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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## December 2008

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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**Dec 5 Spiritual Freedom in Various Traditions (Part 1).** Stephen Hoeller  
*Movie:* Examination of the spiritual and philosophic bases for freedom as expressed in western esoteric traditions, including those of the Gnostics. . Stephen Hoeller has been director of studies at the Gnostic Society in Los Angeles since 1963, as well as a bishop of the Ecclesia Gnostica, a church of Gnostic descent. He was ordained to the Gnostic priesthood in 1958 and to the episcopate in 1967.

**Dec 12 Spiritual Freedom in Various Traditions (Part 2).** Stephen Hoeller  
*Movie:* Continuation of Part 1.

### **SOLSTICE CELEBRATION**

Tuesday, December 16 — 7:00 - 9:30 PM  
Potluck vegetarian supper, gratitude ceremony, and blessing tree. For friendship circle, bring something you enjoy sharing for the winter holidays- a poem, prayer, story or song.

### **SPECIAL WORKSHOP**

#### ***Taoism and the Tao Te Ching***

Saturday, December 20 (9:30 a.m. - 12: 30 p.m.) Cost: \$10  
Facilitator: Winnie Wong, lifelong student of Confucius and Lao Tzu  
Winnie holds a Bachelor's degree in English and Philosophy, a Master's in Theology, and a Graduate Diploma in Education.

*No Friday Public Programs December 19 and December 26.  
Programs will resume January 9, 2009.*

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## Ongoing Activities

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

Book Study: *Esoteric Buddhism* by A.P. Sinnett. This book (published in 1883) constituted one of the earliest exploration of 'Karma' and 'Reincarnation' and other such terms, previously almost unknown in the West. This class that is open to all can be joined at any time due to the stand alone character of the material. If you are interested, please call Marina Sionov at (248) 545-8553 or (248) 545-1961.

### **BOOK STUDY: ESOTERIC BUDDHISM**

### **TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM**

NEW Book Study: *Entering on the Sacred Way* by Joy Mills. A Psychological Commentary on Light on the Path. "Thou cannot travel the path until thou hast become the Path itself."

### **MEMBERS BOOK STUDY: ENTERING ON THE SACRED WAY**

### **WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP**

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, with frequent forays into Christian Mysticism, astrology and even shades of Rosicrucian thought. Discussion tends to be lively and informative, and attendees have always offered enthusiastic reviews.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **THURSDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM**

The meditators' support circle emphasizes meditation as a way to be with Spirit and in Spirit. There are no shortcuts or crash courses, no instant mysticism. We sense in stillness with others a great linkage and strengthening. We meet to support each others daily meditation. Typically, we begin with a short reading and several minutes of contemplative music, leading into two thirty minute silences. These are broken by a five minute interval. Participants may leave during this time or move about quietly in a meditative walk. The ninety minutes together ends with quiet conversation. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early. For information call Ron at (248) 280-4711.

### **MEDITATION CIRCLE**

### ***Academy of Classical Metaphysics***

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. Facilitator: Dan Shepard.  
Call (248) 545-1961 for details.