

United in spirit, serving universally

By spreading spiritual teachings and truth received from exceptionally high and pure spirit sources, The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood* (USB) is striving to uplift, spiritualize, and unite humanity, to awaken us all to the many spiritual realities of life and to the God within. In this way it is working to bring peace and harmony to *all* people. (By “spiritual” we mean having high and noble qualities of spirit.)

Many of the greatest teachers and prophets who have lived on earth—who have since risen to even *greater* spiritual heights—are the originators and leaders of this movement. Surrounded by incredible auras and bright spiritual light, they have been described as “Beings of Light”; we usually call them Illumined Souls.

They offer to help all humanity. They see so much suffering on earth, and that from time to time all life on earth is in grave danger. They teach that humanity needs to live in accord with God’s perfect spiritual laws. They call on all people, everywhere, to join in their enterprise.

They encourage us to form groups to study and discuss their philosophy, so that we may better understand and enjoy it, gain spiritual wisdom, and put it into practice and spread it in our daily lives.

The USB is **an organization of spiritual truth** (not a religion), working in concert with its parent organization that has long existed in the highest spirit realms. Supporters will always remember its guiding principle: “In all things we do, there is no cause greater than Truth.”

These Illumined Souls humbly note that they offer us only Truth *as they see it*, from their (extraordinary) vantage point. They seek no unthinking acceptance. They ask us to accept only what our inner being tells us is true *and* our reason completely embraces.

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USB PRINCIPLES

1. God is That Which is All-Good—a God of Love and Wisdom, of Law and Justice.
2. All humankind are God’s children, and this means we are *all* spiritual brothers and sisters without exception.
3. Our lives are eternal and we shall retain our individualities after the change called death.
4. Under certain conditions we can commune with those in other expressions of life.
5. We are each personally responsible for all we say, think and do; and no belief in anyone, or allegiance to anyone, can absolve us from that responsibility.
6. The law of cause and effect, like all other spiritual laws, knows no exception; and as we sow we reap, here or hereafter.
7. The doors to spiritual progress are never closed to anyone—and loving ones will help us if we but reach out our hearts and minds to God.
8. Aspiration and effort are inseparable, so one cannot *truly* aspire without making the effort.
9. We should serve selflessly, as best we can, to bring love and peace and harmony to humanity, to bring the day ever nearer when all shall live in a universal spiritual brother-and-sisterhood.

USB PURPOSES

1. To unfold to humanity a way of life, and a new understanding of God’s will and purpose.
2. To bring a universal awareness of the spark of God within each of us, and a realization that love is the greatest basis of spiritual life.
3. To bring to humanity peace and tranquillity of spirit, and happiness of heart and soul.
4. To break down the barriers that stand between one nation and another, between one people and another, and between one individual and another.
5. To break down the barriers of creeds and dogmas.
6. To cast aside ignorance and replace it with truth.
7. To form one great spiritual brother-and-sisterhood throughout the world.

THE USB MOVEMENT

The Illumined Souls in spirit life who lead the USB have presented a multitude of wise and beautiful teachings that are now compiled into books (see “USB Publications” in column 5). Their goals are to spread this knowledge, to encourage living by it, and to build a dedicated following.

Supporters working together in groups are very important to this mission. Each person who links up with this movement, and each group that meets from time to time in love and harmony for purely spiritual purposes, adds to the spiritual reservoir that will be used for great things in the years to come.

“There are great powers,” says an Illumined Soul, *“greater than any that you or any soul upon earth know of..., whereby we can, through the right people, when the time comes, demonstrate the power of God that flows through us.”*

“But we need thousands of souls”—“souls afire with the desire to do the will of God.”

HUMBLE ALWAYS

This movement began in a humble way, but its power will grow with the years, and it will in time *“sweep the world with love and tenderness.”*

But it will remain humble always, as must those who serve it. Illumined Souls themselves have said, *“We who come to you, ... though our development through the spheres has been great, ... we come in humbleness and in spiritual desire to work with you, and through you... We only ask that you accept us and treat us as brothers and sisters a little more enlightened.”*

PERSONAL FREEDOM FOR ALL

You need not accept every USB purpose and principle to join with us. It is enough to realize that all humankind (on *both* sides of life) are God’s children, and that this means we are all spiritual brothers and sisters.

Nor do you need to give up other beliefs and/or affiliations on joining with the USB.

Everyone must have *“above all things... personal freedom...”*

SOME USB REQUIREMENTS

Supporters and workers are expected to observe certain requirements whenever they *officially* represent the USB (what they do at other times is not for us to say). Those requirements include:

Simplicity and humility must mark the USB's work in all its aspects—enlightenment, mediumship, and healing.

The USB discourages any worship of any one. We believe we should worship only God.

We do not glorify any individual.

There are no membership fees or dues of any kind. The USB does not solicit funds; there may be no passing of collection boxes or plates at its meetings. All contributions must come freely, from people's hearts, with love.

There are no rituals, rites, or prescribed ceremonies for USB meetings.

We do not permit anything resembling "fortune-telling."

The USB is non-political. Politics may not be discussed at any of its meetings.

MORE INFORMATION

This leaflet provides an introduction to the USB. If you wish to explore further, please do so at our extensive website, in our publications, or by writing to us by e-mail.

USB PUBLICATIONS

The USB's principal volume of teachings, *Spiritual Light*, related documents, and study and organizational guides, are produced by our publishing division, USB Vision Press. More are planned. You may obtain a list (and see some) at our website, or from our headquarters.

THE GOAL WILL BE REACHED

Many hundreds of people in more than 20 countries have joined with the USB since its founding. They form a band encircling the globe, a band that will widen with the years until it covers the entire world, to unite people everywhere in love and peace and harmony, in universal spiritual brother-and-sisterhood.

At a glance, about the USB,

The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood

It is:

Universal because it recognizes great teachers among all ages and times, and acknowledges truth *wherever* it is found; because it regards *all* people as equally important, and so it makes no distinction between supporters by titles, attire, importance, etc.

Spiritual because this movement was planned and is led by teachers of the most advanced spirituality; because they teach spiritual truth, spirituality, simplicity, humility, and that love is the greatest basis of spiritual life; because it is dedicated to spreading teachings and philosophy from the highest spiritual realms; and because it only accepts financial support that is given *freely*, from the heart.

A brother-and-sisterhood because it is working to unite all people in peace, love, and harmony, in brother-and-sisterhood; and because the illumined leaders teach that we all have a spark of God and so are all linked as spiritual brothers and sisters.

Further, the USB emphasizes:

- spiritual truth
- the use of reason
- personal freedom for all (so no need to give up other beliefs or affiliations)
- total personal responsibility
- giving selfless service
- an absence of commercialism and "glorification"
- no rituals, debating, smugness, or politics in its activities
- small local groups for study, service, development, and/or communion
- the need to make a serious effort in support of our aspirations.

The USB is *a way of life*.

An organization of spiritual truth open to all, the USB is not linked in any way with any other organization on earth.

Wherever possible, it is operated by volunteers.

For more information see our website
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Spiritual Truth and Wisdom

and working towards

Universal Love and Harmony



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