

The establishment of the Theosophical centre in the Balkans

After a cycle of activities at the Center for Human Ecology (over 20 years), creating the conditions for the establishment of the Theosophical center in Serbia, which could cover the area of the Balkans (Southeastern Europe).

It is the result of polyvalent, pioneering involvement with several stages, and domains of action. On projects have participated individuals and groups, spiritual teachers, lecturers and associates, mainly from Serbia (some from former Yugoslavia and Ukraine). The activities were conducted mainly on the route Belgrade - Balkan mountains (the border area between Serbia and Bulgaria).

The principles and aspects of the activities

- principles of the authentic Theosophy as a platform of engagement (implicit and explicit)
- systematic study of worldwide primary literature in the domain of spirituality
references: Teosofija, Advaita Vedanta, Theravada Buddhism, Esoteric Christianity (Daskalos)
own sites: www.agarta-enklava.com, www.budizam.info and books¹
- Theosophical principle of pluralism of the world's spiritual heritage (Knowledge, practices)
- attendance meditation courses/seminars (personal choice teachings and spiritual paths/practice)
- principled balance of complete an Knowledge and effective spiritual practice (meditation)
- application of acquired knowledge, moral codes and principles of practice in everyday life

Sectors of the prior engagement

- organizing of regional summer camps/seminars, local retreats and common meditations²
- construction of the own pavilion at the Balkan mountain
- the establishment of the Theosophical Society of Serbia (as the crown of the prior engagement)
- internal seminar (local theosophical community): The Secret Doctrine H.P.B. (thematic sessions)

Plan of the current engagement (for the next few years):

- networking and cooperation with Theosophical Society and centers in Europe and the world
- completion of the construction and furnishing of the pavilion at the Balkan mountain
- the establishment of the Regional Theosophical Centre (RTC) in the pavilion, with two sectors:
 - Theosophical Research Centre
 - Comprehensive Retreat Centre
- mission and basic activities of the RTC:
 - affirmation and the revival of the Theosophical movement in the region of Southeast Europe³
 - forming of internal library; translation and editing of theosophical literature, publishing
 - organizing summer camps and retreats; creating the conditions for a stationary stay ("ashram")
 - servicing the local and regional community of meditators (wider range of teachings, trails and practice)

¹ Edition **The Vertical of Humanity** by Dušan Panajotović, 3 books: Agharta eklava, Buddhism and Maha Yoga (Vedanta);

The Temska's Prophecy by our member Janko Temštanin, with the archaic, almost incomprehensible Slavonic language - Christian Knowledge published over the extrasensory "channel" (under the guidance of a spiritual Master)

basic theosophical books: The Secret Doctrine (in Serbian, Russian and English), The Key of Theosophy (in Serbian), The Isis Unveiled (in Russian), Voice of Silence (in Russian); A. Besant: The Esoteric Christianity and The Seven great religions (in Serbian); we also have a solid reference literature (in English) in the domain of Buddhism

² individual and group spiritual paths and meditative techniques represented in the previous activities:

Theravada Buddhism (*Vipassana meditation*, Goenka), Advaita Vedanta (*Atma Vichara*, Sri Ramana), Yoga (various schools and techniques), *Transcendental Meditation* (Maharishi Mahesh Yogi), Taiozam (*Chi-gun*, *Tai-chi*, Mantak Chia)

³ Unlike the wave of spreading of the oriental traditions (Hinduism, Buddhism) to the West, germination of Theosophy in the Balkans delayed a whole century (traces of Theosophy in this region are still rudimentary and fragmentary)