

The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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



December 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.

Dec 02	Dalai Lama at Chicago 2011 (Part 1 – Bridging the Faith Divide) - Video. In July of 2011, the Theosophical Society in America invited the Dalai Lama to speak as part of the Society's annual summer convention. This program, which was given at the University of Illinois, was emceed by Bill Kurtis of WBBM-TV. The staging was conceived by and implemented under the direction of Jim Lasko of Redmoon Theater in collaboration with Chicago-land representatives of many of the world's faith organizations.
Dec 09	Dalai Lama at Chicago 2011 (Part 2) - Video. In this panel discussion, which was sponsored by The Theosophical Society in America, His Holiness joins various religious leaders in discussing how the world's problems can be addressed in a more effective way if religions put aside their differences and work together. The Dalai Lama joins Rabbi Michael Lerner, founding editor of the progressive Jewish interfaith magazine "Tikkun," which is dedicated to building bridges between religious and secular organizations; Dr. Ingrid Mattson, Hartford Seminary Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations; and Rev. Peg Chemberlin, executive director of the Minnesota Council of Churches in a panel discussion entitled "Building Bridges: Religious Leaders in Conversation with the Dalai Lama."
Dec 16	The Alchemist and the Path of Integration - Video. Examining alchemy as a process symbolizing the human quest for spiritual growth and transformation. The speaker uses slides of old alchemical texts and drawings to illustrate his ideas.
Dec 20 (Tuesday)	Winter Solstice Celebration Tuesday, December 20, 2011 7:00-9:30 p.m. Potluck Vegetarian Supper - Gratitude ceremony, and blessing tree. Join us for a winter gathering for TS members, family and friends. For friendship circle, bring something you enjoy sharing for the winter holidays- a poem, story or song.
Dec 23 & Dec 30 - Closed	
Jan 6, 2012	David Zimmerman Lecture. Subject to be announced

Ongoing Activities

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

BOOK STUDY

Book study: *The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey A. Barborka. 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:
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