

# Discord is the Harmony of the Universe

Virtue is harmony, but vice dissonance.

— Plotinus<sup>1</sup>

Discord is the concomitant of differentiation.

— Helena Petrovna Blavatsky<sup>2</sup>

Storms may be violent and dissonant.

But the eye of storm silently watches its shadows,  
Waving and tossing.

— Anon.

**N**OT even the President-Founder has the right directly or indirectly to interfere with the freedom of thought of the humblest member, least of all to seek to influence his personal opinion. It is only in the absence of this generous consideration, that even the faintest shadow of difference arms seekers after the same truth, otherwise earnest and sincere, with the scorpion-whip of hatred against their brothers, equally sincere and earnest. Deluded victims of distorted truth, they forget, or never knew, that discord is the harmony of the Universe.<sup>3</sup>

Commenting upon Dr Keightley's statement that "Harmony is essentially the law of the Universe. The contrasted aspects of Nature . . . can have no reality except in the experience of conscious Egos," HP Blavatsky wrote:

The *phenomenal* contrast is not denied, but it is representative of no fundamental want of harmony. In the same way the contrast of Subject and Object is essential to our present finite consciousness, although it has no basis of reality beyond the limits of conditional being. Moreover, even in the phenomenal Universe, equilibrium (harmony) is most certainly maintained by the very conflict of the contrasted forces alluded to.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Plotinus: *Ennead* III, vi (tr. Taylor)

<sup>2</sup> *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE FALL OF IDEALS) XII p. 49

<sup>3</sup> Mahātma Letter 85 (120), p. 395; 3<sup>rd</sup> Combined ed.

<sup>4</sup> *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (MISCELLANEOUS NOTES) VIII p. 312



And upon Mr Beatty's question that "The Universe must, at bottom, be a Harmony. Why?" she explained:

Mr Beatty asks how the Universe would come to stand-still, if the Law of Harmony was suspended. Now suppose, for instance, that the law of "gravity" was not *counterbalanced* by the action of other "forces," what would happen? Science assures us that everything would have long before gravitated to a common centre, and a universal dead-lock have ensued! *Vice versa*, if "gravity" were to lapse. *Verb. Sap.*<sup>5</sup>



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<sup>5</sup> *Blavatsky Collected Writings, (MISCELLANEOUS NOTES) VIII p. 312*

