |
| 7. | <i>Word Wisdom in the Esoteric Tradition</i> | G. de Purucker    |

### G Relevant Fellow Travelers

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|----|---|-------------------|
| 1. | <i>The Varieties of Religious Experience</i>          | William James     |
| 2. | <i>Man and His Symbols</i>                            | Carl Gustav Jung  |
| 3. | <i>The Sacred and the Profane</i>                     | Mircea Eliade     |
| 4. | <i>Where Reincarnation &amp; Biology Intersect</i>    | Ian Stevenson     |
| 5. | <i>Lying</i>  | Sissela Bok       |
| 6. | <i>Dark Night, Early Dawn</i>                         | Christopher Bache |
| 7. | <i>Eros and Pathos-Shades of Love &amp; Suffering</i> | Aldo Carotenuto   |

### H A "Tool-Kit" to Help One Read Theosophical Literature

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|----|---|----------------|
| 1. | <i>Theosophical Glossary</i>                      | HPB            |
| 2. | <i>Occult Glossary</i>                            | G. de Purucker |
| 3. | <i>Concise Dictionary of Indian Philosophy</i>    | John Grimes    |
| 4. | <i>Shambhala Dictionary of Buddhism &amp; Zen</i> |                |
| 5. | <i>Greek Philosophical Terms</i>                  | F. E. Peters   |
| 6. | <i>Metaphors We Live By</i>                       | G. Lakoff      |
| 7. | <i>Modern Esoteric Spirituality</i>               | A. Faivre      |

### **+New** ***Theosophical Classics CD-ROM*** ***The Collected Works of HPB***

- *Comparing at least two translations is recommended*