

True Theosophists defined

Attitudinally

- Abstain from dogmatism and bigotry . . . and arrogance. – III:369, 374
- Accept nothing on faith. – VI:168, 211, 413, 453
- Are entirely unsectarian. – IV:408, VII:351, XII:419
- [Are] friends of all movements . . . for the amelioration of the conditions of mankind. – IX:246
- Are humble, silent, and guarded. – XII:262
- Cannot pose as a body of philanthropists. – VIII:169
- Have no dogmas, exact no blind faith. – I:304
- Have the courage of their opinions. – III:232
- Must be . . . cosmopolitan in [their] heart. – X:199
- [Only believe] when the writing, doctrine, or saying is corroborated by [their] own reason and consciousness. – XIV:417
- Swim against the current of public opinion and common thinking. – XIII:211
- [Value] freedom of thought above all things. – XII:317

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Ethically

- Aim at a wholly ethical revolution. – VIII:86
- [Are] the brothers of humanity, and, in their complete development, the spiritual exemplars, guides, teachers, benefactors, of our race. – XII:304
- [Are] the grand fruit of altruistic mercy, and pity for all that lives. – XI:352
- [Are] thoroughly imbued with altruistic feelings, with a willingness to forget self, and readiness to help [their] neighbour. – VIII:31
- Combat all exoteric cults. – VII:83
- Labour to destroy exoteric asceticism. – VIII:73
- Make a nucleus of universal brotherhood. – XI:392
- Preach altruism, keep unity, mutual understanding and harmony. – XI:274
- Struggle against the egoists, the indifferent and the sectarians. – XI:129
- [Tread] the path worn by the footsteps of the old sages. – I:291
- [Unconcerned] . . . whether his help benefits a man in his *worldly* or *spiritual* progress; his first duty is to be ever ready to help if he can, without stopping to philosophize. – XI:465
- [Works] for TRUTH, and in accordance with [his] sacred pledge and vows. – XI:559

Philosophically

- [Accept] this actual existence of a *Logos*, whether in the Buddhist, Adwaitee, Christian Gnostic or Neo-Platonic esoteric sense, but will bow to no ecclesiastical, orthodox and dogmatic interpretation. – V:355
- [Are] original thinkers and investigators of the hidden side of nature. – II:102
- [Are] simply a nucleus of men devoted to the search after truth. – XI:334
- [Deem] no pledge more binding than the word of honour. – II:143
- Defend their most sacred beliefs. – XIII:148
- Have facts, no systems. – II:207
- [Hold] that the divine HIGHER SELF of every mortal man is of the same essence as the essence of these [Higher] Gods. – XI:63-4
- Must have no personal ends to serve, no favourite hobby to propagate, no special doctrine to enforce or to defend. – XII:417
- Recognise that [they are] under a . . . new and swifter law of development. – VIII:168
- Their highest hope is to approximate the truth. – I:304
- TO DARE, TO WILL, TO ACHIEVE AND KEEP SILENT is [their] motto. – X:285
- Will never accept either a Christ made Flesh . . . or an anthropomorphic God. – VIII:390