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The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood

The USB

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1.1 ORIGINS

101 The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood and The Great Brotherhood

1 The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood (USB) is a part of The Great (White¹) Brotherhood; [they both first came into being in the spirit world (1301) many ages ago].² Both are directed from the highest spirit realms by the same Illumined Souls,³ and both organizations have supporters in the spirit world and on earth.

2 The Great Brotherhood (GB)—the word *great* represents its size—is an immense organization for good. A *spiritual* organization completely, it is composed of countless groups, each in its own fashion serving according to its understanding of what is good, and each in its own way sharing light. Some groups work in the spirit realms only; others work on both sides of life, either directly, or through their supporters on earth, or both.

3 In a sense, the GB can be likened to a huge earthly organization of service operating at various levels of authority and responsibility, from the highest national level to the humblest local level, all contributing their share to the overall process.

4 There are many supporters of the GB living on earth, and members who have been initiated into it psychically or in the spirit world. But there are *no* official representatives of the GB on earth, although many *claim* that distinction.⁴

5 Our organization, the USB *on earth* [Intro:10], does not represent the GB as a whole. However, it *does* represent, and *is* the earthly counterpart of, the USB in the spirit world, an organization that has long existed

¹ (All footnotes and inserts in [] in this book were added by the editor, they were not part of the original USB material.) With the word *White* representing the purity, spirituality, and holiness of the Illumined Souls who direct it (and having nothing to do with race, which is not an issue in the higher spirit realms), The Great (White) Brotherhood was and is also known as The White Brotherhood. It has recently also become known on earth as The Great Brotherhood of Light.

² Before these two organizations became known on earth, their original names were The Universal Spiritual Brotherhood and The Great White Brotherhood, in which everyone then clearly understood the word *Brotherhood* to equally include men, women, and children. (In the higher realms all people are, and always have been, considered equal. We further describe the founding of the USB on earth and an impact of gender issues in paragraph 10 of the Introduction.)

³ Like a spirit-world council of leaders. See also Intro:3,37 and Topic 1225.

⁴ This was written in 1966.

there, that is the *mainstream* of the GB, that is under the direction of the most spiritually exalted souls the earth has ever known, and that at the dawn of each new age has provided truth simply, clearly, and accurately, in a form suitable for that age.⁵

- 6 That the teachings and philosophy of various GB groups are sometimes far from identical is not surprising. In the filtering down or *indirect* transmission of teachings and philosophy, there are bound to be misunderstandings and misinterpretations of what comes from the highest source. We in the USB on earth are fortunate, for our teachings and philosophy have come *directly* from truly Illumined Souls, who form the “governing body” of the GB.
- 7 We can liken the teachings and philosophy of the USB to pure water from pure snow on the loftiest watershed; and those of many other GB groups to water making its way to the ocean through innumerable streams and rivers, and naturally losing some of its purity during the journey as it absorbs elements and other materials from the earth and the atmosphere.
- 8 However, despite any differences in teachings and philosophy, we welcome each and every organization devoted to uniting humankind and to removing the barriers that people have built in ignorance and blindness over the centuries.
- 9 Each organization works as it is inspired to do.
- 10 The USB—*our* organization—is not political in any manner, shape, or form. It is a movement to uplift humanity, to awaken all people to the spiritual realities of life and to the [spark of] God within each of them.
- 11 Its task is to truly *spiritualize* humanity, to make people aware of The Laws That Govern, of the truths that are eternal. When that is accomplished, all else will fall into its proper place. For when people become *truly* spiritual, it is bound to affect every aspect of their existence—their politics, their relationships with others, everything.
- 12 In this book, when we speak of The Brother&Sisterhood, we refer specifically and only to The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood (on earth);

⁵ To summarize, paragraphs 1–2 indicate that supporters of the USB and of the GB live and work on both sides of life; paragraphs 4–5 indicate that both organizations have official representatives in the spirit world, whereas on earth the USB has had them since 1956 and the GB had none in 1966.

when we speak of the USB, we refer to The Universal Spiritual Brotherhood (in the spirit world) and/or to The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood (on earth).⁶

102 *The USB Movement*

1 A *host* of great souls in the spirit world are the inspirers and supporters of The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood (USB) on earth. The USB was formed in the 1950s⁷ under their direction and guidance, much of which was given in their own voices, in their very own words [the procedure is further described in Pref:6–9].

2 The quotations in this topic are *their* words, recorded on tape in the 1950s at direct-voice sittings [1218].

3 Some of the greatest souls who lived on earth are the actual originators of the USB. As a Blessed Soul⁸ says:

4 Many of the great prophets and teachers who once trod your earth are the instigators of this that we are endeavoring to do, and under their leadership are many souls bound in love to serve humankind, to follow out the directions of the great ones...

⁶ When we changed our name to make it gender neutral (Intro:10) we chose the word Brother&Sisterhood because we believe it best explains that the USB is an organization of *brothers and sisters*; it represents our important understanding that *all* human beings, on both sides of life, are linked as spiritual brothers and sisters (601:2), and that we should live accordingly. (Please note that it is *not* Brotherhood&Sisterhood, which suggests two separate but joined organizations.) We kept the acronym USB unchanged, mainly because we felt that the many needed repetitions of the acronym would be unwieldy if we used four letters, but also because we found USBs to be undesirable. A spirit communicator in April 2007, who claimed to speak for the USB in the spirit realms and who otherwise seemed very credible, made a point to mention that our parent organization in the higher spirit realms (where there are no gender issues like ours) is still known as the “Brotherhood.”

⁷ Newspaper articles of the 1950s describe Michael’s discovery of his/this important mission; more information about them is available from USB headquarters. The USB is not linked in any way with any other group or organization on earth. It is not a religion, cult, or sect. Headquartered in California, it does not solicit funds or charge any membership dues or fees; its work is sustained entirely by freely donated contributions that come from the heart. See 109:2 and D06:1,4 for more details.

⁸ Blessed Souls are very enlightened spirit individuals, spiritually progressed and much revered, who may or may not be Illumined Souls. Blessed Souls referred to in this book are also leaders, inspirers, or supporters of the USB.

5 As this is an organization of spiritual truth for people on earth, patterned after the original that has long existed in the higher spirit realms, followers should always remember that “*in all things we do, there is no cause greater than Truth.*” [304:1; in 301:2–3 we define Truth as that which is eternal.]

6 Open to all people everywhere, regardless of the color of their skin, the faith they were born in, the country they live in, or the views they believe in, this movement (the USB) will unify humankind within the lifetime of many of us. People

7 shall forget their differences in race, and in color, and in creed, and they shall [understand their connection] with God. And there shall be reborn upon earth a new heaven... where people might live in peace and love and tranquillity, and grow in stature and in strength spiritually.

8 The USB’s goal is to unite all humanity in a peace and harmony based on love and service, knowledge of Survival [of death], communication with those in other expressions of existence, enlightenment from Illumined Souls, and on the power of spirit [helpers] to heal.

9 Each person who links up with The Brother&Sisterhood brings the day closer when the barriers that people have built in ignorance and foolishness will be demolished.

10 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.

11 An Illumined Soul says:

12 There are *great* powers, greater than any that you or any soul upon earth know of—greater powers than any can *comprehend* upon earth! There are great forces that can be brought into being, whereby we can, through the right people, when the time comes, demonstrate the power of God that flows through us.

13 And then we shall demonstrate in such a way, that *none* can turn their face from us. [And people] shall say: “This is indeed the path of truth, for we have seen the signs! And these signs are unto us of a new life, and a new power, where love shall sway *all* people in the direction of truth and tranquillity and peace.”...

14 But we need *thousands* of souls... souls afire with the desire to do the will of God.

15 We need souls with courage, souls that realize that “those who would
serve must be prepared to sacrifice,” souls that have been “waiting for
16 direction as to what they shall do to propagate the work of the spirit.”

Many such souls have already joined with us. Not only individuals,
but groups, some of which have for years been blessed by spirit guides
with inspiration and teaching of a high order.

17 The foundation has been built ... and soon the lighthouse will be
erected. Forth from it shall come a great light across your
world..., and *many* shall see the illumination, and shall bless it.
And they shall indeed grow in strength from it, and they shall be
lifted up.

18 This movement, the USB, 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.”

19 But it will remain humble always, as must those who serve it. We
have the inspiration and example of Illumined Souls who come with
such a burning desire to bring enlightenment and knowledge and truth to
the world. [See their humility in 107:4–5.]

1.2 VALUES

103 Principles of the USB

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 sisters and brothers without exception.
3. Our lives are eternal and we 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.

104 Purposes of the USB

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.

105 Universality

- 1 The USB recognizes that there were great teachers among all peoples, and in all ages. For that reason, it does not confine its acceptance to any one person or book or authority, but acknowledges truth *wherever* it is found.
- 2 Its teachings stress the importance of thinking and acting universally.
- 3 The USB considers all people to be equally important; at its meetings, there should be no activities or (if possible) things that tend to separate people spiritually [D03:7–8].

106 The Need For Humility

1 The spirit inspirers of the USB not only *counsel* understanding and humility, but *reveal* those qualities in all they say and do. They know that it is difficult for us who live in a material world to always act spiritually. They know that we may occasionally err, however we may try not to. Says an Illumined Soul:

2 We do not expect perfection from *you*, because *we* are not perfect... We who worship at the feet of The Most High are most humble, because we are conscious of what *we* lack.

3 Says another:

4 They who would serve God, they who would serve the mighty spirit forces, first need to learn humbleness of spirit. For it is mainly through the humble that we are able to bring forth great things...

5 All the great saints, all the great teachers, all the great prophets, all the great seers through the ages, have always been most humble. These things you know. But there are those who *profess* to know these truths who are blinded through ignorance and self-seeking.

6 There is no room for selfishness in the USB. We have *spiritual* leadership. And even though there must be organization, there will be no leaders in a *material* sense.

7 We who come [to you] from the spirit world are all, as you well know, one, in complete love and in complete harmony. And so it is that it must be so in your world among those who are called to serve. Though there may be in a sense leaders, or leadership, yet all must remember and realize at all times that *no one is more important than the other*.

107 Worship Only God

1 The USB discourages the worship of any thing or person, on either side of life.

2 We should love one another. We should respect one another. We should help one another. But when it comes to worship, *we should worship only God* [Chap. 5 Sec. 1].

3 An Illumined Soul, known by various names and revered by hundreds of millions of people, expresses the following for all truly great souls:

4 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 sisters and brothers a little more enlightened.

5 We do not want adulation. We do not want those upon earth to bow to us, or to make of us saints, or to make of us gods. For we come in the true sense as true brothers and sisters, in love and in harmony and in peace.

6 They do *not* claim any special divinity other than the spark of the divine [601:2] that *every* child of God, on earth and in spirit life, possesses.

7 Furthermore, we must beware of those on either side of life who at any time expect worship and adulation, or who at any time *demand* acceptance of what they present. We should shun them resolutely, for they are false!

108 Personal Freedom for All

1 One need not accept every purpose and principle of the USB to join the USB movement. It is enough to realize that all human beings [on *both* sides of life] are God's children, and that this means we are all spiritual sisters and brothers.

2 Other realization will come in time.

3 We have no wish to make anyone give up beliefs that comfort them, even though those beliefs may not be held by Illumined Souls. People will discard incorrect beliefs themselves in due season, when they are ready, and when they themselves wish to.

4 Nor do we require anyone to give up other affiliations on joining the USB's mission. In fact, we do not ask our brothers and sisters to give up *anything*.

5 As an Illumined Soul has said:

6 We must give everyone above all things their personal freedom ... One of the most important facts, one of the most important tenets of our work, is that all ... shall be free to live and worship, and to die—as the world terms “die”—in their own way and fashion, in their own beliefs, or lack of beliefs.

7 Though we desire in many ways to break down the barriers of
 creeds, we are conscious of people's needs. And if one person
 finds joy or happiness and help in some direction of their reli-
 gious convictions, we do not necessarily desire that they shall
 lose it. For we recognize *one* Divinity, *one* God.

8 When one considers the hundreds and thousands of different
 religious sects and bodies—yet all worshipping the same God—
 we realize that many people have been foolish...! But neverthe-
 less, such is our love and compassion, that we would not have
 anyone change their thought if it is not their deep wish and desire
 to do so.

9 Those who love their fellow human beings insist on their right to be
 free—so long as they do not intrude on the freedom of *others*.

109 Some Values Within the USB Requirements⁹

1 Simplicity and humility should mark the work of the USB in all its aspects.
 It strives to avoid things, titles, dress, music, and activities which sepa-
 rate people spiritually, or which suggest specific groups, organizations,
 or belief systems [D03, D22, D32]. It does not have rituals, rites, or pre-
 scribed ceremonies [D16]. It disapproves of excessive praise [D14].

2 The USB does not solicit funds and contributions, nor does it charge
 membership fees [D06, D09]. It only accepts contributions and dona-
 tions that are freely and voluntarily given, that come from people's
 hearts with love [D06:1,4, D20].

3 The USB expects its speakers to be prepared, disciplined, and clear;
 and it expects its mediums to be truthful and convincing [D23–D25].

110 How the USB Is Different

1 We sum up a few things that, in whole or in part, distinguish the USB
 from a great many other organizations that believe in human survival
 after death:

- 2 — it is inspired and guided by Illumined Souls;
- 3 — it stresses higher teachings and philosophy;

⁹ Appendix D presents requirements and guidelines of the USB. Here, references in brackets identify topics that give more information on the subjects mentioned.

- it emphasizes each person’s direct connection with God and with all people through God;
- it emphasizes that we can best worship God by serving our fellow human beings, and by living in love and peace and harmony;
- it insists that no one should accept anything unthinkingly from anyone, including from the USB;
- the spiritual requirements it expects of its mediums and speakers;
- it is not linked in any way with any other group or organization on earth;
- it requires that its financial support must come freely, with love, from people’s hearts;
- it is completely detached from commercialism of any sort; and
- its positive *no*’s governing USB activities, which include:
 - no* worship of any one or thing except God
 - no* rituals or rites of any sort
 - no* fees
 - no* solicitation for funds
 - no* “selling of blessings”
 - no* titles that separate
 - no* politics of any sort
 - no* smugness
 - no* excessive praise
 - no* positions on certain controversial subjects; and
 - no* unusual or outlandish attire while working for the USB.

Some groups and organizations exact a promise from members not to divulge the teachings they are given. We, on the contrary, *encourage* sisters and brothers to impart USB teachings and philosophy to anyone and everyone ready to receive them. We ask them to present teachings simply, clearly, without excessive decorations, and only as much as can be comfortably absorbed at any time.

Another thing that distinguishes the USB is that it is absolutely clear about not only what it *supports*, but what it *opposes*. This is not in order to attack others, but to make it impossible for corruption to creep into the USB as it has crept into and tarnished many movements in the past.

We also oppose the imparting of beliefs that are *known* to be wrong. And regardless of the motive, we oppose the *discouragement* of anyone from seeking or examining truths. We oppose these because all who learn and accept error, no matter why, must unlearn and discard it before they can advance much further spiritually.

26 But the *main* difference is this: The USB originated and was organized in the spirit world, not on earth. It will not be crushed by rules of organization that have extinguished the spirituality of many movements. What rules we have are *spiritual* requirements, approved by truly Illumined Souls, to be followed by anyone whenever *officially* representing the USB [Appendix D].

1.3 OUTLOOK

111 On Linking Up with the USB

1 The Brother&Sisterhood is an organization of spiritual truth open to all. As an Illumined Soul puts it: “It is our wish that not one soul shall be turned aside who desires to walk with us.”

2 We bless all souls, whether or not they are supporters or members of the USB. We welcome *all* who wish to join with us.

3 The USB is a way of life, not a religion. It adheres to the principle that “in all things we do, there is no cause greater than Truth” [304:1]. It endorses all that is good, anywhere.

4 Is there anything in the USB’s aims, principles, policies, teachings, and philosophy that could not well be adopted by *any* individual, group, or organization that has the welfare of humanity at heart?

5 In any event, one need *not* accept every purpose and principle of the USB to become a supporter or member, *nor* need one give up any beliefs or affiliations [108].

6 In what is still an early stage of our work, we especially desire those who would *serve*, instead of being served; who would *give*, rather than receive; who would *love*, rather than be loved; who seek light that they might *share* it, not just hoard it; who realize that nothing is achieved without effort; and who know that *one who would serve must be prepared to sacrifice*. In other words, we especially desire those who have not only been touched by the finger of spirit, but are conscious of its beauty.

7 We welcome even the humblest endeavor to spread truth and enlightenment. We know that every endeavor, small though it may seem, or be, is a stream that contributes to the strength of the river it joins, hastening the day when it will be irresistible—a spiritual river whose mighty waters

will sweep away the barriers that people have built in ignorance and foolishness through the centuries.

8 Who knows *which* drop of water causes the dam to finally break? And who can say that *this* drop, or *that* drop, was of greater effect? We know that *all* drops contribute to the breaking of the dam. And we know that *all* efforts count in breaking the dam of ignorance and foolishness that has kept one person apart from another, one nation or people apart from another, and one race apart from another. We need the efforts of all who share a glimpse of Truth to bring the day closer when the children of earth will live as they *will* one day live—in a human brother-and-sisterhood, as children of a living and loving God.

9 The strength or force of a river is much greater than the sum of the strengths of the streams of which it is composed: It is more than arithmetical. Likewise, those who join the USB movement, however humble their efforts, contribute more by being linked together than they could ever contribute separately.

10 Many who follow the USB are people who feel they can go no further on other roads, and who find in the USB the path on which they can go further.

11 The USB is linking up various individuals and groups throughout the world who desire to serve their fellow human beings. It is unifying the scattered potential. It is linking up spiritual pools of illumination, the united light of which will in time become powerful enough to dissipate the darkness in people's minds.

112 *How One Can Serve*

1 To those who ask how they can serve, we say this.

2 You can serve by spiritualizing your own life to an ever greater degree, remembering always that love is the greatest basis of all spiritual life, and therefore also the greatest basis of the USB's work.

3 You can plant the seed of spirituality in others—gently, unobtrusively—by the way you live, and by what you do.

4 You can discuss with others the USB's aims and principles, and how they can be put into effect in daily life.

5 You can send out healing thoughts and prayers for those in need.

6 You can meet with others who wish to be of service, who seek to open up the spirit within, and who in humility and love reach out to God.

7 If you wish to add your link to those on both sides of life who strive
to bring peace and happiness to humanity, you can serve by joining the
USB movement.

8 You can serve by meeting with others from time to time, for spiritual
discussion and unfoldment or development [D28].

9 Even if you live far from USB supporters, you can *still* serve in many
of the ways just mentioned.

10 Aware of your linkage with Illumined Souls in this great and noble
mission, you can forge links with others on earth that encircle the globe
—not merely from east to west, or north to south, but from one heart to
another heart, one hand to another hand, one home to another home, thus
adding the personal and caring touch.

11 As an Illumined Inspirer has told us:

12 Each child of light that bears the torch of Truth, and makes its
way into the dark places, plays an important role in the scheme
of things.

113 *A Message of Cheer*

1 The USB preaches no doctrine of fear or panic or calamity.

2 On the contrary, our message is one of hope, serenity, love, under-
standing, strength, and courage.

3 It is the tidings that the brother-and-sisterhood of all humanity *will* be
a living reality within the lifetime of many on earth today.

4 It is the teaching that *each one of us*, by our *own* efforts, however
humble, can bring that day nearer.

5 Illumined Souls have never promised that the path will be easy. The path
is not, and *cannot* be, an easy one. But with each kind word or thought
or deed of a sister or brother, we are one step closer to our goal. With
each added link to the USB, we are another step closer.

6 And with each new pool of light linked with the rest, greater is the
flow into the spiritual reservoir that is *being* used for great things, and
that will be used for *greater* things—far greater than we can perhaps
comprehend at the moment—when the time is right.

7 So we say to our brothers and sisters:

8 Lift up your hearts and rejoice!

9 Ignore the lamentations of the prophets of doom. A new
world is not built by the fearful. A new age is not ushered in by
the despairing.

10 The brother-and-sisterhood of humanity will be accomplished
by all those who share our ideals, strengthened by the unity of
those who tread the USB path.

114 On Individual Interpretation

1 We have often been asked why the USB does not take a specific position
on various issues of the day, as some organizations do.

2 There are several reasons.

3 First of all, as we make clear, this movement is *non-political*, and will
never be political in any manner, shape, or form [D04]; whereas many of
the issues of the day either are political, or have political undertones.

4 Secondly, we would not presume to speak for *all* our followers on
any issue; nor do we desire to. In any case, we know that people with a
common aim may strongly disagree on the *methods* of achieving it.

5 Thirdly, and *mainly*, we are primarily concerned with presenting the
teachings and philosophy of Illumined Souls—the *true* teachings and
philosophy of this new age—for people to live by according to their own
highest perception of what they accept.

6 In describing God's Laws That Govern, or THE LAW, we emphasize
that while THE LAW governs the entire universe, *our* understanding of it
will vary according to the level of our consciousness [402]. As we say
there: We should not expect others to interpret The Laws precisely as we
ourselves do. Nor should we try to force our own interpretations on
them.

7 We can say the same about the USB's teachings and philosophy. We
present a broad canvas of truth, portrayed by beings of extraordinary
spiritual stature; but we do not expect everyone to see it in exactly the
same way, or from the very same angle, or to appreciate its various as-
pects in the very same degree.

8 For we champion for everyone else the identical freedom we cherish
for ourselves: the freedom of each individual to think things out for them-
selves, to reach their own conclusions, and to take only such action as
they themselves decide to take [108].

115 A Great Teacher—and the USB

1 We have been asked why we do not quote or mention by name in our writings, except indirectly, a certain Great Soul revered by many millions, although we once made it clear that he is a leader of the USB. There are several reasons.

2 First and foremost, *it is his wish*. For over the centuries, much that he taught long ago has been twisted and distorted by chroniclers and others, either in ignorance, or to suit their *own* ends or the aims of those who engaged or directed them. Some of the sayings and teachings attributed to him he did not say, and, being the soul he was, *never* could have said. It would serve no useful purpose, and in fact would make only for endless controversy and dispute, to now quote him specifically on such things.

3 As one can well understand, there is little joy over the way his teachings have been misinterpreted and misrepresented, often deliberately, and over the stream of false prophets and teachers who have claimed, even as some do now, that *he* inspired or worked through them.

4 A second reason is his desire that people judge teachings and philosophy by their soundness or lack of soundness, by whether they appeal to or are repelled by people's reason, by whether they strike a responsive chord within them or leave them unimpressed—and not by whether they believe that he teaches them.¹⁰

5 For another thing, many people associate him with a particular religion only, although he did *not* found a religion, but taught a way of life for all people.

6 But while we do not quote or mention him by name, we can say this emphatically: nothing is dearer to his heart than the universal spiritual brother-and-sisterhood of humankind.

116 A Word of Warning

1 It is not uncommon for teachings and philosophy to become twisted and distorted over the years.

2 Sometimes the misrepresentation is accidental. At other times it is done wilfully and deliberately.

¹⁰ It seems to me very likely that Michael remained “inconspicuous” in his life here for similar reasons. —Ed.

- 3 In the latter case, misrepresentation may take the form of implying
that what is being shared comes from a respected organization, or from a
founder or inspirer of such an organization.
- 4 There have been several instances of such regrettable conduct. In one
case, the ascribed spirit source of a book containing scores of misteach-
ings was described as one of the Illumined Souls who brought the USB
into being. But *he was not*; and we know that he himself would never
make that claim. [We discuss many misteachings in Appendix B.]
- 5 We emphasize that all the *official* teachings and philosophy of The
Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood (USB) are contained in *just this*
volume—and *nowhere else*.
- 6 They are compiled mainly from our quarterly worldwide *Letters*,
Numbers 1 to 93, with minor corrections and changes made for greater
clarity.
- 7 We do not object to others including any of our teachings with their own,
[with our source material acknowledged, as is customary, not taken out
of context, and not changing its “attitude” or “impression,”] for we hold
that truths *should* be shared with those ready to receive them. But we *do*
object to teachings of others *combined* with our own being *all* attributed
to the USB, especially when the mixture contains views that we com-
pletely *oppose*. [It must be perfectly clear which parts are taken from
the USB.]