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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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

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## January 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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- Jan 7** *Perspectives on N. Sri Ram's Teachings* (Video / Discussion) Join us for a presentation at the 117th annual meeting of The Theosophical Society in America by the International President, Radha Burnier, sharing insights of her father's life and teachings. Facilitated by Gary Contesti.
- Jan 14** *Jeanne Houston's Garden of Eden* (Video / Workshop) *Finding the Light Within the Shadow*. What is the personal message from the Garden of Eden snake? Video excerpts as well as experiential workshop. Facilitated by Barbara Presley.
- Jan 21** *The Alchemist and the Path of Liberation* (Video / Discussion) TS speaker, Martin Liederman, examines alchemy as a process symbolizing the human quest for spiritual growth and transformation. Facilitated by Mara Radzvickas
- Jan 28** *Joseph Campbell's Masks of Eternity* (Video / Discussion) Campbell uses images from art history to demonstrate the concept of spiritual unity giving birth to the world of duality. Also, he demonstrates the knowledge that ancient peoples had that their images were not the god itself, but only a mask which was used to make the transcendent visible. He describes the failure of reading metaphor as fact, and mistaking the mask for the real thing, and how this tendency has shaped our world. Facilitated by Barbara Presley.

## 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**

**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.

**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.