



# THEOSOPHICAL NETWORK OF FLORIDA

Spring 2011

## 2011 FLORIDA FEDERATION CONVENTION March 11-13, 2011 at the San Pedro Retreat in Winter Park, Florida

### *"H. P. Blavatsky's Esoteric Teachings"*

*A seminar presented by Martin Leiderman*

In this seminar we'll cover the main occult ideas presented in H.P. Blavatsky's greatest book, *The Secret Doctrine*, with emphasis on its Vol. 1 or Cosmogogenesis. These ideas are, in HPB's words, "not a revelation from an anthropomorphic god, but the result of an old oral tradition."



gain knowledge and insights, that during those moments of reflection and meditation we can turn into Illuminating Wisdom that brings union or yoga with those ideas and help us realize our place in this magnificent evolutionary Chain of Being, and live our lives according to those natural laws.

In her work she outlined the cyclic evolution of the Cosmos and of the human being in terms that may seem abstruse, confusing, and challenging to all of us. Nevertheless, when these ideas are apprehended as a whole, they will provide a wonderful image of a Universe where Light and Life infuse purpose, harmony, order, hierarchy, and beauty to their parts.

I welcome all of you to explore together in a participatory and peaceful atmosphere, and as students of Theosophy or Divine-Wisdom, how H. P. Blavatsky and her Masters presented elements of the Genesis of the Universe with all its wonderful Laws and Beings. This Universe is built upon a pattern based on the number Seven. By the use of the Law of Analogy and Correspondence we will appreciate and learn the Divine Plan in the Mind of the Logos. The outcome, therefore, is to

Our path during this seminar is to review, study, illustrate, and link ideas such as: The One Absolute Reality; The Logos and Demiurge; The Hierarchy of the Divine Beings; Fohat (Cosmic or Divine Energy, which is the bridge between the Archetypical Ideas and the Cosmic Matter); the pilgrimage of the Monad (Spirit-Soul) through the various kingdoms of Nature; and lastly, Blavatsky's use of the Law of Analogy and Correspondence.

All these topics will be fully illustrated from the Eastern and Western sacred texts, including Alchemy, Kabbalah, Platonic, and Hermetic traditions. Handouts with most quotes will be provided. You may also bring to this workshop *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. I.

—Martin Leiderman

### *Helena P. Blavatsky and "The Secret Doctrine"*



Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (1831-1891), one of the founders of the Theosophical Society was a remarkable woman who made a great impact on the thought of the Western world. In her own day, she was controversial because of her extraordinary abilities of extrasensory perception, her forthright and outspoken nature, and her fearless attacks on hypocrisy and bigotry. Even today, she continues to be the center of curiosity and attention as the precursor of "new" ideas. Her great metaphysical knowledge is embodied in her literary work *The Secret Doctrine* which has directly or indirectly influenced inquiring minds all over the world.

# *A Theosophical Gathering of Love and Light and an Evening of Inspiring Music*



We invite you to join us at the San Pedro Retreat Center in Winter Park, Florida, for a theosophical gathering of love and light with Martin Leiderman's seminar *H. P. Blavatsky's Esoteric Teachings*, followed by an evening of inspiring musical and artistic inspiration with Florida Federation's own professional performers on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

—Judith Snow-Clewell



## **SACRED DANCE**



An inspiring presentation by performing artist Nori Rao. Sacred Dance origins can be traced back to the High Priestesses of the Dendera Temple near Luxor, in Egypt, although its original origins date back to the beginning of time. All attendees are welcome to participate on this

unique experience of the Art of Movement and Music.

## **THE SEVEN RAYS, A Musical**



This is an original presentation, written and performed by professional singer, Judith Snow. The Seven Rays is a teaching revealed to us by Helena P. Blavatsky, Charles W. Leadbeater, Ernest Wood, and Alice A. Bailey. This presentation will inform

and inspire with beautiful visuals and familiar songs.

**Nori Rao** is a producer, radio talk show host, lecturer, frequent guest on Radio and TV, former Editor-in-Chief of *M.J. Magazine*, international performing artist. For several years her choreographies were an integral part of an acclaimed recording artist *Concerts*. Nori is also Florida Federation 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, former Director of Communications and past President.

**Judith Snow** is President of the Florida Federation, and a professional singer, songwriter and actress. Her musical career includes theatre, church singing and solo concerts. She has produced four CDs of original spiritual songs. Her great love is to educate the mind and inspire the heart in her original productions that combine the ageless wisdom teachings with music.



### **NEW & USED BOOK SALE AT CONVENTION**

We are a non-profit organization and we need your support! Want to help us raise funds? Bring your used books to sell at the Convention, proceeds to benefit the Federation. Price your books individually and bring a list of your books so that those that don't sell can be returned to you.

## **SHUTTLE SERVICE INFORMATION**

**To and from the Orlando International Airport to the San Pedro Retreat Center**

### **Premier Royale Shuttle Service**

**Telephones:** 1 (407) 208-1101 or 1 (800) 939-7517

**Costs:** 1-4 people arriving or departing at the same time

\$45 from Airport to San Pedro and \$40 from San Pedro to Airport. Reservations required.

**Note:** The reason why the price is different going from the Airport to San Pedro is that cars departing from Airport have to pay a \$5.00 fee to the Airport Authority. The price difference has nothing to do with buying a round-trip ticket.



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### MESSAGE TO ALL FLORIDA TSA MEMBERS

As published in our 2010 Fall-Winter Newsletter, the cut-off date for additional nominations for the Florida Federation Board was January 1, 2011.

Since no further nominations were received, we declare the above listed persons duly elected.

With warm good wishes, your Nominating Committee.

—Carol Hurd, Lillian Mayer & Nori Rao

### Upcoming Seminar in Ocala

The Ocala Study Center will co-sponsor a one-day seminar entitled "Different Pathways to Spirituality," February 5, 2011, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: \$15.

Federation President Judith Snow-Clewell will talk on Theosophy. Other presenters will speak on near-death experiences, meditation and the Monroe Institute. For more information contact Jean Brown at jbrown203@cox.net.

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## 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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