# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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# **MAY 2018**

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 and browsing through the bookstore and library.

### May 4 **Rainbow Mother and Great Nurturing Mother**

## Presentation by Weam Namou

The indigenous shaman women taught that there are two different mother energies that exist on earth, one called the Rainbow Mother and the other Great Nurturing Mother. Each of these two mother energies, which can be applied to men as well, has her opposite face. The dark side of Rainbow Mother is Crazy Woman and the dark side of a Nurturing Mother is Death Mother. Once a person understands what is their core mother energy, they are able to know why they behave the way they do and how they can heal and strengthen certain aspects of themselves. This also helps them understanding why others behave the way they do which in turn can improve their relationships with members of their families. Weam Namou is an Eric Hoffer Award Winning author of 12 books, journalist, filmmaker, and vice president of Detroit Working Writers (a 118-year-old writers association). She's a graduate of Lynn V. Andrews' fouryear shamanic school and an ordained minister.

### May 11 Love's Mysteries, Secrets of Happiness and Holy Relationship

## Presentation by Robert Thibodeau

We will explore getting into relationships, staying in, transforming inside out, getting out or back in; also, love, sex, tantra, Eros or divine love, fohat, union of spirit, soul mating, and how money, car, clothes, home influence such things. Robert is a practicing astrological consultant, owner of the Mayflower Bookshop, author of 'Astrological Aspects, the Art' and 'London and Paris Poems'. Robert's latest music CD release is 'Folk Rock Love and other Tall Adventures'.

### My 18 Peace Day

## Presentation by Randall Olson

"Peace Day" was celebrated throughout the United States on May 18th, beginning in 1901. When the US enters World War 1, the holiday disappears. Join us as we step through a portal into the past to discover what Peace Day was, and why we stopped celebrating it. Randall Olson is a graduate student at Central Michigan University, pursuing a M.A. in Humanities.

### How are the Buddha's Life and Teachings Celebrated Globally Each Year? May 25

## Presentation by Mary Hawkins and Tetshin Liddy

Buddha Day, also known as the Vesak or Wesak Festival, is a major Buddhist holiday which falls each year in our country on the Full Moon day of May, this year on May 29. This presentation utilizes a combination of media resources and handouts to explain how this master's legacy is celebrated annually in the U.S. and other countries and cultures around the world. Time permitting, like at any commemorative event, we'll encourage storytelling, testimonials, or pearls of wisdom audience might be willing to share about the role and relevance of Gautama Buddha and his dharma teachings in our personal spiritual journeys. Mary Hawkins currently serves as our Lodge Treasurer and one of our Board members. She holds two Master's degrees, in Education and Accounting, and is a long-time advocate for natural health and social and environmental justice. Her teacher, Tetshin Liddy, was given his Buddhist name at the Zen Buddhist Temple of Chicago in 1977 (TETSHIN is Japanese for Strong Mind - Strong Heart). Since his initiation, he received Tibetan Nyingma training from the Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche in Ashland Oregon, and has continually conducted weekly Japanese Soto Zen services, the last 10 years being at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church in Southfield, Michigan.

### June 1 Laughter and Spirituality: Good for the Body, Good for the Soul

Video by Barbara Hebert, Ph.D.

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

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# **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

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

## TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM MEMBERS' MEETING AND STUDY Talks on the Path of Occultism Vol 3 – "Light on the Path" by Annie Besant & C.W. Leadbeater

This book is one of a trilogy, being commentaries on three classics – At the feet of the Master, The Voice of the Silence, and Light on the Path - considered the mystical gems of Theosophical Literature. They throw light on the deep significance and far-reaching implications of the perennial teachings embodied in these three classics whose subject matter is the path of inner transformation and spiritual realization.

## WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM Open Forum facilitated by Gary Contesti and Galen Garst

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**



## Theosophical Society in Detroit parking is limited. . .

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

## The Three Objects of the Theosophical Society

- To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, or color.
- To encourage the comparative study of Religion, Philosophy, and Science.
- To investigate the unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.