



**Celebration of Torkom's Legacy
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When we celebrate a person of tremendous value, we are celebrating the value in ourselves. Recognizing greatness and selflessly acknowledging it means you also see great value in yourself. The value that we give to a great person is the honoring of his or her dedication and selflessness. It is not a celebration of the personality or the life of the person but rather of the gifts of enrichment that they gave to everyone with total dedication. This is why we celebrate the lives of saints, of leaders, of presidents, and also of events of importance in history such as July 4th, the end of World War 2, Labor Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and so on.

To honor others is a great opportunity to remember the joys of life and the beauty of life. Every day, we are filled with anxiety and worry about the future. Our life is full of earthquakes, locusts, floods, tornadoes, fires, and illnesses on which we have little control. Celebrations give us a view of life that is above all the daily strains. Celebrations provide for us a way to celebrate life at its best. When you see a new baby born, go to a wedding, have a feast day, dance and have a party, eat together, these are all reminders of life at its fullest. Celebrations give us a balanced perspective of life; that there is a time for loss and for a time to celebrate.

Celebrations brings us together physically, spiritually, and renews our dedication to a great cause.

So, we are grateful that Torkom was born and we can celebrate his birthday and his accomplishments. We should add more celebrations to our life and find new and creative ways to celebrate life.

We are celebrating Torkom Saraydarian and his legacy. He stands as one of the four pillars of the Temple of the Ageless Wisdom as it was built in the 20th Century. He is one of the four great ones, who brought out the Teaching of Christ for the New Age.

H. P. Blavatsky is the forerunner of the unveiling of the Wisdom, followed by Helena Roerich, Alice Bailey, and then Torkom. All four of these Great Pillars received the Teaching from the same Masters and gave of their own genius and their own soul's soaring into heights that they could achieve.

To them, we owe a great deal of gratitude.

Why was TSG formed?

When your Soul calls you to action, you can either discuss, reject it, or you can obey it. My Soul called me to action on November 1, 1987. On that day, I made my decision to start a publishing company to publish Torkom's books.

On that day, I gave notice at work and then called Torkom to tell him. He said, "You already decided? Why not continue to work and start the publishing company on the side?" I said no, I want to do it full-time. November 1st has a great significance for me because I see it as a day of obedience to my inner inspirations.

I did not know anything about publishing or what challenges I faced at that time. I am still expectant that new challenges will come into my life and I will grow and learn as a result. Every day, I operate out of faith and the conviction that my decision was the right one and I will somehow find the ways to deal with the challenges. I am certainly prepared to give my life to it.

What is my vision for TSG?

It is made up of five parts:

1. **The first part of my vision is to see to it that TSG continues as a repository of Torkom Saraydarian's creative works in perpetuity.** We will do this through **PUBLISHING, DISTRIBUTING, TEACHING,** and **PRESERVING** all of his creative works. The order of these four pillars may change, but these four will remain the pillars of the work of TSG. I am sometimes told why do you want to publish all the rest of the books? Don't we have enough books already?

Well, we publish the books because Torkom wrote them and they are there for us to publish. Also, because we do not know which book reaches whom; which book is that magic moment that contributes to an awakening when someone turns from darkness to light. My job is to see to it that the books are available. How many times I have heard from people that the book *Hidden Glory of the Inner Man* jumped at them in a bookstore; or the video *Seven Rays* fell from a book shelf; or the *Science of Meditation* was found on a library shelf; or someone gave a person *Dynamics of the Soul* and so on. We do not know how the Teaching finds the persons. Our job is to put the Teaching on the crossroads of life and then move on. That is it. So, the four pillars of TSG is to **PUBLISH, DISTRIBUTRE, TEACH, AND PRESERVE.**

We distribute the books even at a huge expense to us, because that is part of our job. We try to do this in a financially sound manner. I was told before I started TSG that there is no money in selling books. We you certainly do not get rich selling the books of the Teaching. But, we are distributing books as healing agents to humanity that is looking for the real Teaching.

We are not merely publishing and distributing books. What we are doing is helping human beings align themselves with the purpose and plan of their souls, the purpose and Plan of the Guides of Humanity.

We provide materials for people to transform themselves. We make it easy for them to get the books, the tapes, the music, the seminars, the classes, and courses.

Our work helps people to grow into their highest responsibility. We help people to realize their potentials, to have the faith in themselves, to dare to change and to grow no matter how old or how young they are. We want people to know that they are worthy, they are divine, they have great value. We want to help people learn how to live the life More Abundantly that was promised by Christ and all Great Ones. This is the human right; everyone has the right to have this.

Our work is to help people to become leaders, first leading themselves and then leading others. We are doing our part in the world to help people become the New Heroes, to nurture the sense of striving and sacrificial service in them.

When we help people realize their potential, people change the world.

And lastly, we **archive** all of the creative works so people have access to the original parts of this huge creative effort. We want to be sure that the original works are not lost and we have a proper historical record of the work.

So, the first part of my vision is to publish, distribute, teach, and preserve the Teachings of Torkom and to have TSG be a repository of all his creative works in perpetuity.

2. **The second part of this vision is to train people to take leadership of the TSG Groups in all parts of the world.** This is already happening. We have a vibrant group in London. They have a new building for their office and are working hard to become a distributing center for Torkom's works in Europe and Africa. We have a vibrant group in Germany. They have translated and published a new book, Dynamics of Success, and are working on booklets and even the book Other Worlds. We have a group in Denmark where the lessons for Science of Becoming Oneself are being translated into Danish. We have a group in Lima, Peru where there are weekly classes, monthly full moon meetings, translations of books and booklets into Spanish taking place. Here in the US, we have sister groups in Sedona, in Los Angeles, and in other parts under different leaders who are doing their part in continuing the work of Torkom. Here in Cave Creek, we are graduating our first four teachers who will start to take more teaching responsibilities here.

Each group is free to teach and organize the way that suits their life and culture. Each group is dedicated to the teaching and distribution of Torkom's work, so we are Torkom groups and hence are called Torkom Saraydarian Group, or TSG. We have dedicated disciples who are training for leadership in these areas.

We need to concentrate in nurturing and growing the next generation of leaders in the US and in the world. This is the second part of my vision.

3. **The third part of my vision is to create an active and organic group that is formed only by the love and dedication of its members.** There is no group to belong to that is formally organized, there are no rituals of membership, and there is no secret signs or secret entry requirements. In this group, I would like to see develop a real sense of brotherhood from all over the world. Each person knows and trusts each other. They love one another and rely on each other. I would like to see the development of groups of people who have true respect toward each other. These group members put their ego aside; they participate in seminars and in discussions; they do not judge or belittle each other; they leave each other alone to pursue their own path of discipleship; they recognize without any criticism that the path has many branches and it is up to each soul to find the right branch and activity. They dedicate themselves to the Teaching in the way they know how; they give and serve without fear and without holding back. They hear the call of their soul and eventually they are ready to assume Ashramic responsibilities. There is no rush to assume bossiness or pushiness. Each person knows that when the current leadership goes to the Higher Worlds, their leadership will guide them peacefully to the next stage of service. Each group and group leader knows other group members and leaders and can accomplish their goals without hurt, envy, or competition from each other.

So, the third part of my vision is to help establish a real sense of brotherhood and an organic group whose members love and trust and cooperate with each other and recognize each other. This is now established through our TSG World Forum, a restricted study and discussion forum.

4. **The fourth part of my vision is to establish an even more dedicated and serious group of co-workers who want to prepare to serve in Ashramic consciousness.** What does this mean? It means a higher level of sacrifice and dedication to the Teaching and to the ideals of TSG. Here are some qualities that are important:
- a. Love of the Teaching and dedication to the Teaching and its principles.
 - b. Balance in life.
 - c. Discipline of the bodies.
 - d. Love toward others.
 - e. Spiritual magnanimity.
 - f. Abundant and prosperous in physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual sense.
 - g. Willing to continuously transform oneself, even to the end of one earthly life.
 - h. Willing to study, read, and continuously train in the Teaching without ceasing and without complaining.
 - i. Ability to do simultaneous meditation, especially at full moon times.
 - j. Ability to say the Great Invocation at regular intervals.
 - k. Intelligent participation in TSG events and discussion groups.
 - l. Learning to communicate harmlessly and without ego.

5. **The fifth part of my vision is to expand the Torkom Saraydarian University in its courses, curriculum, and reach all over the world.** Each book contains a treasury that can be organized and used as parts of an expanding curriculum.

I would also like to add a ministry training program that would be a truly New Age ministry and not just a new coat on the old forms and rituals. What are the rituals of the New Age? How do we reach people with these rituals? What are the most essential qualities of a minister of the Ageless Wisdom? These are all outlined in the Leadership books in five volumes, so our work is ready for us. All we need now are a few good men and women to dedicate themselves to this task.

In summary: I see my role to be instrumental to safeguard and perpetuate the Creative Works of Torkom, and insure that his creative works have a home and continue to grow and expand into perpetuity.

Why do we focus on Torkom's works? We cannot be all things to all people. We cannot do the work of the Theosophical Society; nor of the Agni Yoga Society, nor of Lucis Trust. Each group has its own duties, responsibilities and dharma. What we can do is to be a repository of all of Torkom's creative works, a Center that holds his works for study and research. We can create a place of solace and quiet where people come to renew themselves and to rededicate themselves. We do this **not from exclusivity but from a sense of deep love and respect for all Great Teachers**, recognizing in our depths that all the Great Teachers flow from the one Source, that of Christ. That is it. We honor the Source as we honor the sons and daughters of the source.

During this period in our life, I would like to inspire each of you to make a greater commitment to listen to your Soul's direction.

- Do not be afraid to believe in the real Teaching.
- Do not be afraid to speak about the True Teaching.
- Do not be afraid to recognize the many avenues in which the True Teaching reveals itself.
- At the same time, do not be afraid to see deception and lies when your heart and soul recognizes it. Reveal the deception and lies by moving away from it. Move toward the True Teaching.
- Do not be afraid to hold onto the real Teaching no matter how many others do not hold the same views.
- The true Teaching need not be changed or made palatable to appeal to personalities.
- The real Teaching always appeals to those who have awakened, to whatever degree, to their innermost heart and soul.
- You do not need to change the Teaching; it is Ancient and it is Ageless. But, you can learn the Teaching and its inner wisdom and then apply it and communicate it in a way that can be best understood in today's times.
- Recognize in your heart and soul that there are many, many servants of Light in the world in many cultures, in many disciplines who serve in ways that are really a blessing to humanity. These are the New Heroes, the New Group of World Servers.

I would like to ask for your help and dedication. I want to inspire you to take another level of commitment. We need your help at TSG so we can accomplish our goals. So,

I would like us to form in every group, in various parts of the world, a circle of friends who form the **circle of abundance**. This group of friends meets at an appointed time every month. They tithe regularly to the work, they volunteer and serve, they study with each other, they inspire and grow with each other, and they give whatever they can for the growth and expansion of the group. Membership is voluntary and there is no secret ceremonies or rituals. It is study, dedication, meditation, service, and support. Whoever is ready to do this, let me know in private by telephone, mail, or email. I would like to inspire all the TSG groups to start such a group and for those who are interested, I will supply detailed requirements.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. I am also very grateful to my Soul who has inspired me, guided me, and challenged me to go beyond my expectations. I am grateful to the Teaching for Its unparalleled beauty that inflames my heart every time I read it and understand it. I am grateful to all great men and women who have sacrificed their lives for the service of the Teaching. All of us, all over the world, owe a huge debt of gratitude to every servant of the Teaching. And last but not least, I am deeply grateful to Torkom, my father, my teacher, my guide, and my mentor who has been so patient with me and allowed me to grow and expand without ever hindering the path of my particular way of serving and expanding. He was a great teacher and continues to inspire and guide humanity through all his works. For that reason, his works will be preserved and released for everyone to benefit from.

I think this is enough for now. I would like to give the floor to our first graduates of the TSU. We started with 21 students in our beginner course, and we graduated 4. Our fourth student could not join us, but the three are here to share with you their thoughts and experiences.

I encourage all of you to explore these courses and see how you can add to the richness and abundance of the world with your growth, expansion, and service.

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