
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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We are happy to continue our Friday night meetings.
Movies or lectures will be presented, followed by thoughtful open discussions.

Feb 4 **Gospel of Thomas** –*Video* Discovered some 50 years ago, the Gospel of Thomas has caused a revolution in New Testament scholarship. This collection of 114 sayings attributed to Jesus is judged by many scholars to predate the parallel materials in the four canonical gospels. It offers a Christian vision based on Jesus as a teacher of wisdom rather than as a redeemer. The cryptic sayings found in the Gospel of Thomas challenge the reader to expand their understanding of spirituality. 2007. 50 minutes.

Ron Miller holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Religions from Northwestern University with emphasis on Jewish-Christian dialogue. He is co-founder of Common Ground (1975) and Chair of the Religion Department at Lake Forest College, where he has been teaching for more than 30 years.

Feb 11 **In Tune with the Universe, T.S. 9th World Congress – One Small Step for a Man - One Giant Leap for Mankind** - *Video* - Keynote presentation by Dr. John Algeo at the 9th World Congress of the TS in 2001. Neil Armstrong's epic first steps on the moon were the culmination of a human endeavor that was the expression of many important spiritual principles. Dr. Algeo discusses their significance to our individual spiritual passages as well as to the spiritual evolution of humankind as a whole.

Feb 18 **The Lingua Sacra of Esoteric Astrology & the New World Religions** – *Lecture* – David Zimmerman will speak on Lingua Sacra, the sacred language of the heavens, but not mundane astrology, wherein lie the esoteric keys for the New Millennium. Madame Blavatsky states in *The Secret Doctrine* that Astrology (Esoteric Astrology) is one of the deepest secrets of Initiation. This New Astrology uses some different planetary rulers. These New Rulers accommodate the immense changes in external conditions and inner consciousness that have occurred in the last hundred or more years and are related to a new range of experience, which the brain registers as the external of the modern world. The significance of Karma is represented, for it gives dramatic effect to our daily actions, and the third factor of Esoteric Psychology, lying beyond our understanding of heredity and environment, is given full prominence.

The ability to see the symbols of the Zodiac and thru the use of "Higher Manas" to interpret the morphological meaning coupled with thinking in categories, expands the accuracy of the interpretation. It is *Soul* based rather than *personality* based astrology, as is mundane astrology which 99.9% of Astrologers in the world practice.

One of the greatest realizations for Esoteric students is that the *New Astrology* is the Antakarana of

The Secret Doctrine "*Cosmogogenesis and Anthropogenesis*". How else can the two volumes be united? It is one of the "*Esoteric Keys for the New Millennium*" and "*The Age of Aquarius*." All True students of "*The Ageless Wisdom Teachings*" will eventually come to know this! It is a part of the Initiatory process!

Feb 25 **Spiritual Dimension of Time Travel** – *Video* – Fred Alan Wolf, theoretical physicist examines the ideas of quantum physics and the ancient wisdom. FRED ALAN WOLF is the author of "Taking the Quantum Leap." By examining the ideas of quantum physics and the ancient wisdom, Mr. Wolf suggests that we are now able to comprehend how the concepts of time and mind are reconcilable and can, in fact, have the same meaning. The THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY in America is a membership organization dedicated to promoting the unity of humanity and encouraging the study of religion, philosophy and science so that we may better understand ourselves and our relationships within this multidimensional universe. For more information on the Society, go to www.theosophical.org

You can obtain more details from our web site: <http://tsdetroit.org>

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 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.