
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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April 2011

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. Movies begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.
From 6:30 to 6:55 is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library, and enjoying light refreshments.

- April 1 Soul Masters** -*Video*-In China, it is said that Dr. Guo can cure the incurable. When his representative in the West, Dr. Sha, heals her ailing father, an American filmmaker follows his return to China to visit his mentor. At Dr. Guo's clinic, she captures first-ever footage of breakthrough medical practices involving herbal medicine, fire massage and self-healing techniques. Dr. Sha returns to the States and his teachings spread across North America and Europe. Expanding on Dr. Guo's work, he teaches people the revolutionary discovery that binds these two Soul Masters: everything has a soul, and the soul can heal.
Doris Swalec will be the facilitator for the evening.
- April 8 Sacred Activism and Social Democracy** -*Video* - Andrew Harvey discusses Sacred Activism, which is the fusion of the deepest mystical knowledge and passion with wise focused radical action in the world. Special attention will be paid to the great evolutionary mystics Sri Aurobindo and Father Bede Griffiths, both of whom not only achieved enlightenment but grounded that enlightenment in increasingly divinized bodies.
Andrew Harvey was born in India and schooled in England, the youngest Fellow ever at Oxford University. His book, *A Journey in Ladakh*, sold 60,000 copies and won the Christmas Humphreys Prize. Harvey is coauthor of *Perfume of the Desert* (with Eyrk Hanut) and is a celebrated translator of Rumi. He lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more about the author, www.tgrady.com/harvey.htm.
Dan Sarasin will be facilitator for the evening.
- April 15 The Dice Game of Shiva** -*Video* - Richard Smoley explains the story of Shiva's dice game, in which the god always loses to his divine consort, is one of the most profound yet most baffling of Hindu myths. The myth explains the dynamic between purusha (consciousness) and prakriti (the world). What does this mean in terms of moment-to-moment life? The speaker also leads a guided meditation to give some direct experience of these teachings.
Richard Smoley is the former editor of *Gnosis* magazine and today is editor of Quest Books.
Amy Lounsbury will be the facilitator for the evening.
- April 22 Mystical Easter** -*Lecture* - Don Elwert will lecture on the Epiphysical View of the Wisdom tradition with metaphysical questions and answers.
- April 29 What is Enlightenment** -*Video* - John Cianciosi. In every spiritual tradition there is an ideal that the aspiring practitioner strives for. In Buddhism this ideal is enlightenment, and realizing it is the goal of practice. By better understanding the nature of this goal, we will know the direction in which we wish to grow spiritually.
John Cianciosi was born in Italy and educated in Australia. In 1972, he was ordained a Buddhist monk in Thailand and trained under one of that country's most gifted and influential meditation masters, the late Venerable Ajahn Chah. Ron Lienweber will be facilitator for the evening.

Ongoing Activities

MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM **BOOK STUDY: TO LIGHT A THOUSAND LAMPS**
To Light a Thousand Lamps by Grace F. Knoche

Written with directness and warmth, this book shares a universal perspective on the central questions of human existence, while providing practical insights on daily living and spiritual growth. Offering a thoughtful critique of religious and scientific views and current practices in light of theosophy, the author presents the foundation ideas of mankind's spiritual heritage, addressing our responsibility as partners in a oneness that reaches to the core of each and every being. In so doing she suggests how we can live with dignity, purpose, and compassion, whatever our circumstances. Grace was leader of The Theosophical Society and editor of *Sunrise* Magazine from 1971 to her death in 2006. A free loose-sheet copy of the book will be provided to each student. A book version (soft cover) may also be purchased at the TS Detroit bookstore during hours of operation. Please call with questions – Marina (248) 545-8553

TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM **MIXED MEDIA STUDY: SECRET DOCTRINE**

This in depth study of the Secret Doctrine is now in its second year. Much of last year was spent in grounding exercises and a thoughtful analysis of the foundational principals. Working with some of our great video recordings of lectures by such theosophical luminaries such as Joy Mills, Ed Abdill, John Algeo and others, as well as a range of print materials.

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP **METAPHYSICAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas.

THURSDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM **MEDITATION CIRCLE**

The meditators' support circle emphasizes meditation as a way to be with Spirit and in Spirit. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early. For information call Ron at (248) 280-4711.