
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America



March 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.

- Mar 4** **Our Gnostic Legacy (The Western Esoteric Tradition) -Video** - What is the Western esoteric tradition? What role has it played in the development of our civilization, and where is it headed now? Mr. Smoley will give an overview of some of the key themes of the Western esoteric tradition.
Read more: <http://exclusive.xp4g.com/uncategorized/richard-smoley-our-gnostic-legacy-the-western-esoteric-tradition-vcdrip-1-flv-esoteric-christianity/#ixzz1CvKekSeB>.
- Mar 11** **The Return of the Absent Mother -Video** - Sophia (Wisdom) is the Greek name for the feminine principle of Creation. In this workshop, Dr. Parrish will describe how Sophia, although unrecognized for centuries, has continued to accompany humanity, appearing in intuitive flashes.
- Mar 18** **Mindfulness Meditation -Video** - Jack Hatfield presents on this program was recorded at the 123rd Annual Summer National Gathering of the Theosophical Society in America. The theme of the convention, "together differently," was a phrase first coined by George Arundale, a former international president of the Society to indicate the possibility for people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds coming together in a sense of cooperation and unity.
- Mar 25** **Thinking our Way from Chaos to Disorder -Video** - A presentation at the 118th Annual Meeting and Summer School of the Theosophical Society in America, discussing the intention behind thought and its impact in the world: How to use Hogwart's magic in everyday life. The book 'The Power of Thought' by John Algeo and Shirley Nicholson is used as source text. 2004. A discussion of the intention behind thought and its impact in the world.

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.