

## Our Common Vision

The challenges we are facing today have never been so large and complex. Such challenges, we as mankind, have created for ourselves. This also entails the path towards resolution of these problems.

Real fundamental solutions require insight into the reality behind the phenomena, as to why the challenges emerged. The ancient wisdom tradition, which is of all times and all people, cannot be claimed by anyone, has always been involved with the problems of mankind and its relationship with the creation. The Anthroposophical Society in the Netherlands, Lectorium Rosicrucianum and the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands belong to the oldest esoteric organisations in the country and consider themselves as exponents of that wisdom tradition.

The fundamental unity of existence is the most important principle of the esoteric philosophy. Creation is fundamentally One, not a collection of things, which things may or may not be connected to each other. This has two equal aspects: mind and matter. The one does not exist without the other. There is nothing outside of this unity.

Thus, behind the multiple world of our experience lies a single Reality, which is the source and cause of all that ever was, is and will be. All things have come forth from that One, therefore they are also in their true nature, that One. The infinite phenomena of the manifested universe, from the highest to the lowest, from the largest to the most insignificant, are the One, shrouded in name and form. The One is and remains One, in all diversity. So, the True Nature of you and me is also the One, the Supreme.

It is man's mission to become aware of his True Nature, of his Divine Core. We share this Core with all that exists, with all beings, with all fellow human beings. So, in essence, we are brothers and sisters. Our path to awareness of our True Nature is an inner transformation process. If we can detach ourselves from the identification with our personality, with our emotions, fears, desires and experiences, space is created. In that space we experience that we are essentially one with the other, the others, that we are 'we'.

This deep connection to all aspects of creation opens a holistic perspective to face the challenges of our time and work together in harmony. This process of awareness is at the heart of the work of esoteric organizations, each of which has interpreted and worked it out in its own way.

We are seekers of the underlying unity behind all phenomena. You can experience something of that unity at special moments. A spiritually oriented attitude to life is helpful in this; it enables you to test, interpret and integrate experiences into your personal life. This gives a deeper meaning to our lives and the role we play with our internal and external challenges.