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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 @ 1:00 PM  
*A special presentation by Author Kurt Leland*  
**THE CHAKRAS:  
A MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR**

Anyone who has encountered the chakra system—the seven psychoenergetic centers originally described in the yoga tradition—wonders why there are so many opinions about the number of chakras, their locations in the body, their attributes (such as colors) and their functions, which are said to involve everything from physical health to sexual satisfaction, material abundance to spiritual enlightenment. Consciousness researcher and clairvoyant Kurt Leland takes us on a tour from the 1880s, when the chakras were first described in English in publications by the Theosophical Society, to the 1980s, when the present new-age system of colors and qualities finally came together—the result of an unintentional collaboration between Eastern gurus and Western scholars and psychologists, including Carl Jung and Joseph Campbell, as well as Theosophically inspired esotericists and the spiritual seekers of the 1960s who lived and taught at Esalen Institute in Big Sur, California.



**Kurt Leland** is a National Lecturer for the Theosophical Society in America. He is also an award-winning composer and the author of eight books. His latest, *Rainbow Body: A History of the Western Chakra System from Blavatsky to Brennan*, came out in November 2016. He has also annotated and provided an afterword for a new edition of Theosophical clairvoyant Charles W. Leadbeater's classic work *The Chakras*. He teaches classes in

how to perceive and work with the chakras to benefit our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual growth.

*This program will be held at the Theosophical Society Lodge & Library located in the Union Church of Christ Annex, 51 Center St. in Ludlow, MA.*



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**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN SPRINGFIELD, MA**  
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THE 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 comparative study of religion, philosophy, and science.
- To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

The Theosophical Society was founded in New York City on November 17, 1875 by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Henry Steel Olcott, William Quan Judge, and others. The Society, now with branches in some 70 countries of the world, has had its international headquarters and center at Adyar, Chennai (Madras), India since 1882.

[www.theosophical.org](http://www.theosophical.org)

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# The Theosophical World View

The Theosophical Society, while reserving for each member full freedom to interpret those teachings known as Theosophy, is dedicated to preserving and realizing the ageless wisdom, which embodies both a world view and a vision of human self-transformation.

This tradition is founded upon certain fundamental propositions.

- 1 The universe and all that exists within it are one interrelated and interdependent whole.
- 2 Every existent being—from atom to galaxy—is rooted in the same universal life-creating Reality. This Reality is all-pervasive, but it can never be summed up in its parts, since it transcends all its expressions. It reveals itself in the purposeful, ordered, and meaningful processes of nature as well as in the deepest recesses of the mind and spirit.
- 3 Recognition of the unique value of every living being expresses itself in reverence for life, compassion for all, sympathy with the need of individuals to find truth for themselves, and respect for every religious tradition. The ways in which these ideals become realities in individual life are both the privileged choice and the responsible act of every human being.

## The Springfield Branch...

... (*Lodge*) of the Theosophical Society in America was chartered on October 18, 1907 by Annie Besant. During our 110 year history, we have met for public and regularly scheduled members' meetings in a variety of locations including the Captain Leonard House in Agawam, the Edward Bellamy Homestead in Chicopee, meeting space at the Springfield Quadrangle, and member's homes.

## Our mission...

... to encourage open-minded inquiry into world religions, philosophy, science, and the arts in order to understand the wisdom of the ages, respect the unity of all life, and help people explore spiritual self-transformation.

### Lodge Officers

- President:*  
Pegg Dragon-Blumenthal
- Vice president:*  
Allen LeCours
- Secretary:*  
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- Treasurer:*  
Sylvia Knowles
- Directors:*  
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- Librarian:*  
Dorothy Beam
- Book Agent:*  
Allen LeCours

# Meeting Information

The Springfield Lodge office and library is located at the Union Church of Christ Annex, 51 Center St., Ludlow, MA. Meetings are held there twice monthly on Thursdays at 7 PM and on Mondays at 11 AM. Library hours are by appointment. For more information, call the lodge at 413-610-1661 or Pegg Dragon at 585-733-0700.

Two Board of Directors meetings for the Springfield Lodge have been scheduled for:

**September 7 @ 5:45—7:00 PM**  
**December 7 @ 5:45—7:00 PM**

## Monday Mornings at 11:00 AM

The morning group will continue studying A. E. Powell's books on the bodies of man.

September 11 & 25: ***The Astral Body***  
October 9 & 23: ***The Etheric Double***  
November 13 & 27: ***The Etheric Double***  
December 11: ***The Mental Body***

## Thursday Evenings at 7:00 PM *★unless otherwise noted*

- SEPTEMBER
- ★ 7 5:45—7:00 PM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING★  
7 Webcast — *Members' choice & discussion*
  - ★ 16—SATURDAY @ 1 PM - Special Presentation (*see description page 1*)  
***THE CHAKRAS: A MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR***
  - 21 ***Reincarnation: The Phoenix Fire Mystery*** — Sylvia Cranston, Ch. 5
- OCTOBER
- 5 Webcast — *Members' choice & discussion*
  - 19 ***Reincarnation: The Phoenix Fire Mystery*** — Sylvia Cranston, Ch. 6
- NOVEMBER
- 9 Webcast — *Members' choice & discussion*
  - 30 ***Reincarnation: The Phoenix Fire Mystery*** — Sylvia Cranston, Ch. 7
- DECEMBER
- ★ 7 5:45—7:00 PM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING★  
7 Webcast — *Members' choice & discussion*
  - ★ 16—SATURDAY @2 PM: ***HOLIDAY PARTY*** at Lodge