

Ozark Theosophical Camp and Education Center

Presents:

Sacred Geometry Workshop: "Introduction to Theory and Practice"

Scott A. Olsen, Ph.D.

Friday-Sunday, November 1-3, 2013



Professor of Philosophy & Religion at the College of Central Florida, Scott first received international acclaim by successfully decoding the geometric mysteries of Plato. His book, *The Golden Section: Nature's Greatest Secret* received rave reviews, and in 2007 was awarded a 1st place for design by the Bookbinders' Guild of New York. A life-long student of the Ancient Wisdom, he has studied under physicist David Bohm, world religion expert Huston Smith, sacred geometers Keith Critchlow & John Michell, and esotericist Douglas Baker. A member and national speaker

for the Theosophical Society in America, as well as Britain's Foundation for Theosophical Studies, Scott lectures widely on the Perennial Philosophy (in both its ancient and modern forms) with special emphasis on the Divine Proportion and transformative states of consciousness. In 2009 he assisted Alexey Stakhov with his highly acclaimed book, *The Mathematics of Harmony: From Euclid to Contemporary Mathematics and Computer Science*. He is fine-tuning his new book, *Divine Proportion: the Mathematical Perfection of the Universe*, due out in the fall of 2014. In 2012 Scott travelled twice to the Library of Alexandria, Egypt where he presented a workshop in June on *The Philosopher Mathematicians of Alexandria: Euclid and Hypatia* for the New York Open Center's "Esoteric Quest for Ancient Alexandria: Greco-Egyptian Birthplace of the Western Mind," and in October presented *The Golden Section: Egyptian Roots, Rediscovery and Relevance for Modern Physics*. In November he travelled to Shanghai, China where he presented *The Golden Mean & the Dark Energy Solution* at the Mini-Symposium on Dark Energy, which he also chaired. And in June, 2013 he presented the plenary paper, *Archimedes and the 13 Semi-Regular Solids* on the Isle of Ortigia, Siracusa, Sicily for the New York Open Center's 2013 Esoteric Quest for Sicily, followed by a brief UK lecture tour (Chester, Edinburgh & Manchester). In August he presented *The Pivotal Role of the Golden Section in Modern Science* at the Symmetry 2013 Festival in Delft, the Netherlands. Applying his knowledge of proportional symmetry in physique competition (during his student years), Scott won 1st place as Mr. Minneapolis, Mr. Twin Cities, Mr. Gainesville, Mr. Northeast Florida, and the national New York open title, Mr. Apollo. A member of the Florida Bar since 1989, he resides in Ocala, Florida.

Education: 1983: Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Florida;

Dissertation: *The Pythagorean Plato and the Golden Section: a Study in Abductive Inference*

1982: J.D., University of Florida

1977: M.A., Philosophy, University of London, Birkbeck College;

(philosophy of science thesis: *The Collapse of Continuous Space-Time*)

1975: B.A. cum laude, Philosophy & Sociology, University of Minnesota;

Honors Thesis: *Platonic Aesthetics*

**“SACRED GEOMETRY WORKSHOP:
Introduction to Theory & Practice”
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This is an introductory “mini-course” in the underlying principles and practical application of sacred geometry in one’s everyday experience. With a close eye on the roots and future of Theosophy itself, we will examine the sacred geometric structures underlying the Cosmos and Nature, and their potentially transformative impact on our present worldview or paradigm. Particular attention will be devoted to developing a practice in which one begins to embody the very harmonies both surrounding us and that we consciously construct. Participants will have an opportunity to resonate and attune with the sacred ratios and proportions of Nature through two-dimensional drawing and three-dimensional construction of her geometric forms. These hands-on constructions will be combined with a wide range of evidence of how sacred number infuses the solar system, plants, animals, and the sciences. We will see (through in-class measurements) how the same underlying numbers that control the flora and fauna are at work in the mathematics and aesthetics of our own bodies. And we will examine how humanity has expressed these harmonic principles in art, architecture and the visionary practices of its mystery traditions, ultimately leading to life-changing transformations of consciousness.



In this workshop, Dr. Olsen will draw upon relevant aspects of Sacred Geometry from the most recent research and lectures, including the UK Lecture tour that focused on:

Edinburgh, Scotland, 20 June, 2013

“The Philosopher Mathematicians of Alexandria: Euclid and Hypatia”

Euclid in his *Elements* brilliantly proceeds from points, lines, and plane figures, to solids, culminating in Book 13 in a comparative analysis of the root ratios underlying the five Platonic “regular” solids. Hypatia of Alexandria, the “hierophant” and “woman philosopher of antiquity” who taught Synesius how to build an astrolabe, endured the most savage martyrdom, and can be considered to reflect the highest ideals and virtues of the divine feminine, beauty and “Sophia” or wisdom. This presentation will view them both from a deeper, more esoteric perspective -- in line with the Ancient Wisdom and Mystery Schools, of which they were initiates and representatives.

Manchester: Saturday, 22 June, 2013

“Ancient Wisdom and Modern Science: a Paradigm-Shifting Connection”

Stunning new discoveries in physics, genetics, astronomy, astrophysics and consciousness research point to an ancient body of mathematical wisdom that may hold the common key for all of them. This may result in a dramatic shift in the present paradigm or worldview, opening the door for a new relationship between science and religion. We examine the evidence for this paradigm-shifting connection, keeping in mind the tremendous contribution made by Dr. Douglas M. Baker in helping lay the foundation for this New Renaissance the the Perennial Philosophy.

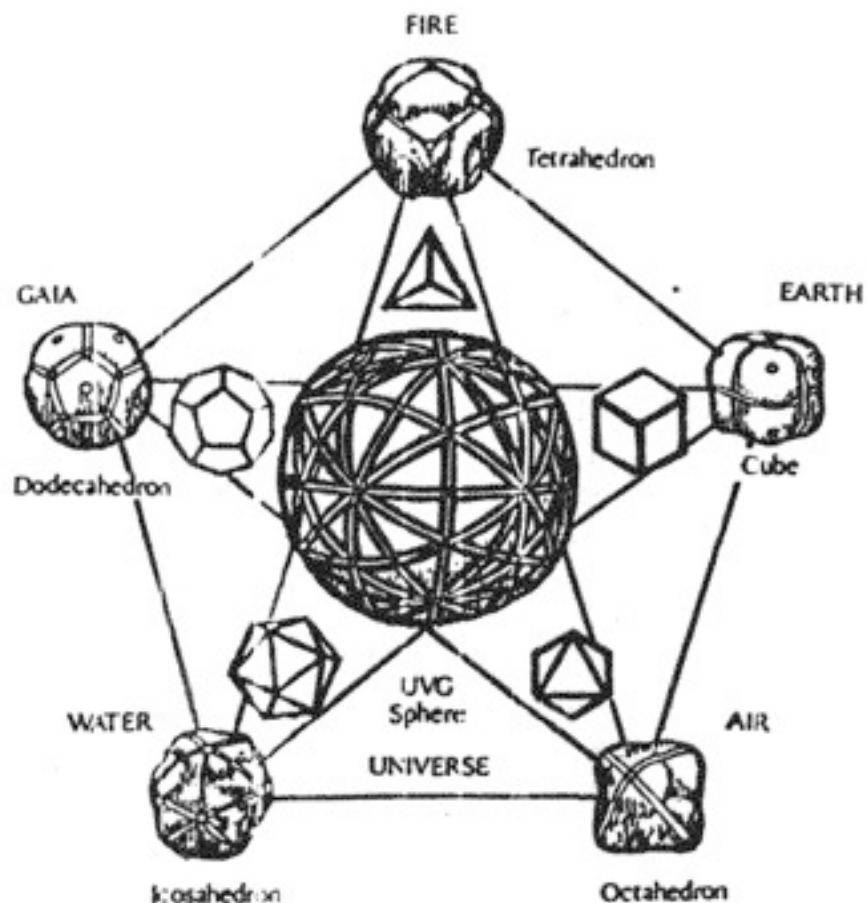
Manchester: Sunday, 23 June, 2013

“Divine Proportion: the Roots and Future of Theosophy”

There is a numinous body of evidence, though often ignored, that the founding of the Theosophical Society is rooted in a profound interest in sacred geometry, canons of proportion, and the sublimity of the Golden Section. In fact the initial proposal by Colonel Henry Olcott to found a Theosophical Society occurred immediately following a lecture by George Henry Felt on “ancient canon’s of proportion” that occurred in H.P. Blavatsky’s New York apartment. We will examine these ancient roots, and then the exciting developments that lie on the threshold of a New Renaissance in Theosophy and the Ancient Wisdom Traditions. Once again we will keep in mind the contributions made by Dr. Douglas M. Baker in helping reestablish the foundations for these exciting and profound developments.

This course is appropriate for all levels. No prior experience is required.

Participants should bring a sketchpad (medium size, 11 in x 14 in, or 12 in x 18 in), straightedge, good drawing compass, and pencils (regular & colored) with pencil sharpener. A scissors and masking tape may come in handy.



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F r i d a y

Noon to 4:00 - Camp set up and preparation

4:00 to 6:00 - Registration will begin

6:00 to 6:45 - Potluck Dinner

7:00 to 7:10 Welcome, Introduction of our speaker

Friday Night

7:10 – 8:45 1. "Divine Proportion: the Roots and Future of Theosophy" - Scott Olsen

8:45 - Questions and discussions, followed by fellowship, or free time

S a t u r d a y

Saturday Morning

7:30 - Yoga Movement Meditation on the Deck - Grace Way, or Morning Walk

8:00 - Breakfast

9:00 -- 9:20 – Meditation

9:20 – 10:30 -- 2. Introduction to Sacred Geometry - Scott Olsen

10:30-10:40 - Break

10:40 – 11:50 3. Sacred Geometry – 1st Drawing Session

11:50 - Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

**1:00 – 2:00 4. "Sacred Geometry's Role in Ancient Wisdom & Modern Science:
a Paradigm-Shifting Connection"**

2:00 - 2:10 - Break

2:10 – 3:20 5. Sacred Geometry – 2nd Drawing Session

3:20 – 4:40. 6. "Sacred Geometry in Nature" (Outdoors)

4:50 - Break for dinner preparation

5:40 - Dinner

Saturday Night:

6:50-7:50 - (Open Board Meeting)

8:00 – 9:00

7. Introducing Three Dimensional Constructions - Platonic & Archimedean Solids

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9:30 – 10:30

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10:30-10:40 - Break

10:40 – 12:00

9. Final Constructions, Concluding Remarks & Sharing of Insights - Scott Olsen

12:15 - Seva in closing down the camp - Volunteers needed. Food leftover is for the taking--enjoy on site before final clean ups, or take some with you after some time of helping.

Directions: Sulphur Springs is located on Hwy. 59, 2 miles south of the Missouri State Line. Take Hwy 59 into Sulphur Springs and turn east on Colony Street which is located IMMEDIATELY on the north side of the Butler Creek bridge. Go about 200 feet and veer left. Go another 300 feet and go up the first driveway you see which is actually Skyline Drive. (There is no street sign but we'll have a TS sign at the entrance.)

Airport Service: Fayetteville/Bentonville Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport serves this area, about 35 miles from Camp, Coordinate with Nancy Blott (405-412-1971) if you need a pick-up and return to the airport.

REGISTRATION: To RSVP online email: Carol Holleyman, carol.holleyman@gmail.com; or register by mail: **3439 East Anne St., Ozark, Mo 65721**, or call 417 889-1277. Due to limited lodging, please RSVP to reserve a room. Please make check to: Ozark Theosophical Camp and Education Center. **(Please submit your registration payment of \$20.00, etc. to Carol Holleyman, Registrar, (above address) when you send in your reservations.)**

_____ Program Registration: \$20.00 per person \$ _____

To Reserve a Room, please check the following:

Single _____ Couple _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

_____ \$30/person per night for semi private room _____

_____ \$40/person per night for private room and bath
(lower level only) _____

_____ \$45/person plus \$10/additional person per night
for queen bedrooms _____

_____ \$15/night for a cot (can put a cot in one of the lower
level rooms to share a room) _____

_____ \$15/night for RV w/electricity _____

_____ \$10/night for RV w/o electricity _____

_____ Donations requested from those using tents _____

One (1) Year Individual Membership \$10 _____

Love Donation to help with expenses _____

**FOOD – Meals are lacto-ovo-vegetarian. \$25/person _____
plus potluck on Friday night (bring a vegetarian dish)**

Meal Preparation by the Food Committee. Clean-up—a collaborative effort by those attending please.

Also, we ask all those using the facilities to participate in the clean-up. Cleaning Supplies should be in your room, or please notify either Carol Holleyman, Barbara Bronstrup or Nancy Blott.

SCHOLARSHIP: For those interested, please know the Camp has an ever-evolving Scholarship-Stewardship Program for those needing financial help. Please contact our President, Nancy Blott, for further information. **Also, please let Nancy know if you can assist with sponsorship or offer donations in this area.**

For those who come early-- Some may wish to assist with setting up Camp or work on one of the ongoing projects, as well as enjoy nature, sightseeing, hiking the grounds, visit a cave nearby, canoeing, or just hang out. Anyone staying late will be greatly appreciated if they assist in closing down the Camp.

Name _____ Email _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary phone _____ Secondary phone _____