

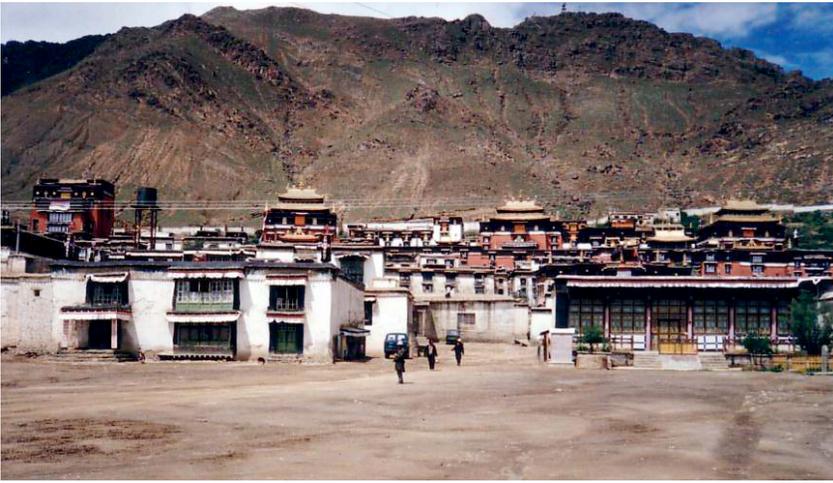


Madame Helena Blavatsky

By the time of Hitler's rise to power and socialism, Madame Blavatsky was long gone. She was gone even by Fatima of 1917. Self-proclaimed telepath, was born Helena Petrovna von Hahn at Ekaterinoslav, Ukraine 1831, present day Mariupol. (*Yes, that Mariupol*). She was the daughter of a Russian army officer of German heritage. The area in which Ekaterinoslav resided was a major settlement for Germans in the 1830s. Helena's mother advocated the emancipation of women. At 17, Helena married a man much her senior, General Blavatsky, and within a year separated from him. She wandered for many years, Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Canada, Tibet, Japan, France, England, Java, the United States, central and South America, not necessarily in that order, and India; she even crossed the Far West in a covered wagon. By the time of Lincoln and the Civil War, she was in her 30's.

Madame Blavatsky almost met her maker in July of 1871, when the ship she was on exploded and sank before reaching Cairo; she was one of only 16 survivors. She founded the Theosophical society in 1875 in the U.S., and lived in India from 1879-1883. She became an American citizen in 1878. In 1888, she proclaimed that when visiting the Himalayas, from a deep underground Himalayan monastery, she had been shown an ancient occult text manuscript that revealed the mystical secrets of the universe, and the future course of human history. Despite being diagnosed with Bright's disease, she published in succession *Lucifer* (1887); *The Secret Doctrine* (1888); *The Key to Theosophy* (1889); and *The Voice of Silence* (1889). Being a heavy smoker did not add years to her life. Helena, however, died in 1891 due to an influenza epidemic in Great Britain. Her writings on the occult phenomena continued with Annie Besant, Guido von List, and Yorg Lanz von Liebenfels, amongst others. Much of their works pay reference to astral bodies, guardian angels, and that the one source of all wisdom is India, which according to Blavatsky in her *Isis Unveiled*, was copied by Christianity. She believed Christianity "copied all its rites, dogmas and ceremonies from paganism" although not the doctrine of eternal damnation.

The philosophy of the Theosophical society is as follows, as taken from *Encyclopedia Britannica*: (1) to form a nucleus of the universal brotherhood of humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, case or color; (2) to promote the study of comparative



Tashilhunpo Monastery, in Shigatse, Tibet's second-largest city, China, aka Xigaze, in the Himalayas, partially destroyed in 1961 after the 1959 Tibetan uprising. Blavatsky claimed she visited it, and developed a deeper understanding of the synthesis of religion, philosophy, and science; courtesy of the [GNU Free Documentation License](#), author John Hill.

religion, philosophy and science; and (3) to investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in man.

Madame Blavatsky in *The Secret Doctrine* believed the universe fell from pure spirit into base matter, darkness and chaos. It would rise soon once more to reach the pinnacle of spirituality. She claimed her knowledge into the esoteric stemmed from her initiation into the mysteries of seven esoteric symbols. And, of these seven symbols, one is the most potent of the others: the swastika.



In India it is the symbol of good fortune, and it can be found with both straight arms or clockwise arms. In the 1920s, it was somewhat part of popular culture in Europe and America adorning bracelets and publications, but not as a symbol of Nazism. However, in Austria it was another matter for there were many who believed the Aryans--who came down from the writings of Blavatsky--are the race of upward spiritual evolutions, which was espoused highly by journalist, playwright, novelist, and occultist, Guido von List. Not only that, he threw out his Catholic upbringing to prove a point: he was totally disillusioned and dissatisfied with his religion. [Much of his work dealt with the ideas of race and influenced by who else, Blavatsky, yet he carried it one step further, that there was a global Jewish conspiracy who were out to get the Aryan race.] And, their sign was the swastika. In 1919, a little unknown man with a mustache, Adolf Hitler, was sent by the German government to spy on one of the political parties who were making big speeches about political takeover, and, crazy with the ideologies of Blavatsky and von List. Hitler, when he later took over Germany, embraced the swastika, and many of its trappings and lore. The concept of the Aryan man was part and parcel of Hitler and his ideologies.