

The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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November 2011

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Nov 04	Video	Odyssey I: 2012 Some believe that the Mayan calendar will end in December 2012 -- and the world with it. In a departure from doomsday predictions, this documentary explores the metaphysical reasons for modern humankind's fascination with apocalypse. Sharron Rose travels the country, interviewing spiritualists such as José Arguelles, Gregg Braden and John Major Jenkins about the furor over the prediction and what it means. Facilitated by Marina Sionov.
Nov 11	Video	Odyssey II: Time Wave 2013 During this fascinating expedition into the nature of time itself, Sharron Rose speaks to many of the world's experts on mythology, alchemy, astrology, anthropology and ancient history. They discuss topics such as the shift of the ages, the galactic alignment, global warming, the pervasive role of the media in our lives, the secret place of refuge, the mystic work of Benjamin Franklin, renewal of the American spirit and the transformation of humanity. Facilitated by Marina Sionov.
Nov 18	Lecture	Spirit of Detroit (Mike Whitty) Connecting with the Spirit of Detroit: It Runs Through Your Heart. A night to look deeply into our destiny in Detroit. What legacy do we leave Detroit? How can we, as elders, create our future and the future of Detroit in a profound and loving ways? Can we all be prophetic about the ultimate brotherhood of human kind without distinction to race, class or any form of separation? Become a socially conscious citizen and help save the city.
Nov 25	Lecture	<p>The Secret Doctrine: AN INSIGHT INTO MADAME BLAVATSKY'S ESOTERIC TEACHINGS (Martin Leiderman) This session will provide an overview of the main esoteric teachings presented in HP Blavatsky's greatest work, <i>The Secret Doctrine</i>, wherein she outlined the cyclic evolution of the cosmos and of the human being. Blavatsky provides a wonderful image of a universe infused with the purpose, harmony and beauty of light and life. Topics such as the One Absolute Reality, the three Logoi, the hierarchy of divine beings, and Fohat (cosmic/divine energy) as the bridge between archetypal ideas and cosmic existence, will be illustrated from Eastern And Western sacred traditions, including alchemy, kabala and hermeticism. Workshop to follow on Saturday "The Stanzas of Dzyan"</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday Nov 26 AN APPROACH TO STUDYING The Stanzas of Dzyan The Seven Stanzas in HP Blavatsky's <i>The Secret Doctrine</i> deal with the esoteric (divine and physical) processes and mechanisms occurring in the Universe as it cycles through periods of manifestation and rest. We all know that it is not an easy subject as HPB (its author) and her Masters used terms and imagery taken from India, China, Hermetic traditions, kabala, Pythagorean and Platonic traditions, among many others. At these sessions, we will learn to use several tools and techniques with the Stanzas themselves, so they will come to life like flowers in springtime revealing their wisdom. One of these tools is the Law of Analogy of Correspondence - the famous Hermetic axiom: As Above, So Below. This will be used extensively so the participant will learn how to use it in its fullness to draw similarities between the evolution of the Universe and the enfoldment of one's own life. This seminar/workshop will be fully illustrated and given in a sharing environment. Handouts will be provided. Martin Leiderman, an industrial engineer by profession, lectures widely in both English and Spanish internationally in the areas of theosophy, comparative symbology, and Eastern and Western philosophy. He guides weekly studies in <i>The Secret Doctrine</i> for the West Los Angeles Theosophical center.</p>

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Dec 03	Video	Bridging the Faith Divide A Public Talk by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on July 17, 2011 ArtReach Project – with a performance by the Tibetan Children's Choir (with English Subtitles). Facilitated by Doris Swalec.
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Ongoing Activities

MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM

BOOK STUDY

Beginning Oct 10th a study of *The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey A. Barborca will commence. New participants are welcome.

The Divine Plan was written in the form of a commentary on H. P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine* expressly for the purpose of those who wish to read and gain a deeper understanding of *The Secret Doctrine*--- presenting an exposition of the Doctrines of the Esoteric Philosophy. Please call with questions, Marina Sionov 248-545-8553.

MONDAYS: 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

BOOK STUDY

The 12 Imaginings of the Twisted Hair Grandmothers:

On November 7th, we continue our 12 month exploration of the world imagined by the Grandmothers. We are cosponsors with Flowering Tree Lodge. Our second Imagining: *I imagine that life is challenge and giving to experience life and balance.*

What would life be like if we lived this way? What are the implications?

For more information call Debbie at (248) 414-5376 or Kalli at (248) 943-2850. See web page for full details tsdetroit.org.

TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

THE SECRET DOCTRINE BY H. P. Blavatsky

A serious in depth study of *The Secret Doctrine*, drawing on various resources, including videos and books of commentary (including *Man the Measure*)

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP

OPEN DISCUSSION

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology and Rosicrucian thought. Discussions range from serious and informative to light and lively. Although Intended as an entry point for newcomers, it has won a loyal following among a significant gathering of followers.

THURSDAYS: 7:30 – 8:30 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.