

Dear members and friends,

It is our pleasure to continue our Friday public programs, drawing on the excellent resources available from our headquarters center in Wheaton, Illinois. The video schedule for the month is attached.

In his preface to *The Tao of Physics*, Dr. Capra begins with this statement,

Five years ago, I had a beautiful experience which set me on a road that has led to the writing of this book. I was sitting by the ocean one late summer afternoon, watching the waves rolling in and feeling the rhythm of my breathing, when I suddenly became aware of my whole environment as being engaged in a gigantic cosmic dance.

So our February public program begins with an interview of Dr. Capra in 1977 at our national center

Our new Tuesday night Secret Doctrine Study Class is developing its own group of enthusiastic participants, numbering anywhere from 8 to about 12. We recently discovered an outstanding set of videos created from a 14 part series of lectures and classes conducted by Joy Mills in London. Focused on the Stanzas, she is able to articulate her own amazing insights in ways that inspire great discussions among us. When the clock strikes 9:00, we mostly ignore it. Central to success of this class is the leadership of Mara Radzickas and the strongly engaged group of friends who have followed her here, and whose participation has proven invaluable.

We move through the month with Fractal Lumination on the 12th, based on the works of Dr. Benoit Mandelbrot. On February 19th Joseph Campbell introduces systems of yoga that grew out of mainstream India, and on the 26th Jeffrey Mishlove interviews Jean Houston, Jean Shinoda Bolen, June Singer, and Lorna Catford on the role of myth and mythology in our lives.

The full schedule for the month is posted on the webpage at <http://www.tsdetroit.org>.

You might want to note that Marina has filled up the bookshelves with a great range of new volumes including a fair number from the Rudolph Steiner organization. If there is any particular books you are looking for in theosophical subjects, please feel free to ask about special orders.

With spring approaching, we anticipate visits from a couple of great speakers, specifically our National Vice President, Tim Boyd, whom many of you have met here before, and a speaker new to our building named Thomas Daniel Nehrer. Thomas will be in town in July as a guest speaker for the Mensa Convention, and has graciously offered to speak for us. Check out his webpage, *The Essence of Reality* at <http://www.nehrer.net>. Dates are yet to be determined.

By the way don't forget to join us this Friday, January 29th for Karma, Skandas and Personalities, facilitated by Marina Sionov. It should be our best video of this month.

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