



THEOSOPHICAL NETWORK OF FLORIDA

Spring 2010

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Florida Federation Convention: March 12-14, 2010

The Florida Federation is pleased to announce the plans for the 2010 Convention at the St. Petersburg Lodge. We are trying something different this year. We are lengthening the program by starting earlier on Friday, March 12th. The intent of our 3-day program is to have more time to build the energy of Universal Brotherhood.

Read what our founder Helena Blavatsky had to say on the value of group work at the fourth annual convention of The Theosophical Society in America in 1890. She asked the attendees to look at how much they had “...*accomplished by the power of union and unselfish devotion to the work. Once united in real solidarity, in the true spirit of Universal Brotherhood, no power can overthrow you, no obstacle bar your progress, no barrier check the advance of Theosophy in the coming century.*”

She continued, “...*there is a power behind the Society which will give us the strength we need, which will enable us to move the world, if we will but UNITE and WORK as one mind, one heart. The Masters require only that each shall do his best, and, above all, that each shall strive in reality to feel himself one with his fellow workers.*” Blavatsky went on to say, “*See and realize what great results can be achieved by those who are really in earnest and unite unselfishly to work for humanity.*” (Pages 153-154, H. P. Blavatsky’s Collected Writings, Vol. XII.)

We do the WORK in our lodges, study centers and membership at large by living and sharing Theosophical ideas. But the WORK is strengthened by us as a Group as we unite at the Convention. By doing so, we must not underestimate our power to assist in the progress of humanity.

In the spirit of Helena Blavatsky’s wisdom, we encourage everyone to make a special effort to attend all three days of the Convention, so that we can truly feel ourselves at one with our fellow workers.

Judith Snow will kick-off the Convention at 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon with a presentation on the subject of *The Soul and How We Communicate With Ours*. Later, after dining at the award winning Ajante Indian Restaurant, we will reconvene at the St. Petersburg Lodge to enjoy the opening ceremony, followed by a special talk by Dr. Rafael Catala, who will share insights from his career-long experience with *Self-Realization in the Here and Now*.

This newsletter is dedicated largely to introducing the presenters, their topic descriptions and the conference schedule. We think you will be as excited as we are at the prospect of hearing these distinguished presenters, and being able to share ideas with them and with each other. As Blavatsky once said in this regard, we therefore strengthen the hands of the Masters.

—By Judith Snow-Clewell

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2010 FLORIDA FEDERATION CONVENTION PRESENTERS



Friday, March 12th 4:00-5:00 pm
Judith Snow, M.A.

What is the Soul and How Do We Communicate with Ours?

Poetry and songs opine on the Soul. Religions formulate rules for saving our Souls, but what actually is the Soul? How can we sense the Soul? Can we live our lives as a Soul?

Bio: Judith Snow is President of the Florida Federation and has helped to start both the Tallahassee and Bradenton Theosophical Study Centers. She is a long time student of the Ageless Wisdom as presented through the teachings of Theosophy, Alice Bailey and Agni Yoga. She is also a professional singer, songwriter and actress, so don't be surprised if songs and poetry creep into this informative presentation.

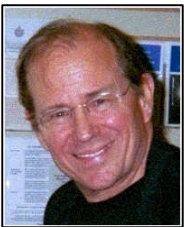


Friday, March 12th 8:15-9:15 pm
Dr. Rafael Catala

Spiritual Realization in the Here and Now.

Dr. Catala's method of presentation is to meditate with the audience in Oneness, and then speak as he feels appropriate to the group. This is not channeling.

Bio: Dr. Rafael Catala is an accomplished writer, lecturer and internationally recognized speaker. For many years he studied and taught the work of Joel Goldsmith's *The Infinite Way*. Dr. Catala is author of nine books, five on poetry, one on literary scholarship and three on the spiritual life. These latter three are: ***Sufficient Unto Itself Is the Day; Letters to a Student, and Mysticism of Now: The Art of Being Alive.*** He is president of the St. Petersburg Lodge.



Saturday, March 13th 9:30-11:00 am
Dr. Scott Olsen

The Golden Section: Nature's Greatest Secret.

The golden section is otherwise known as *phi*, the golden mean or the golden ratio. It is one of the most elegant and beautiful ratios in the universe. This ratio appears throughout nature—in water, DNA, the proportions of fish, butterflies, the number of teeth we possess, in art, architecture, music, philosophy, science and mathematics. What is this great mystery of the Divine Logos staring us in the face at every turn, the knowledge of which can help us on our quest for the True, the Good and the Beautiful?

Saturday, March 13th 11:15-12:15 pm
Dr. Scott Olsen

Buddha, Plato and the Path to Enlightenment

In the Mahatma letters to A.P. Sinnet, Master K.H. writes that Buddha and Plato were 5th rounders, both far in advance of their time. Dr. Olsen will explore the suggestion of the Ageless Wisdom that they represent the

ultimate goal and innate heritage of humanity, a state of enlightenment which involves certain universal features, namely, omniscience (all knowing), omnipotence (all-power), omnipresence (identification with the entire universe), being infused with utterly brilliant light, and ecstasy or bliss.

Bio: Dr. Scott Olsen is Professor of Philosophy and Comparative Religion at Central Florida Community College and also lectures widely on the Wisdom Traditions. He trained with physicist David Bohm, world religion expert Huston Smith, sacred geometer Keith Critchlow, and artist and author John Michell. Others he has worked with are NASA astronaut Edgar Mitchell and esotericist Dr. Douglas Baker. He assisted author Alexey Stakhov in the writing of ***Harmony Mathematics.*** Dr. Olsen's recent book ***The Golden Section: Nature's Greatest Secret*** has received rave reviews.



Saturday, March 13th 2:15-3:15 pm
Aryel Sanat

Waiting for Krishnamurti

Aryel Sanat shares his life experiences in the context of his encounters with J. Krishnamurti, which was at first through books, then by attending his talks and participating in dialogues with others, and then culminating in a life-transforming week-long private gathering at Krishnamurti's home in Ojai, California in March, 1979.

Bio: Aryel Sanat, author of the book *The Inner Life of Krishnamurti*, was born in Cuba and first read *First Principles of Theosophy* by Jinarajadasa at age 13. This confirmed what he "knew" from earlier on, so he began to call himself "a theosophist". Since 1963, he has researched, meditatively, the esoteric foundations of Theosophy in the works of HPB and her teachers, and throughout history, primarily Buddhism. This research led to discovering that the esoteric has always been about the me's death. No one has focused on this more than Krishnamurti, hence Aryel's interest in J.K.



Saturday, March 13th 3:20-4:00 pm
Dikki-Jo Mullen

Astrology and Theosophy

This program is inspired by the astrological information given to us through Alice Bailey, and also by Alan Leo, founder of the Astrological Lodge of the Theosophical Society. It will be an exploration of the deeper esoteric truths within the birth signs and planets. Astrological links to The Seven Rays will be presented to help people find spiritual guidance contained within their personal birth chart. Both seasoned astrologers and novices will to enjoy this program.

Bio: Dikki-Jo Mullen is a professional astrologer and paranormal investigator. She is the President of the Winter Park Study Center and has been involved in Theosophy since the early 1980's. She has presented regular astrology forecasts for television and radio broadcasts in the Orlando area. Her detailed

forecasts appear in *Dell Horoscope*, *The Witches' Almanac*, and *Orlando Style* publications. She is the author of seven books including the recently published *Koo Hollie and the Corn Goddess Chronicle*, a metaphysical allegory and adventure story which doubles as a text book about astrology and ghost hunting.



Saturday, March 13th 4:15-5:15 pm

Dr. Navin Vibhakar

The Joy Hidden in Sorrow

This is a presentation on reflections from an Indian Buddhist Monastery with the consideration of the eight principles of Buddhism or *Ashtang*.

Bio: Navin Vibhakar is a medical doctor and author. He has been a Theosophist since 1976. He migrated from Tanzania, East Africa in 1992 and has maintained membership in various TS Lodges. He was Florida Federation treasurer for eight years and has given many talks at Theosophical events. He writes short stories, fictions, memoirs, and travel books. His African series covered the late President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Dictator Idi Amin, Nelson Mandela, and genocide in Rwanda. His most recent book is on Terrorism.



Saturday, March 13th, 7:30-9:30 pm

Enrique Renard

The Angelic or Devic Kingdom

(Talk and slide show presentation)

The Devic Kingdom, largely relegated to the realm of fantasy by the public at large, represents in fact a remarkable reality. This presentation will explain

why the idea of angels is something perfectly feasible, as well as the fundamental role this Kingdom plays in the unfolding of Humanity. The show includes slides depicting the real aspect of angels as observed clairvoyantly.

Bio: Enrique Renard is a former functionary of the United Nations Headquarters in New York. A Chilean by birth, he is at present retired from the Organization and lives in Florida, where he teaches Theosophy. He is a Life Member of the Theosophical Society in America and a 50 year student of esoteric philosophy, with studies at AMORC, the Rosicrucian Fellowship and The Martinist Order.



Sunday, March 14th, 9:15-10:45 am

Judith Snow, M.A.

Life, Death and Beyond:

What Near-Death and

Other Mystical Experiences Tell Us

From its inception, the Theosophical Society has led the way in describing life-after-death. Current research on

near-death type experiences substantiates and amplifies Theosophical teachings. Such experiences transform the experiencers in extraordinary ways and their first-hand accounts inspire and change those of us who hear them speak of the Soul, the Light, heaven, hell, the purpose of life, and more. Ms. Snow is a member of the International Association of Near-Death Studies (IANDS) and speaks regularly on this subject.

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The St. Petersburg Theosophical Lodge reports the passing of John Tzaras on October 23, 2009. For over 30 years he was the pillar that kept our Lodge going through both good and bad times. He continues being the light he was during his incarnation on this Earth for his presence is still felt by many at Lodge Meetings.



2010 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

ST. PETERSBURG LODGE

723 17th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713 / Telephone: (727) 433-3258

Friday, March 12th

3:00-4:00 pm Registration and Fellowship
 4:00-5:00 pm Judith Snow: *"What is the Soul and How Do We Communicate with Ours."*
 5:00-7:30 pm Dinner together at Ajanti Indian Restaurant (in the Ramada Inn Mirage Hotel).
 7:45 pm **Official Convention Opening:**
 Announcements
 Prayers of the Religions
 Greetings from Lodges and Study Centers
 8:15-9:15 pm Rafael Catala: *"Spiritual Realization in the Here and Now."*

Saturday, March 13th

8:30-9:30 am Registration, Snacks, Fellowship
 9:30-11:00 am Scott Olsen: *"The Golden Section: Nature's Greatest Secret."*
 11-11:15 am 15 minute break
 11:15-12:15 pm Scott Olsen: *"Buddha, Plato and the Path to Enlightenment."*
 12:15-2:15 pm Lunch
 2:15-3:15 pm Aryel Sanat: *"Waiting for Krishnamurti."*
 3:15-3:20 pm 5 minute break
 3:20- 4:00 pm Dikki-Jo Mullen: *"Astrology & Theosophy."*
 4:00-4:15 pm 15 minute break
 4:15-5:15 pm Navin Vibhakar: *"The Joy Hidden in Sorrow."*
 5:15-7:15 pm Dinner
 7:30-9:30 pm Enrique Renard: *"The Angelic and Devic Kingdom"* (Talk and Slide show)

Sunday, March 14th

7:45-9:00 am Esoteric Section Meeting (E.S. members only)
 9:15-10:45 am Judith Snow: *"Life, Death & Beyond: What Near-Death & Other Mystical Experiences Tell Us."*
 10:45-11:00 am 15 minute break
 11:00-12:00 noon Florida Federation Business Meeting. (Open to all.)
 12:00 noon Lunch at a local restaurant.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: THE RAMADA INN MIRAGE, 5005 34th St. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33714. Special Group Rate of \$65/night (normally \$79.99/night). Deadline to book for this rate is March 1st. For reservations call (727) 525-1181, and say you are with the Theosophical Society. (The Ajante Indian Restaurant is in the Ramada Inn.)

DIRECTIONS: To get directions to the Lodge, type into your internet browser www.google.maps.com. When the site comes up click on "get directions." Enter your address and the address of the St. Petersburg Lodge and you will get door to door directions, total mileage and travel time. If you have no computer available or need further assistance, call Judith Snow at 941-531-3879 (home), or Ginger Jordan at: 772-388-9585 (home) or 772-766-5645 (cel).

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SUGGESTED DONATIONS

For the 3 days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: \$15-\$25.

Pre-Registration by mail for the 3 days: \$10-\$15.

Registration at the door for just one day: \$5-\$10.

Come join us!



The Three Declared Objects of THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

1. To form a nucleus of the universal brotherhood of humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, or color.
2. To encourage the comparative study of Religion, Philosophy, and Science.
3. To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

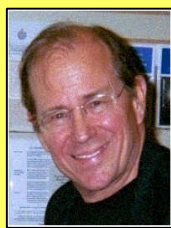
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