
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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MAY 2007

May 4 **Canticle to the Cosmos Video Series**
The Timing of Creativity (Tenth in the Series of 12)
Mara Radzwickas and Marina Sionov

As we have throughout this program year, we are once again beginning the new month with the next video offering in this Brian Swimme series. This month we have added an extra showing mid-month on May 18th to permit completion of the series by the end of June when our program year ends. Mara and Marina have proven exceptionally adept in leading the discussion following the formal viewing. The ever growing audience has demonstrated a great interest and enthusiasm for the subject.

The universe is a sequence of creative transformations, each with its own intrinsic timing and its own store of energy. Human fulfillment rests on identifying and participating in the creativity inherent in our moment in the cosmos.

May 11 **Buddhism, Business and the Bottom Line**
Michael Whitty, Ph.D.

Come participate in a dialogue on the future of work with Professor Michael Whitty (Professor of Management at the University of Detroit Mercy). Dr. Whitty is co-author of *Work and Spirit: New Paradigms for Organizations*. Discover how cultural creatives are re-visioning corporate wellness, organizational soul and visionary leadership.

Learn stress reduction techniques with principles drawn from Buddhism and *A Course on Miracles*.

Mike Whitty is a Professor of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Detroit Mercy and past Director of the University's Institute for Building Sustainable Communities. His professional work has included diversity training, conflict resolution and workshops. An urban visionary and futurist. Mike is the founder of Citizens for Tolerance and Decency, a group seeking to restore civility to politics and public discourse.

May 18 **Canticle to the Cosmos Video Series**
The Human Story (Eleventh in the Series of 12)
Mara Radzwickas and Marina Sionov

A comprehensive view of the entire 50,000 year human journey, with special attention given to the three major hinge moments when humans reinvented themselves. The story focuses on humanity's fourth and greatest transformation – the one taking us out of our present destructive mode and into a renewal of the earth community.

May 25 **Unconditional Freedom From Unwanted Conditions**
Dr. Claude Windenberger

Having been a twice-daily practitioner of Maharishi's Transcendental Meditation from 1979-1999, Dr. Claude Windenberger knows about spiritual practice. Finding after 20 years of such devoted spiritual practice, that he was still not free from experiencing fear, frustration, and occasional powerlessness, he decided that no practice, system, or approach can create freedom from any unwanted condition (UC). He'll explain the principles behind his very quick and simple Unconditional Freedom process, a proven permanent way to obtain real freedom.

A French engineer and Quantum Physicist by training, Dr. Claude Windenberger now devotes himself entirely to facilitating people's complete freedom from unwanted conditions. He conducts live workshops, teleseminars and podcasts.

May26 **Join Our Morning Meditation Saturday Morning Event—9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Facilitated by Ron Leinweber

Realize the strengthening effect of meditating with others by attending this morning retreat for both beginners and practicing meditators. Time will be spent with very brief instruction, reflection devoted to contemplation with direct experience in silent meditation, interspersed with varied times of silence and meditative walking, and occasional Zen flute music.

A modest lunch will be served at noon.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Lecture begins promptly at 8:00 p.m. From 7:00 to 7:45 is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library and enjoying light refreshments.

JUNE 2007

June 1 Cantic to the Cosmos Video Series

A New Prosperity (Twelfth in a Series of 12)
Mara Radzwickas and Marina Sionov

How to live so that one's work contributes to terrestrial and cosmic advance. The crucial orientations for leadership roles in economics, education agriculture, medicine, the healing arts, technology, commerce and governance.

Mara Radzwickas recently retired from an advertising career, and is now enjoying a life of travel, study and spiritual pursuits, interspersed with a periodic return to the business world as a consultant.

June 8 The Secret

DVD Movie

The Secret is a thought-provoking documentary-style movie describing the manifestation and powerful application of **The Law of Attraction** to create whatever you want in life.

The Secret helps you understand just how important it is to consciously choose the thoughts you hold each day; to keep your thoughts and actions focused on what you really want to attract into your life. It is all up to you. Take charge of your thoughts, and you'll take charge of your life.

June 15 The Secret of the Great Religions

Winifred Wylie

There has been a new examination of religion stimulated by the book by noted atheist, Sam Harris, "A Letter to a Christian Nation", and also by the corruption of priests in the Catholic Church and the war cry of Jihad in Islam.

There is, however a secret in the great religions that should be examined as crucial in understanding the central theme of the currently popular book, *The Secret*, which describes the amazing power of the mind.

Winnie Wylie is a lifetime member of The Theosophical Society in America, having inherited the Ann Arbor branch from her parents. She started the first Montessori school in Michigan, on the grounds of the family compound.

Having turned the school over to a new generation of educators, Winnie now spends much of her time in study and travel, while maintaining the long established tradition of monthly theosophical lectures followed by a wonderful vegetarian potluck, where she welcomes all who are willing to make the trek to her country estate.

June 22 Personal & Developmental Growth

Deb Blackett

Tonight you will learn of a revolutionary holistic approach to awakening to your ideal career and a happier healthier more fulfilled life.

Deb Blackett created The Balancing Meditation Program and uses it as a career development tool. The program is based on studies of Pythagorean Geometric Meditation Symbols, sound, music and numbers. The symbols were discovered in Lebanon's St. Catherine Monastery in 1955. Over the years she has incorporated these concepts into her practice to awaken individuals to their true identity and unrealized mental potential. For additional information go to www.thebalancingprogram.org.



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SPECIAL EVENTS, CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

The Flowering Tree Lodge

Debbie Mast is co-leader of the Flowering Tree Lodge in Michigan and the founder of the Women's Hoop, a ceremonial group for women, now in its sixteenth year. Her work is inspired by her vision of women and men working together to re-create the world.

The Flowering Tree Lodge is a teaching lodge of The Sweet Medicine Sun Dance tradition. This tradition was founded in 1250 B.C. by medicine women and men from tribes across the Americas. Calling themselves Twisted Hairs, they braided together *knowledge that works* from every direction on the Wheel of Life. Over time they developed tremendous amounts of knowledge about energy, ceremonial alchemy, healing techniques, communication with nature and controlled dreaming. The Twisted Hairs opened their teachings to non-natives in the 1970's. The local Sweet Medicine community gathers to learn and share together, as they reach for their highest potential.

This group meets at our building several times throughout the year. Extensive information, including fees and charges, introductory meetings and associated study groups is available at www.floweringtreelodge.net. People interested in learning more about the Sweet Medicine tradition are invited to come to monthly open houses held March-September. These include a sweat lodge ceremony.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Debbie Mast (248) 414-5376, for details.

Order of International Co-Freemasonry, Le Droit Humain (Pre-registration required)

Open to both men and women, the focus is on the spiritual aspect of Freemasonry. Rituals, ceremonies, symbols, and myth are used to depict universal truths, and to help members understand where they have come from, who they are now, and where they are going. In this new millennium, the Order has a special contribution to make to both the individual and society. Its openness to women, and its emphasis on basic human rights, tolerance, and understanding for all people and all religious views, make it an important vehicle for men and women to work together in a spirit of equality and mutual respect for the betterment of the world.

Basic qualifications include: at least 21 years old; "free," not bound to a particular set of beliefs, but open to growing and learning; striving to live a life of self-improvement and service.

This group meets monthly at our building. For further information, including how to apply for membership, contact Mary Jo Kokochak, 517) 592-9053; e-mail mjkokochak@aol.com.

Esoteric Lecture Series

David Zimmerman will be conducting monthly Saturday evening classes. Classes will focus on esoteric subjects for serious students. Dates have been reserved through June, and may well be extended to the end of the year.

May 19 **Road Rage, Columbine, Virginia Tech & Mass Murders***
An in depth look into the esoteric cause and effect of overpopulation of the planet and new psychological disorders plaguing the planet at this time.

June 16 **Esoteric Psychology and the Seven Rays***
Esoteric Psychology is based on two major precepts. First there is a cosmic force conveying seven systems of energy into our solar system that affect the nature, behavior and evolution of all forms within the Ring-Pass-Not of this system. Second, spiritual qualities emerging from the immortal component of man's structure affect his behavior and modify the contributing factors of his heredity equipment and the environment into which it is thrust.

(*Subject to change without notice)

A \$5.00 donation is requested at the door. Water and snacks will be supplied. For further information contact David Zimmerman at (248) 375-0909.

Ongoing Activities

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

KEY TO THEOSOPHY STUDY

This monthly study group is now entering its second year. The question/answer format of this perennial Blavatsky standard is an excellent primer for theosophists at all stages of development. 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.

TUESDAYS: 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

MEMBERS STUDY

Man the Measure of all Things

Gary Contesti and Richard Brooks are jointly facilitating the study of this beautifully descriptive commentary on the Stanzas of Dzyan. Richard's command of the Sanskrit terminology makes short work of the language struggle and Gary's ease in metaphor and poetic expression brings the natural balance to this exciting exploration of man and the cosmos. Members will find this the perfect entry point to any serious study of The Secret Doctrine.

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP

OPEN DISCUSSION

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum with occasional assist from long time seeker and TS member Parke Carrier. 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

THURSDAYS: MEDITATION CIRCLE

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. Simple instructions and much encouragement are also there for anyone just beginning. 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 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.

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