
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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



APRIL 2017

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

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. \$5 Suggested Donation
From 6:30 to 6:55 is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library, and enjoying light refreshments.

Apr 7 *Peaceable Kingdom - A Review*

Video by Jenny Stein and James LaVeck (Facilitated by Winnie Wylie and Miles Standish)
A riveting story of transformation and healing, *PEACEABLE KINGDOM: THE JOURNEY HOME* explores a woven tapestry of memories, music, and breathtaking accounts of life-altering moments, the film provides insight into the farmers' sometimes amazing connections with the animals under their care, while also making clear the complex web of social, psychological and economic forces that have led them to their present dilemma.

Apr 14 *Meditation and Higher Consciousness*

Video by Pablo Sender (Facilitated by Amy Lounsbery)
"Simple meditation practices can potentially help us, both physically and psychologically, but can they help us to develop spiritually? Explore how meditation can help us to move beyond self-centered thinking to that of the transpersonal mind."

Apr 21 *Guideposts for Living: Light on the Path*

Video by Robert Ellwood (Facilitated by Mary Jo Kokochak)
The Theosophical classic *Light on the Path* is a rather small book containing simple aphorisms characterized by their paradoxical quality. For instance, rule 9 says, "Desire only that which is within you." This is followed by rules 10 and 11 which say, "Desire only that which is beyond you" and "Desire only that which is unattainable." *Light on the Path* also contains mystical phrases such as, "You will enter the light, but you will never touch the flame." Shedding light on all this with his valuable insight and commentary is Professor of Comparative Religion Robert Ellwood.



Join us for two special lectures with
Tim Boyd

President of the Theosophical Society in America and International President



Friday, April 28

Spiritual Unfoldment and the Challenges of Life

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

One of the main effects of a genuine association with the Ageless Wisdom is that it hastens the process of spiritual unfoldment. While this internal growth is not without its own challenges and discomforts, it does seem to confer a deepening capacity to meaningfully engage with the variety of challenges we face in the world. What are the stages of unfoldment, and how can we direct our heightened awareness toward life's problems?

Saturday, April 29

Healing and the Healer

8:30 a.m. breakfast snacks;

Lecture - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Most people feel that the role of Healer is reserved for a gifted few. The capacity to heal is inherent in all, awakened in some, and trained in a very few. More than a science, greater than an art, healing and the intention to heal opens the door to our potential to be fully human. It is a science that demands the participation of the deeper dimensions of our being - a Science of the Heart.

May 5 White Lotus Day: Awakening to Higher Consciousness Video by Pablo Sender (Facilitated by Gary Contesti)

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

If you have any questions or comments about our ongoing activities,
please call (248) 545-1961 or email tsdetroit@inbox.com

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

BOOK STUDY

***THE DIVINE PLAN* BY GEOFFREY A. BARBORKA**

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 10

The Divine Plan was written in the form of a commentary on H.P. Blavatsky's *Secret Doctrine* expressly for those who wish to read and gain a deeper understanding of the Secret Doctrine – presenting an exposition of the Doctrines of Esoteric Philosophy.

TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

MEMBER'S STUDY

***The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant**

Theosophy is the wisdom underlying underpinnings of all religions when they are stripped of accretions and superstitions. It offers a philosophy which renders life intelligible and demonstrates that justice and love guide the cosmos. Its teachings aid the unfoldment of the latent spiritual nature in the human being, without dependence or fear.

Annie Besant (October 1, 1847 - September 20, 1933) was the President of the Theosophical Society of India from 1907; founded Home Rule League in 1916 and demanded self rule in India. She became first woman president of the Indian National Congress. She was a prominent Theosophist, social reformer, political leader, women's rights activist, writer and orator. In the 1890s She wrote an enormous number of books and pamphlets on theosophy. She traveled (1926-27) in England and the United States with her protégé Jiddu Krishnamurti. Annie died in India in 1933 at the age of 86.

WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM SHARP

OPEN DISCUSSION

Open Forum facilitated by Gary Contesti

Gary Contesti is continuing the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology, Rosicrucian thought, and more.

Theosophical Society in Detroit parking is limited. . .

The **good news** is. . .the Vinsetta Garage restaurant (next door) offers **free valet parking** for people attending our programs.
Just tell the parking attendant that you are attending a program at the Theosophical Society of Detroit.

BOOKSTORE HOURS

TUESDAYS

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM