

TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE COLLECTION  
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## **Administrative Information**

**Title:**

Temple of the People Collection, 1903-2011

**Creator(s):**

Temple of the People (1903-2012)

Blavatsky, H. P. (1831-1891)

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**Repository:**

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## **Administrative History**

Francia A. La Due and William H. Dower founded the Temple of the People in Syracuse, NY in 1898. It is a continuation of the Theosophical teachings of Madame H.P. Blavatsky, a work carried on by William Quan Judge. In 1903, the Temple of the People moved to Halcyon, California. The Blue Star Memorial Temple was erected in 1923.

The Temple aims to formulate spiritual truths as fundamental to human evolution in order to promote the idea that an explanation for the spiritual instinct inherent in all humans is the basis of every religion. The Temple aims to create a lifestyle that is in harmony with natural and divine law and to promote the study of the sciences in order to better understand the super-physical aspects of human existence, as well as the study of art and social sciences for the welfare of all. The Temple holds that humanity will become a mighty power for good when it is universally attuned to the ideal of unselfish service by a daily application of the Golden Rule.

The Temple in Halcyon offers services in the Blue Star Memorial Temple every Sunday and a short Meditation for World Healing every day. Study classes are offered two days a week in the University Center where the William Quan Judge Library provides study resources.

The Temple of the People is the last remaining spiritualist community. In the earliest days of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Pentecostal meetings and communities in the Arroyo Seco, near Los Angeles, California, were often confused with spiritualist communities in the same area by secular media, making these communities an important contextual reference for study of Pentecostalism.

## **Scope and Content**

The one-box collection includes five bound volumes, *Theogenesis*, *From the Mountaintop* in three volumes, and *Temple Messages*, all published by The Temple of the People, Halcyon, California, as well as post cards, six pamphlets on spiritual themes and two brochures about the Temple of the People and the symbolism of the Blue Star Memorial Temple.

## **Subjects**

Spiritualism

Theosophy

## Container List

### Box 1

Item	Description	Date/Note
1	Post cards of the Blue Temple and the Halcyon Store and Post Office	2011
2	Brochure: About the Temple of the People	2002
3	Brochure: Symbolism of the Blue Star Memorial Temple	2003
4	Booklet: Reincarnation	2002
5	Booklet: The Temple	
6	Booklet: Inner Planes	2002
7	Booklet: Questions About God	2002
8	Booklet: Karma	2002
9	Bound volume: <i>Temple Messages</i>	1983
10	Volume I of <i>From The Mountain Top</i> .	Copyright 1914, reprint 1974
11	Volume II of <i>From the Mountain Top</i>	1975
12	Volume III of <i>From the Mountain Top</i>	1985
13	<i>Theogenesis</i>	1981