

**A BRIEF HISTORY of the THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY in BOSTON**

Intl = TS Intl      TSA = TS America      PL = Point Loma CA  
 RSA = Rudolf Steiner Anthroposophy      ULT = United Lodge of Theosophists  
 OSe = Krishnamurti, Order of Star in East      AAB = Alice A. Bailey

- 1907 2/17 Olcott dies at Adyar  
 6/\_\_\_ **Annie Besant's election as 3rd TS International President by a large majority**  
 9/\_\_\_ TSA Dr. Weller Van Hook of Chicago elected General Secretary
- 1908 1/\_\_\_ B.P. Wadia arrives at Adyar and is given charge of the Theosophical Publishing House  
 2/27 Besant "advised" to make ES into a 2nd Section of the TS, with Masters as its 1st Section, as before  
 4/\_\_\_ Occult Chemistry letter from Leadbeater to Besant, asking for independent verification  
 10/1 Besant forms "Sons of India"  
 12/30 Theosophical Order of Service announced at Adyar Convention (Leadbeater reinstatement)
- 1909 --- ULT United Lodge of Theosophists founded in LA by Robert Crosbie (d. 1919), with a focus on writings of W.Q. Judge and H.P. Blavatsky, and The Theosophy Company book distribution/publishing concern  
 1/\_\_\_ OS Krishnamurti arrives at Adyar with father Narayaniah (later Asst Secty ES)  
 3/16 Dorjief given permission by Tsar to build Kalachakra Temple in St. Petersburg; land purchased  
 5/\_\_\_ OS Krishnamurti "discovered" by C.W. Leadbeater as World Teacher associated w. Maitreya
- 1910 1/11 OS Krishnamurti's out-of-body initiation (c. 5 am) at Adyar
- 1911 1/11 OS Order of the Rising Sun founded in Benares by George Arundale  
 5/8 OS Order of the Star in the East announced by Besant at TS HQ in London  
 9/21 TSA Incorporation of the American Section in Illinois, voted at Chicago Convention
- 1912 --- ULT ULT Journal, *Theosophy*, first published  
 --- Temple of the Rosy Cross founded by \_\_\_\_\_  
 --- RSA Rudolf Steiner declares membership in the German Section is "incompatible" with the Order of the Star in the East  
 3/26 TSA A.P. Warrington appointed National General Secretary  
 7/2 TSA Cornerstone laid at Krotona-Hollywood, as Headquarters for American Section TS  
 9/1-7 RSA German Section informal meeting after performance in Munich decide on split; Steiner suggests the Anthroposophical Society as the new name
- 1913 --- Besant series of lectures, "Wake Up India"  
 --- Theosophical Educational Trust Incorporated  
 1/\_\_\_ TSA *The American Theosophist* as a public journal; *The Theosophic Messenger* as member bulletin  
 1/\_\_\_ RSA German Section TS quits O.S.E. and telegrams Besant requesting she resign  
 Besant "excommunicates" the German Section of the TS, revoking their charter  
 1/\_\_\_ RSA German Section January meeting held and reorganizes as Anthroposophical Society  
 2/\_\_\_ RSA First annual meeting of the Anthroposophical Society (Munich?), splitting into A.S. (majority) and German Section TS  
 2/21 Dorjief, first public service at Kalachakra Temple in St. Petersburg on 300th Anniversary of the House of Romanov  
 9/20 RSA Anthroposophical Society foundation stone laid in Dornach for future Goetheanum, during thunderstorm
- 1914 1/2 First issue of *Commonweal*, A Journal of National Reform, Madras  
 5/5 Besant wins custody of Krishnamurti and Nityananda in her 3rd lawsuit  
 6/9 Dorjief, 2nd service at Kalachakra Temple in St. Petersburg, to consecrate two statues of Buddha from Thailand  
 8/1 First issue of *New India*, Madras
- 1915 --- Besant serves as mediator between Moderates and Extremists (who had just left INC) in the Indian National Congress, and induces them to return  
 --- Besant founds an adjunct group to the INC, the Home Rule League  
 8/10 Dorjief, Kalachakra Temple in St. Petersburg finally consecrated in ceremony by Dorjief  
 9/25 Besant's formal introduction of Home Rule League ("insistence and resistance") in her *New India*, Bombay  
 --- At Indian National Congress, Besant presents to Indian leadership her Home Rule League -- referred to Cttee  
 --- AAB intro to Theosophy thru *Secret Doctrine*; joins Adyar Lodge, Pacific Grove CA  
 12/25 Home Rule strategy conference held in Bombay
- 1916 2/3 Hindu University in Madras, foundation stone (2/3) ceremony (2/3-7)  
 --- Besant buys old Madras paper and renames it *New India*, calling India the "wage slave of the Empire"  
 6/\_\_\_ Besant and 2 assistants jailed (George Arundale and B.P. Wadia)  
 Fall Besant establishes her own Home Rule League and spends next 2 years promoting it
- 1917 --- Besant elected President of Indian National Congress and serves with Mohandas K. Gandhi
- 1919 1/\_\_\_ Amritsar Massacre near end of WWI, 1500 die in 10 minutes  
 --- PL Theosophical University chartered in CA

	Intl	TSA	PL	RSA	ULT	OSe	AAB
9/7				RSA			First Waldorf School opened in Stuttgart
11/___							AAB AAB first contacted by the Tibetan DK, beginning their 30 years work
1920							AAB AAB collaboration with DK starts in earnest
---							AAB Alice and Foster Bailey object to neo-Theosophy of Besant and Foster attempts unsuccessful leverage through Committee of 1400
3/25		TSA		L.W. Rogers becomes TSA National President and dismisses FB as National Secretary and AAB as Editor of <i>The Messenger</i> and Chairman of the Krotona Committee			
7/12		TSA		Chicago Convention -- TSA absorbs Krotona Institute of Theosophy (founded 1912)			
---					AAB		Alice Bailey feels autonomy of the American Section threatened since only Besant's ES members take office
1921					AAB		AAB starts <i>Secret Doctrine</i> class in rented room on Madison Avenue
1922				Brahmavidyashrama opened			
---					ULT	B.P. Wadia, leader in Indian trade union movement, joins ULT	
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<b>5/31</b>				<b>Annie Besant Branch of Boston chartered by Besant at Adyar; subsumes 5 older Boston groups, including Alpha Lodge</b>			
12/31				RSA First Goetheanum burnt to the ground by Nazis (Brown Shirts) in Dornach, Switzerland			
1923				Young Theosophists program initiated in India			
---				RSA The General Anthroposophical Society founded, making all lectures open to the public			
4/___				AAB The Arcane School founded in New York by Alice A. Bailey and Foster Bailey			
1924							
1925				Theosophical World University established			
---				Besant drafts Home Rule Bill, which was used as a model for Indian Independence			
---		TSA		Purchase of Wheaton property for national headquarters (removed from Krotona)			
2/___				RSA Constitution of the General Anthroposophical Society under Swiss law			
3/30				Rudolf Steiner dies			
1926					AAB		Psychosynthesis Institute established in Rome by Roberto Assagioli
8/29		TSA		Foundation stone laid at Wheaton Center by Annie Besant with full Co-Masonic ceremony			
1927							
1928							
1929	7/11		PL	Katherine Tingley dies at Point Loma			
	7/29		PL	de Purucker becomes Leader of Point Loma (1929-42)			
	8/3			OS Krishnamurti dissolves Order of the Star in the East at Ommen Camp, Arnhem, The Netherlands -- "Truth is a pathless land...."			
1930							
1931	---		TSA	Sidney A. Cook elected National President			
					AAB		DK starts Discipleship in the New Age (DINA) Group w c.45 AS members
1932							
1933	---			Besant dies			
1934	---			Philosophical Research Center in LA incorporated by Manly Palmer Hall			
	---			George S. Arundale appointed 4th International President			
	---			Josephine Ransom publishes <i>Studies in the Secret Doctrine</i> , talks at Olcott Summer Sessions, Wheaton			
	8/--		TSA	At Wheaton Convention, legal corporate name changed to the T.S. in America, Inc.			
1935							
1936	---				ULT		Robert Crosbie's widow establishes the United Lodge of Theosophists, <u>Inc.</u>
1937	---			Philippine Theosophical Institute			
	---				ULT		Lawsuit between ULT and ULT Inc.
1938	---				ULT		Court rules ULT a business of John Garrigues, immediate successor of Crosbie
1939							
1940	---				ULT		ULT/ULT Inc. lawsuit settled in favor of ULT
1941							
1942	---				AAB		AAB publishes <i>Between War and Peace</i> to encourage the Allied effort
	---		PL	Lomaland moves to Corvina, East LA, CA; de Purucker dies; Cabinet rule (1942-45_			
1943							
1944							
1945	2/--		PL	Arthur Conger becomes Leader of Point Loma (1945-51)			
	---		TSA	James S. Perkins elected National President			
					AAB	4/17 --	"The Great Invocation, Stanza Three" given out ExH 488
1946	---			C. Jinarajidasa elected 5th International President			
1947	---		TSA	National President Perkins represents TS at NGO meeting at UN			
1948							
1949					AAB	12/15	AAB dies in NY, Foster Bailey continues Lucis Trust, Arcane School

- 1950
- 1951 --- PL Conger dies; James Long becomes Leader of Point Loma (1951-71); move to Altadena, Pasadena CA
- 1952
- 1953 --- N. Sri Ram elected 6th International President
- 1954
- 1955
- 1956 School for Esoteric Studies founded after AAB d. by Regina Keller and others
- 1957 --- Dalai Lama and Panchen Lama visit Adyar, donating palm-leaf manuscripts
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- 1960 --- TSA Dr. Henry A. Smith National President (1960-66)
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- 1965 --- TSA Kern Foundation instituted for TSA, primarily book dissemination
- 1966 --- TSA Joy Mills elected first woman National President (1966-75)
- TSA Quest Books appear with Bhagavan Das, *The Essential Unity of All Religions*
- 1967
- 1968 Meditation Mount, Ojai CA, founded by Frances Garrigue
- 1969 Krishnamurti Foundation opens the Oak Grove School in Ojai CA
- 1970
- 1971 --- PL Grace F. Knoche becomes Leader of Point Loma (Pasadena International) (1971-\_\_\_\_)
- PL Offshoots: Corresponding Fellows Lodge of Theosophists; Theosophischer Arbeitskreis; The Theosophical Society-HPB; International Headquarters of the Theosophical Society; Point Loma Publications

RECENT TSB HISTORY

- 1922 5/31 Besant Lodge founded **TSB in Boston near Masonic Lodge**
- 1960s Torkom Saraydarian's group
- 1973 5/31 Declaration of Trust document for TS in Boston/Besant Lodge, registered
- Purchase of 122 Bay State property by Mianne Dexter for TS Boston **TSB at 122 Bay State Road**
- 8/22 Transfer of Deed to TS in Boston, Besant Lodge
- 1975 --- TSA Dora Kunz elected National President (1975-87)
- 1980 Δ--- ADYAR Radha Burnier elected 7th International President
- 1981 Δ--- TSA H.H. Tenzin Gyatso, XIVth Dalai Lama, visits Olcott
- 198[2] --- **Louis A. DeLuca Administration**
- 1985 SRI Seven Ray Institute Incorporation
- 1985 --- SRI Seven Ray Institute begins publication of *Journal of Esoteric Psychology*
- 1987 4/4-5 SRI Seven Ray Institute holds first Esoteric Psychology Convention at Ridgewood NJ
- TSA Dorothy Abbenhouse elected National President (1987-93)
- 1989 --- **Duane C. Carpenter Administration**
- 3/10 Theosophical Society in Boston (Besant Lodge) is incorporated
- 5/10 *Centenary* of Besant joining HPB and the TS (5/10/1889) in London
- 1991 5/8 White Lotus Day *Centenary*
- 12/25 ADYAR Convention/Meeting decides to excommunicate TS in Canada
- 1992 1/1 TSC TS in Canada excommunicated by Adyar for teaching Bailey
- 1/14,16 TSA Natl legal counsel, through NE Region head FAT, initiates lawsuit as shell society (FAT and wife) to capture TS/Boston assets, and to ingratiate self to ES/Natl by destroying a Branch that supports the Bailey work
- 1/19 **George S. Karthas Administration**, interim election; membership steady at 70-80 throughout lawsuit
- 6/\_ Harvard University Secret Doctrine Study-Group Meetings begin this summer
- 1993 1/3 TS, Secret Doctrine Study Group (to 3/8)
- 1/24 ULT-New York Field Trip, 347 E. 72nd, Gita study group; 3pm TSA, E. 53rd, Lama Padma talk; stay at YMCA
- 6/\_ TSA John Algeo elected National President (1993-\_\_\_\_)
- 6/\_ HTU Harvard Theosophical Union initiated by a Group of Five, named by Richard P. Taylor
- 8/28 636 Beacon Street location, Moving Day **TSB at 636 Beacon Street**
- 8/28-9/4 Parliament of the World's Religions *Centenary*, Chicago IL (September 11, 15-17 in 1893)

- 9/25 Summary Judgment on FAT-initiated lawsuit
- 10/17 **Peter Kubaska Administration**, by interim election
- 11/1-2 Mianne Dexter (patroness of Besant Lodge at 122 Bay State Road) passes on
- 1994 10/28 Purchase of the 21 Maple Street, Arlington property for TS Boston
- 11/19 21 Maple Street location, Moving Day **TSB at 21 Maple Street, Arlington**  
HTU We begin studying *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* as a group
- 1995 2/10 Harvard University Theosophical Collection & Archives meeting w/ Charles Willard (12pm Ken, Ruth, PK)
- 3/12 TS Boston, Bailey Lodge idea, 12:46pm, Zack (Tom Lyons earlier)
- 3/\_\_\_ HTU *Secret Doctrine* study group becomes the BTU *Cosmic Fire* study group (change recorded in Calendar)
- 4/28 *Centenary* of Declaration of Independence of old TS in America at the Boston "Judge" Convention
- 5/11 Final Construction Documents stamped by Structural Engineer (4:50pm, required by Town Building Inspector)
- 7/10 Renovation of 21 Maple Street (July 10 - October 14)
- 10/\_\_\_ TSA Branches organize to stand up to National (of 4200 members, 2500 are members-at-large, ~1700 are members of branches or study centers)
- 10/15 Open House for Membership at TSB becomes a work day
- 10/20 TS member pledge (letter) toward conversion of garage into Meditation Hall (rec'd 11/19)  
Town of Arlington Board of Assessors letter confirms our tax-exempt status in Arlington (incl. 94, 95)
- 11/19,21 Visits by members of other Branches threatened by ES/TS National
- 12/1 Theosophical Ad Hoc Committee of 6 Branches — press release to vote down TSA Bylaw changes #15, 16, 17, 9.
- 12/\_\_\_ TSA TSA votes on change of National By-Laws to facilitate seizing assets of all American Branches
- 12/16 Open House #1 for Public
- 1996 3/21 *Centenary* of W.Q. Judge death
- 1997
- 1998 **Zachary Lansdowne Administration**
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- 2000 Δ
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- 2002 **Katie Rafferty Administration**  
Frances Moore (Meditation Mount) founds Seed Groups International
- 2003
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- 2005 12/\_\_\_ **Carolyn Romano Administration**
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- 2022 **Administration**
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