

Theosophical Society of Cleveland – Besant Lodge

Winter/Spring – Programs

Sunday, January 8, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Astrological Forecasts by JJ Warner. Bring in 2012 With Metaphysician/astrologer JJ WARNER. JJ will give us a FASCINATING peek into the future with 2012 predictions. You will hear about events, romance & other trends, for each zodiac sign for the exciting new year. Don't miss this exciting chance to delve into the future.

Sunday, January 22, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A Clearing the Negativity from Your Life by Melinda Carver. This workshop explains the five variants (in detail) that bring negative energy into your being, your home and your work space. After reviewing these 5 variants, she will then teach how to clear your negative energy using free or inexpensive tools. The tools to bring positive energy into your life are easily accessible and found in your home, garden, grocery or new age store. Melinda will tell you what they are and how to use each one. Everyone attending will then know how to bring positive energy, people and events into their life.

Sunday, February 5, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Snow date: February 12)

Ancient Spirituality, Modern Practice by Neal Szpatura. Shamanism is often described as "the first spiritual practice of humanity," with traditions and techniques that can be traced back more than 5,000 years. Evidence of shamanism has been found in every culture and on every continent throughout the world since the dawn of mankind. More importantly, its legacy, methods and belief structures can be useful today in personal growth and healing. This month's presentation will cover a basic introduction to shamanism and its practice as a modern path for spiritual growth and personal development.

Neal Szpatura is a shamanic practitioner, writer, Tarot reader and intuitive consultant. He has studied with the Foundation for Shamanic Studies and in independent study with its faculty, as well as with indigenous teachers from North and South America, Africa, and Australia. He teaches shamanic practice, dreamwork and intuitive development and works with clients on sacred path issues.

Sunday, February 19, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Creation Story; Putting It All Together by Gary Saus. Based on a chemistry demonstration of the second quantum number, Gary came to the realization of the order and geometry of the universe. A study of basic science concepts and comparing them to spiritual principles leads one to the hypothesis that the ancients knew the secrets of the universe. Science is only now proving them to be true. This presentation explores the unity of science concepts and religion through scientific theories, numerology, sacred geometry, astrology, etc.

Sunday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Connecting to Trees for Energizing, Healing and Renewal in 2012 by Renie Brooksieker. Participants will have an opportunity to take a time out to discover how connecting to trees, their magic and medicine can help themselves and those around them energize, renew and may be even heal. We will explore both the medicinal and spiritual aspects of the special tree of the month and all will leave knowing what tree has a special connection for them.

Background: Renie is an enthusiastic teacher and lecturer as well as a non- denominational Minister, Reiki Master, RN; Medical Intuitive, Medium, Certified Hypno Therapist, and Astrologer. She is an excited champion of Trees, Cycles of Nature, Alternative Healing Modalities, Dreaming, Labyrinths, Medicine Wheels and Sacred Geometry as vehicles for uncovering and discovering the wisdom of our one heart. Renie's mission is to seek and evoke the best in herself and others in unique and imaginative ways, through a vehicle of love and harmony.

Saturday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.

Drumming. Theme: All our Ancestors. Facilitator: Bev Cotton

Sunday, March 18, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open Meditation. Planting the Seeds for Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality or Reflections on the Mystical Wheel of the Year. Facilitator: Barbara Pierce

New classes and programs may be added at any time. All Classes are subject to change. Please remember to check the website for these changes, or contact the class facilitators.

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All classes are by donation (\$5 suggested) unless stated otherwise. All donations are welcome.

Special Two-day workshop from the National Theosophical Society

This is a special presentation and attendance will be limited to 45 attendees.

Members will be given first preference.

Please **RSVP** to president@clevelandtheosophy.org

Saturday, April 14*, and Sunday, April 15, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Raja Yoga in the Aquarian Age. Presented by Terry Hunt, National Theosophical Society Speaker

The aphorisms of Patanjali were written centuries ago in an era very different from our own. These aphorisms give important hints for controlling the mind and the emotions, but most importantly, they give us valuable information on how to create a reliable contact with our Higher Self. How can we use modern inroads into human psychology to help us meet this goal? Together, we will learn and practice some new forms of visualization and meditation we can implement in our daily life in order to attain the goals of Raja Yoga.

- What is the nature of the soul, the Higher Self?
- Practical techniques of creative visualization
- Developing your own spiritual practice
- Understanding the nature of emotions
- Buddhi manas vs. kama manas
- Techniques for individual and group meditations
- Control of thoughts and emotions
- Creating positive thought patterns in your life

* The Saturday presentation will be followed by a vegetarian pot luck dinner for Besant Lodge Members. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Your Soul's Plan: Discovering the Real Meaning of the Life You Planned Before You Were Born by Robert Schwartz. The book *Your Soul's Plan: Discovering the Real Meaning of the Life You Planned Before You Were Born* by Robert Schwartz (www.yoursoulsplan.com) explores the premise that we are all eternal souls who plan our lives, including our greatest challenges, before we're born for purposes of spiritual growth. The book contains ten true stories of people who planned physical illness, having disabled children, deafness, blindness, drug addiction, alcoholism, losing a loved one, and severe accidents. The information about their pre-birth plans was obtained by four gifted mediums and channels. The book presents the actual conversations people had with their future parents, children, spouses, friends, and other loved ones when they planned their lives together. For readers, suffering that once seemed purposeless becomes imbued with deep meaning. Wisdom may be acquired in a more conscious manner; feelings of anger, guilt, blame, and victimization are healed and replaced by acceptance, forgiveness, gratitude, and peace. May be ordered on the Your Soul's Plan web site, from all Amazon sites, and from your local library or bookstore. Author Bio -In a personal session with a medium in 2003, author Robert Schwartz was astonished to speak with nonphysical beings who knew everything about him - not just what he had done in life, but also what he had thought and felt. They told him that he had planned many of his most difficult experiences before he was born. Realizing that knowledge of pre-birth planning would bring great healing to people and allow them to understand the deeper purpose of their life challenges, he decided to devote his life to the study of pre-birth planning. The extraordinary insights that have emerged from his work speak to our heartfelt, universal yearning to know why.

Sunday, May 6, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

New Members Tea.

Sunday, June 10, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rededication and Initiation. Members only.

Saturday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.

Drumming. Theme: To be announced. Facilitator: Bev Cotton

Sunday, June 24, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The End Is Not Near It Is Here!!! by Carol Fellure. There were times when Jesus admonished his disciples to have "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". He was of course referring to spiritual eyes and ears. He was asking that they look beyond the surface, beyond the mere physical appearances and see more deeply. He was asking that they see the inner reality, that they learn to live in a greater spiritual manner.

It is true that the Mayan Long Count Calendar ends on December 21st of 2012. This has spawned much discussion about its significance, and there have been all sorts of predictions including cataclysms and even

the end of the world. But if you look closely at the situation you see that the calendar has to do with time, and so the most likely, and the most commonly expressed significance of the 2012 date is that it points to the end of time, not the end of the world. Some might say, what's the difference, aren't both consequences essentially the same? And the answer is no. In actuality, time has never really existed. Einstein knew this and once commented to the effect that time was really only an illusion, although a very difficult one. He knew this, but even he had neither the eyes nor the ears to fully penetrate this mystery. So, time is not coming to an end, it has never actually been here except in the illusions of our minds. Perhaps 2012 marks the time when our eyes will be opened sufficiently to see through the veil of time. Only time will tell.)

THREE OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

- To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color,
- To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science,
- To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in man.

Theosophical Society of Cleveland, Besant Lodge Winter/Spring 2012 Classes

MONDAYS

Lessons in Metaphysics, Self Improvement Course, Rishi Institute of Metaphysics

Weekly class for an ongoing study of metaphysical concepts exploring the Divine nature inherent in all of creation. Lessons offer physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual opportunity for self improvement and spiritual awakening as Universal Laws of Nature are identified. This course uses The Path of Light by Dr. Robert W. Cary and Regina E. Lorr as its main reference material. Contacts: Annette Taber, 440-671-0789 or Robert W. Cary, 216-486-7240. (7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Starting February 6)

TUESDAYS

Reiki Instruction/Hands on Healing

Class begins with a brief meditation, followed by hands-on healing treatments. Those wanting treatments, please arrive on time so we know how many we will be treating. Reiki I, II and III instruction is offered. All are welcome. Facilitator: Bev Cotton, 440-333-2152 (9:30 a.m. Every Tuesday Morning, Starting January 10, Please check with facilitator on bad snow days)

Predictive Astrology

The purpose of this class is to demonstrate the cyclic nature of events in human evolution and the laws of nature correlating planetary placements with human events. The interconnectedness of all things will be studied. Everything has a horoscope--people, places, organizations. Books and materials to be used: Predictive Astrology, Case studies in Horary Astrology, Astrology and Theosophy, and Astrology for Initiates. Facilitator: Rich Denson, 330-725-7467 (7:30 to 9:00 p.m., first Tuesday of each month)

Search for God: Edgar Cayce Discussion, Meditation/Study Group

Study group of finding truths in our lives through meditation, dream study, inspiration and their outer reflections. Facilitator Michael Murphy, 330-562-4238 (7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Second Tuesday of each month)

Open Library

Facilitator: Rich Denson, 330-725-7467 (8:00 to 9:00 p.m., Third Tuesday of each month)

Edgar Cayce Discussion

We will study different cultures according to Edgar Cayce. Discussion, videos, tapes are used. Facilitator: Michael Murphy, 330-562-4238 (7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesday of each month)

WEDNESDAYS

Discussion/Meditation Group

This class will use DVD's/Videos/ CD's on a variety of Theosophical and metaphysical topics. In addition to the discussion of the topic a contemplative meditation will follow. Topics such as: The Seven Rays, Runes, Tao of Physics, Bhagavad Gita, Karma, Principles of the Secret Doctrine, and The Mystery of Consciousness may be presented. Facilitator: Rich Ryba, 440-842-2387 Facilitator: Art Miccio, 330-562-8938 (1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Every Starting April 11)

THURSDAYS

Joel Goldsmith's Teachings

Facilitator: Rich Ryba, 440-842-2387 or Joy McKee, 330-467-4324 (10:00 a.m. to Noon Starting April 12)

Practical Guidance for the Seeker, The Application of Theosophical Principles

How can we apply the concepts and principles taught in Theosophy? How can we develop insight and understanding of ourselves and our existence? How can these guide us to the next step in our evolution? This class will view and discuss the talks on Spiritual Intuition and Inner Joy by Ed Abdill. He weaves together many thought provoking concepts and principles. He then tells how the application of these in our everyday lives can help us to progress on our journey thru time and space. This is also a wonderful overview of Theosophical concepts for the person new to Theosophy as well as a refresher for "experienced" theosophists. Facilitator: Dianna Dusek 440-232-7543 (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., March 29, April 5, 12, and 19)

Introduction to Theosophy

This is an introductory class for those interested in Theosophy and/or new members of Theosophy. It will present an overview of the organization, the objects, and its principles. It will use the booklet The Mysteries of Existence and selections from presentations given by the Theosophical Society. Facilitator: Dianna Dusek, 440-232-7543. (May 24 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. OR 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

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