

Springfield Lodge News & Notes

MEETING INFORMATION

The Springfield Lodge office and library are located at 93 Church Street in the Edward Bellamy House in Chicopee, MA. Meetings are held on 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7 PM, 3rd Mondays at 11 AM and selected Sundays at 2 PM. Additional hours are on 1st Wednesdays 6-8 pm and by appointment. For more information about meetings and programs, call Allen LeCours at (413) 949-0016 or Pegg Dragon (585) 733-0700.

NEW THIS FALL

We have added a *MORNING* study group to our meeting schedule! Meetings will be held on 3rd Mondays of the month at 11 AM. Beginning Monday, Sept. 15, *An Introduction to Esoteric Principles* by William Doss McDavid will be the topic for discussion. The depth and duration of this study, as well as subsequent study topics, will be determined by group attendees. Anyone interested in participating may attend.

Note: The Springfield Lodge meeting schedule is on page 2. The Hartford/Meriden SC meeting schedule is on page 5.

REMEMBERING...



Joseph Prologo (1938-2014), passed away January 30 of this year. A 26 year member of the Theosophical Society, Joe joined the Springfield, MA Lodge in March, 1988 and served as a Board Director. He was an exceptionally kind man. He was particularly interested in reincarnation and how Christian beliefs were expressed in non-Christian religions.



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THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN SPRINGFIELD

Edward Bellamy House, 93 Church Street, Chicopee, MA

Schedule 2014

Meeting times: Mondays—11:00 AM Fridays—7:00 PM Selected Sundays—2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 5: (Friday) Conversations Beyond Proof of Heaven—DVD

If we all knew our life on planet Earth is just one in a series of many lives, what would we do differently? What implications does this knowledge have on the everyday, the economy, and the world as we know it? Join filmmaker David Hinshaw as he documents the exploration of these questions and more in a dialogue between Dr. Eben Alexander and Dr. Raymond Moody.

- 15: (Monday) An Introduction to Esoteric Principles by William Doss McDavid

- 19: (Friday) The Illusion of "Truth" *The Real Jesus Behind the Grand Myth*
Guest speaker and author, Tom Nehrer. (see page 3)

OCTOBER

- 3: (Friday) The Mystic, the Scholar and the Magus—DVD with Pablo Sender

In its search for truth, humanity has developed three main approaches: the path of the mystic, the path of the Scholar, and the path of the Magus or Yogi. What are some methods of avoiding the pitfalls of these paths, particularly those of the Magus?

- 17: (Friday) The Voice of the Silence (Study papers 14 & 15)

- 20: (Monday) Morning Study Group

NOVEMBER

- 7: (Friday) A Mind to Embrace the Universe—DVD with Adam Warcup

With ideas taken from H. P. Blavatsky's great work, "The Secret Doctrine," this program explores the capabilities of the human mind.

- 17: (Monday) Morning Study Group

- 21: (Friday) The Voice of the Silence (Study papers 16 & 17)

- 23: (Sunday) Healing without Medicine: from Pioneers to Modern Practice
Guest speaker and author, Albert Amao, PhD (see page 4)

DECEMBER:

- 5: (Friday) Member's presentations on what they are studying

- 14: (Sunday) Holiday Party at 2 PM

- 15: (Monday) Morning Study Group

- 19: (Friday) *No meeting* Happy Holidays!

Friday, Sept. 19, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Bellamy House
Guest presentation by Thomas Nehrer on his new book:

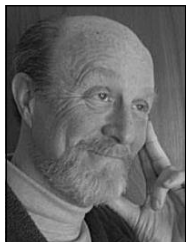
THE ILLUSION OF "TRUTH"

The Real Jesus Behind the Grand Myth

The Illusion of "Truth" is a multifaceted look at Jesus of Nazareth, his message and religions created, not from his insights into reality, but on fantasy and lore concocted about him. Tom Nehrer builds on scholarly research through a personal level of consciousness, exposing myths to find the real Yeshua who trod dusty roadways of first-century Judea. Understanding Jesus' "Kingdom of Heaven within" requires extensive perspective.

The Illusion of "Truth" explores: historical, social, political and traditional settings for Jesus' appearance; the mindset of ancients – how superstitious peasants imagined divine manipulation; modern man's mindset – how causality is projected not only onto gods, but onto real world forces, luck, chance and fate, all illusory processes; how life really works – metaphysical connection of Self to Reality, an inner-outer flow; how beliefs create illusions – masking Reality's flow with shared notions of "Truth"; many caveats to accepting Gospel accounts as reliable reports of any substance; the real life of Jesus – how the man grew from first-century Jewish thinking to fully visionary status, aware of the Self as driving force in life; the Parables whose rich stories reveal Jesus' awareness of the functional Oneness of Consciousness/Reality; a deeply critical look at Christianity – its early growth, smothering of alternate explanations and claims to represent true traditions back through the apostles to Jesus. That claim is shown as bogus, when Gospel writers only show apostles as unable to grasp Jesus' Kingdom illustrations. The Illusion of "Truth" reveals not only how life works and how Jesus was fully aware of its meaning-based flow – but how Christianity grew from ancient notions and layered myth about Jesus, rather than insights from him.

THE ILLUSION OF "TRUTH"
The Real Jesus Behind the Grand Myth
Christian Alternative, February, 2014



Expanding awareness, **Tom Nehrer** morphed from chemical engineer – later software developer – to intractable visionary. Triggered by an early mystic experience, spurred by an ever-questioning intellect, Tom delved inward. Mastering techniques to explore the psyche, he personally reshaped his technical career – from inside out – into a life of travel, writing and speaking.

Tom's website, *nehrer.net*, accessed widely and always free, three books and over 200 international talks communicate unique awareness of life's inner-outer flow. Never seeking followers or accepting donations, not establishing movements or commercial ventures, the robust 67-year-old endeavors to share liberating, beneficial insights from his personal clarity of awareness.

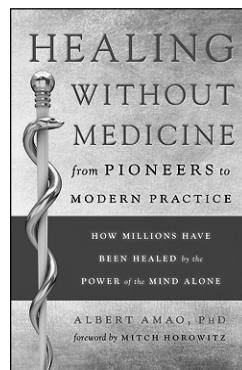
Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Bellamy House
 Guest presentation by Albert Amao on his new book:

HEALING WITHOUT MEDICINE

From PIONEERS to MODERN PRACTICE

As a man thinketh, so is he—thus is the biblical King Solomon often quoted by proponents of New Thought, one of the most influential native religious movements in America. Albert Amao provides an engaging and serious history of this and related movements from the eighteenth century to the present. His discussion ranges from Phineas P. Quimby, the father of New Thought, and Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, to Myrtle Fillmore, cofounder of Unity Church of Christianity, William James, the father of American psychology, and leaders in the emerging field of Energy Psychology. Amao's aim is to provide a rational explanation of the power of thought to heal the mind and body. *All methods of mind/spiritual healing are self-healing*, he says; we all have an inner capacity to heal ourselves. He examines cases of contemporary New Thought leaders who self-healed from "incurable" diseases free of medicine, and he describes the mechanism that triggered their healing. Their experiences have benefited millions of followers worldwide. The beauty of New Thought, says Amao, is that it empowers us to become conscious co-creators of our well-being and achieve success in other areas of life beyond recovering our health.

HEALING WITHOUT MEDICINE
From Pioneers to Modern Practice
 Quest Books, April 2014
 \$19.95 paper / Also available as E-Book



Albert Amao, PhD is a graduate of San Marcos University, Lima-Peru. He holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and is a clinical hypnotherapist and holistic counselor. He is an ongoing Ageless Wisdom seeker and has studied metaphysics, New Thought philosophy, Hermetic Qabalah, and depth psychology most of his life, and he also lectures widely on these topics.

HARTFORD/MERIDEN STUDY CENTER

Water's Edge Rehab Center, 111 Church Street, Middletown, CT

Meeting Information

The Hartford/Meriden Study Group meets on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (7-9pm) at the Water's Edge Health & Rehab Center, 111 Church St, Middletown, CT. For program information, directions or schedule changes, contact Andrew Davies at: superchipower@yahoo.co.uk or by phone at 860-295-9837. Susan O'Neill is the book agent for our group. You can reach her by phone at 860-649-2534.

Schedule 2014

Tues., Sept 9:	Man, Son of Man by Sri Madhava Ashish
Tues., Sept. 23:	Man, Son of Man
Tues., Oct. 14:	Man, Son of Man
Tues, Oct. 28:	Chakra Meditation Special guest presentation by Angella Focas
Tues., Nov. 11:	Man, Son of Man
Tues., Nov. 25	Man, Son of Man
Tues., Dec. 9:	Man, Son of Man
Tues., Dec. 23:	Man, Son of Man

Angella Focas is an artist, poet, and inspirational counselor who practices therapeutic touch and reads Egyptian cartouche cards at Quest Bookshop in New York City. She has studied many spiritual traditions over the years.

