# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## **OCTOBER** 2017

We are happy to continue our Friday night meetings. Movies or lectures will be presented, followed by thoughtful open discussions.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. \$5 Suggested Donation **From 6:30 to 6:55** is time for socializing and browsing through the bookstore and library.

#### Oct 6 What Plants Talk About - A Wake-Up Call to Eco Spirituality

Video facilitated by Mary Hawkins

This DVD, presented on PBS's Nature program, is hard-core science effortlessly integrated with a lighthearted look at how plants behave, revealing a world where plants are as busy, responsive, and complex as we are. Mary Hawkins facilitates, combining this knowledge with the profound wisdom contained in the classic book, The Secret Life of Plants. At her conclusion, you may want to rush out and hug a tree or, in the least, express your appreciation for the "super-intelligent" web of life! Our audience's first-hand experiences with all forms of plants will certainly be encouraged. Mary is a current TSD Board Member and Treasurer. She is also an advocate for Natural Health and Social and Environmental Justice.

## Oct 13 Superstition and Belief

Interactive Presentation, facilitated by Randall Olson

Black cats crossing a path, walking under ladders, breaking mirrors, crossing fingers, knocking on wood, and many other forms of superstitious behavior persist into our modern world. Celebrate Friday the 13th with an interactive presentation on the origin of superstitions, their psychological justifications, and how our beliefs about the world bend our expectations and thus subjective reality. Randall Olson graduated from Central Michigan University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science, double majoring in Philosophy and Religion.

#### Oct 20 Creative Evolution

Video with Professor Amrit Goswami facilitated by Mary Jo Kokochak

Dr. Goswami is a theoretical quantum physicist and a pioneer of the new paradigm of science called "science within consciousness". He takes us beyond Darwinism to a whole new way of thinking about evolution and God, mind and matter; and, discusses how to engage in both outer and inner creativity. Mary Jo is current President of the Theosophical Society in Detroit.

## Oct 27 The Key to Theosophy: Making the Divine Conscious, Awake, and Workable Lecture by Robert Thibodeau

The Key to Theosophy and The Voice of the Silence were H. P. Blavatsky's final books. They were intended by her as a last attempt for the spiritual transmission of virtue, mind training, and wisdom empowerment - enabling the "immortal part to become consciously divine by the assimilation of Higher Manas". Robert is owner of the Mayflower Bookshop and a noted astrologer.

Nov 3 History of Peace Movement in USA. Lecture by Randall Olson

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## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

If you have any questions or comments about our ongoing activities, please call (248) 545-1961 or email theosodet@gmail.com

## SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER 10:00 AM TO NOON

October 14 ..... Basic Dreamwork: Healthy Sleep & Dreams with Margaret Dwyer, PhD

October 21 ..... Meditation Workshop with Hartmut Sagolla

October 28 ...... Basic Dreamwork: Healthy Sleep & Dreams with Margaret Dwyer, PhD

## MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM

**BOOK STUDY** 

**NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 9** 

The Divine Plan by Geoffrey A. Barborka

The Divine Plan was written in the form of a commentary on H.P. Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine expressly for those who wish to read and gain a deeper understanding of the Secret Doctrine – presenting an exposition of the Doctrines of Esoteric Philosophy.

#### Tuesdays: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

MEMBERS' MEETING AND STUDY

Talks on the Path of Occultism Vol 3 – "Light on the Path" by Annie Besant & C.W. Leadbeater

This book is one of a trilogy, being commentaries on three classics – At the feet of the Master, The Voice of the Silence, and Light on the Path - considered the mystical gems of Theosophical Literature. They throw light on the deep significance and far-reaching implications of the perennial teachings embodied in these three classics whose subject matter is the path of inner transformation and spiritual realization.

### WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**OPEN DISCUSSION** 

## Open Forum facilitated by Gary Contesti

Gary Contesti is continuing the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide-ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology, Rosicrucian thought, and more.

# **BOOKSTORE HOURS** HAVE BEEN EXTENDED!

**TUESDAYS** 

SATURDAYS

NOON to 3:00 PM

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Theosophical Society in Detroit parking is limited. . .

The **good news** is...the Vinsetta Garage restaurant (next door) offers free valet parking for people attending our programs. Just tell the parking attendant that you are attending a program at the Theosophical Society of Detroit.

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