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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## May 2011

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

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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.

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- May 6** **White Lotus Day: Awakening to Higher Consciousness** –Video – Pablo Sender. Our culture doesn't give us the tools we need to stimulate the awakening of our spiritual consciousness. Our daily life tends to anchor us to the personal consciousness. White Lotus Day is a celebration of Theosophists. It is celebrated 8th May, the anniversary of the passing of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, founder of the Theosophical Society. Though there are several theosophical organizations, this is one celebration they have in common. Marilyn D'Alessandro, facilitator.
- May 13** **Lilith: The Cosmic Feminine** –Video – M. Kelley Hunter. Renewed interest in the goddess has brought many faces of the divine feminine into modern awareness. Lilith is the name given to the four astronomical points; an asteroid, a star, a dark "ghost" moon, and the "black" moon. Marina Sionov, facilitator.
- May 20** **Moving Toward Wholeness, Mandalas, Jungian Archetypes, and Self-Healing** –Video – Barbara Hebert. Carl Gustav Jung was a Swiss psychiatrist, an influential thinker and the founder of Analytical Psychology. Jung is often considered the first modern psychologist to state that the human psyche is "by nature religious" and to explore it in depth. Using Jungian concepts and mandalas, this experiential program facilitates the understanding of both wholeness and the self-healing archetype. Marina Sionov, facilitator.
- May 27** **The Power of Myth** –Video – Conducted by TV journalist Bill Moyers in the acclaimed PBS series. Joseph Campbell was an American mythologist, writer and lecturer, best known for his work in comparative mythology and comparative religion. His work is vast, covering many aspects of the human experience. His philosophy is often summarized by his phrase: "Follow your bliss." In The Message of Myth, Campbell compares the creation story in Genesis with creation stories from around the world. (Because the world changes, religion has to be transformed and new mythologies created in order to fit current needs.) Barbara Presley, facilitator.



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## 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.