

Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America, Inc



Theosophical Network of Florida

Winter-Spring 2013

ANNUAL FLORIDA FEDERATION CONVENTION

APRIL 5-7, 2013

Cosmic Songs: Consciousness and Invisible Worlds

Featuring Kurt Leland



Theosophical literature is rich with information on the invisible realms which include the subtle aspects of our own human bodies. But how many of us are aware of our subtle bodies and how they are relating to other planes or fields of reality? Kurt Leland, our 2013 state convention presenter, is very aware of his subtle bodies and other planes of reality. He will be sharing with us at the Convention being held at the beautiful DaySpring Retreat Center in Parrish, FL.

Kurt began having out-of-body experiences as a teenager. Though fearful at first of these nonphysical experiences, he discovered the writings of other out-of-body experiencers and thus became a researcher/explorer himself. He writes about his personal explorations of other realms in his books: *Otherwhere: A Field Guide to Nonphysical Reality for the Out-of-Body Traveler* and *The Unanswered Question: Death, Near-Death and the Afterlife*. His latest is *The Multidimensional Human: Practices for Psychic Development and Astral Projection*.

In 2005 Kurt came across Theosophist, Annie Besant's book, *Man and his Bodies* which started him on a course of deep reading in Theosophical materials including Arthur Powell's comprehensive accounts of the bodies and planes in his four books *The Etheric Double*, *The Astral Body*, *The Mental Body* and *The Causal Body and the Ego*. Powell's information is based primarily on the writings of Annie Besant, C. W. Leadbeater and H. P. Blavatsky.

Kurt was greatly impressed by Annie Besant's writings and his research on

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her work resulted in a contract with Quest Books, the publishing arm of the Theosophical Society in America. Kurt's book will come out this year under the title *Invisible Worlds: Annie Besant on Psychic and Spiritual Development*.

Parallel to his work on consciousness studies is his work in music. He is a professional musician and has been active for decades as a composer and clarinetist. He has been fascinated since childhood with what he now calls Transcendent Musical Experiences (TMEs). These are mystical experiences associated with composing, performing and listening to music. Many people have TMEs which range from physical sensations such as chills running up the spine, to feelings of being moved to tears, and even mystical visions. Kurt believes that TMEs are messages from our souls intended to guide us on our spiritual journey. His recent book *Music and the Soul: A Listener's Guide to Transcendental Musical Experiences* helps us identify and enhance the states of consciousness encoded in music and use it to promote spiritual growth.

Kurt's presentations at the Convention will reflect his research and life experience in both music and also nonphysical reality. He will help us explore our spiritual depths in both areas.

New Florida Federation Officers

As published in the Federation 2012 Fall Newsletter, the cut-off date for additional nominations for the Florida Federation Board was January 1, 2013. Since no further nominations were received, we declare the following persons duly elected taking office after the Spring Convention. With warm good wishes, your Nominating Committee:
Carol Hurd, Nori Rao & Steve Schweizer.

President: Nori Rao

1st Vice President: Ricardo Basurto

2nd Vice President: Judith Snow-Clewell

Treasurer: Steve Schweizer

Communications Director: Bill Bauer

Upcoming Seminar in Ocala

February 9, 2013

Near-Death Experiences/Lives Changed Forever

Purpose: Introduction to past and present Near-Death Experiences, and how they have affected people's lives.

Presenters include those who have had near-death experiences. For a flyer, contact Secretary of the Ocala Study Group, Jean Brown, email: jbrown203@cox.net or phone her at 305-236-0911

Time: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Place: Ocala Inner Center

205 S. Magnolia Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471

Cost: \$20.00 Students \$5.00

Convention Schedule

Friday, April 5

- 3:00 pm Check-in & Registration
4:00 pm Nature walk with Andre (optional)
5:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Conference Welcome
7:30 pm Kurt Leland - **Vibration & Consciousness**
A lecture & demonstration on the relation of vibration and consciousness, one of Annie Besant's basic teachings.

Saturday, April 6

- 7:00 am Basic Yoga & Meditation with Nori
8:15 am Breakfast
9:00 am Registration
10:00 am Kurt Leland - **Invisible Worlds** A lecture on the theory and practice of exploring the energy bodies and their associated planes with reference to Annie Besant's teachings.
12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Kurt Leland - **Practice Session**
Locating our energy bodies & fields by using our energy hands. Attuning our energy bodies for healing and support from higher beings.
4:00 pm Canoeing on Manatee River (optional)
4:00 pm E.S. Meeting (members only)
5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Kurt Leland - **Deva-Inspired Music**
Lecture/Demonstration on music that describes, touches and embodies devas and the deva realms. Inspired by such people as Cyril Scott & Maude MacCarthy (both Theosophists.)

Sunday, April 7

- 8:00 am *Basic Yoga & Meditation*
9:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Kurt Leland - **Music and Higher States of Consciousness** A guided meditation using music keyed to the following states: transcendental longing, awe, devotion, bliss, ecstasy, compassion, grace and union. (experiential)
11:00 am Business Meeting
12:00 pm Lunch and end of Convention

Current Federation Officers

Judith Snow-Clewell, President
Ricardo Basurto, 1st Vice President
Nori Rao, 2nd Vice President
Bill Bauer, Secretary
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Florida Federation Lodges and Study Centers

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Florida Federation Convention at DaySpring Conference Center



8411 25th Street East
Parrish, FL 34219

April 5-7, 2013



DaySpring Conference Center is set on 92-acres of natural Florida beauty. One feels peace and tranquility immediately upon entering

this special place. There are wooded trails for hiking and canoes for trips on the Manatee River.



Our Convention accommodations at DaySpring consist of semi-private rooms (2 to a room) with private baths for the cost \$90 per person, per night or a private room for \$126 per night. These rates include all meals. Arrival on Friday includes dinner. Saturday meals are breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sunday meals are breakfast and lunch. The food is served buffet style and includes main course, fresh fruit, soup, salad bars and dessert. Vegetarian is available upon request. Other dietary needs may be accommodated upon prior arrangements. For those **not staying** over-night at DaySpring there is a day rate charge of \$10 and the meal costs are: Breakfast is \$8.00, Lunch is \$10.00 and Dinner is \$15.00.

-----Cut off and mail with your payment -----

Registration Deadline March 26, 2013

FLORIDA FEDERATION SPRING CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION APRIL 5-7, 2013

NAME(S) _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL: _____

We only accept checks or money orders, payable to: Florida Federation of the TSA.

Mail it to the Convention Registrar: Lucy Michel, 4107 Brittany Place, Pensacola, FL 32504, Home Phone: 850-433-3151, Cell Phone: 850-529-8683, Email: lamichel@cox.net

Payment Enclosed for:

Full Convention Friday-Sunday _____ Semi-Private Room _____ Private Room _____

If Semi-Private Room, my roommate is _____

Vegetarian (circle) Yes No _____ Handicap accessible (circle) Yes No _____

Suggested Donation for Florida Federation \$15-\$20 _____ This may be paid at the door.