
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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October 2013

We are happy to continue our Friday night meetings.
Movies or lectures will be presented, followed by thoughtful open discussions.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. \$5 Suggested Donation
From 6:30 to 6:55 is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library,
and enjoying light refreshments.

Oct 4 *The Art of Living, The Art of Dying.* LECTURE presented by **Dr. Harsha Jayatilake**

Does our cultural fear of dying interfere with our ability to maximize our potential for a full and meaningful life? There has been a trend in recent years to reexamine the notion that death is the grim reaper to be held at bay at all costs. Around 25% of our health care dollars from Medicare are spent in the last year of life, and to what benefit? Social attitudes toward death are changing as we begin to recognize the severe limits of the medical system to offer health care solutions that restore meaningful quality of life once death stands on the horizon. Surely, there are better ways.

Oct 11 *Where do we go after death?* LECTURE presented by **Winnie Wylie**

Where do we go after death? According to medieval alchemists, it is to the astral plane. Charles Leadbeater, in his book, *The Astral Plane*, says that most of us are awake on the astral plane while we are asleep on the physical plane. We may do much helpful work there for others without conscious awareness.

Oct 18 *The Theosophic Astronomy of Dante's Inferno.* LECTURE presented by **Chris Fessler**

Internet bookdealer and long-time theosophist Christopher Fessler has spoken over the years on many topics at the lodge. As former co-founder of the Mayflower Bookshop and high-degree Mason, his interest in The Esoteric Philosophy spans decades. This evening's presentation will include information on the lost 3rd & 4th volumes of Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine*.

From The Acherusian Lake to the Celestial Rose, Theosophy is woven into the fabric of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, A Great Classic Of The Esoteric Tradition. Learn the Secrets of The Chthonic Mysteries, The Esoteric School Of Dionysus & More.

Oct 25 *Return to the Mystic.* LECTURE presented by **Alexander Riegel**

There was a time when Christianity's spiritual focus was inward, i.e., esoteric, and not outward, i.e., exoteric - a matter of creedal affirmations and belief in an external deity. What was the nature of this lost inner tradition and what did it hold in common with Eastern religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism? We will explore this lost inner tradition and consider how reclaiming it might place Christianity back among the other esoteric traditions that still thrive today: Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sufism.

Dr. Riegel is the Founder and Spiritual Director of *Return to the Mystic*, a center for interspiritual study and practice (for details go to www.ReturntotheMystic.org). Dr. Riegel holds a Masters of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, a Masters of Theology from Harvard Divinity School, and received his Doctorate of Ministry from Andover Newton Theological School.

Nov 1 *Animal Communication.* LECTURE presented by **Kathleena Katona**

Pet owners are again invited to bring photos or mementos of your pet to ask Kathleena to get in touch with information you may need to improve your experience of pet ownership.

You can obtain more details from our web site: <http://tsdetroit.org>



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Ongoing Activities

SUNDAYS: 3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2:00 – 4:00 PM

STUDY GROUP

Carl Jung Study Group

THERE IS A \$5.00 CHARGE

We invite you to join a study group that is now meeting at the Theosophical Society in Detroit. The meetings last about 2 to 2 1/2 hours and are held on the third Sunday each month. For more information, contact Connie Wright (313) 386-3753.

MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM

BOOK STUDY

The Divine Plan by Geoffrey A. Barborka

The Divine Plan was written in the form of a commentary on H. P. Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine expressly for the purpose of those who wish to read and gain a deeper understanding of the Secret Doctrine — presenting an exposition of the Doctrines of the Esoteric Philosophy. Please call with questions, Marina at (248) 545-8553.

TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Studies in *The Secret Doctrine*, Esoteric Insights and Spiritual Practice

We invite all serious students of the ancient wisdom to join us in an in depth study of *The Secret Doctrine* by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. We will work with a range of print materials as well as audio-visual, as we continue our ongoing quest for insight and understanding. Questions, call Mara at (248) 545-1961.

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP

OPEN DISCUSSION

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology and Rosicrucian thought. Discussions range from serious and informative to light and lively. Although intended as an entry point for newcomers, it has won a loyal following among a significant gathering of followers.

Theosophical Society of Detroit parking is limited. . .

The good news is. . .the Vinsetta Garage restaurant (next door) offers free valet parking for people attending our programs. Just tell the parking attendant that you are attending a program at the Theosophical Society of Detroit.

Question What are the Three Objects?

- Answer**
1. Brotherhood of man, without distinction of race, color, religion, or social position
 2. The serious study of the ancient world-religions for purposes of comparison and the selection there from of universal ethics
 3. The study and development of the latent divine powers in man

- From *The Key to Theosophy*, by H. P. Blavatsky, 1889

