
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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JANUARY 2020

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.

Jan 3 **2020: A New Year Sound Immersion**

Begin the New Year in calm and meditation with crystal and Tibetan singing bowls, a gong and other healing sounds. We will share tea afterwards.

Jan 10 **The Need for Perennial Wisdom in Today's World**

Recorded presentation by Rabbi Rami Shapiro followed by discussion. Facilitator: Gary Contesti
Religion comes in two forms: parochial and perennial. The former focuses on the uniqueness of each faith, the latter on their commonality. Theosophy was (and is) a celebration of the perennial. Decades ago, it stood almost alone in this; today, the world's religions are catching up and catching on, and bringing (sometimes dragging) their religions along with them. In this recorded presentation and overview of Perennial Wisdom, Rabbi Rami will explore what it is, why it is so essential to our time, and where it may be going.

Jan 17 **Ancient Babylonians Tradition of a New Year**

Presentation by Weam Namou

Ancient Babylonians started the tradition of making New Year Resolutions some 4,000 years ago. They made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox—the day in late March with an equal amount of sunlight and darkness—heralded the start of a new year. They marked the occasion with a massive religious festival called Akitu (derived from the Sumerian word for barley, which was cut in the spring) that involved a different ritual on each of its eleven days. In this lecture, author and filmmaker Weam Namou will facilitate an exercise called the "act of power" that will help you have a more productive and fulfilling year in 2020, the year of clear vision.

Jan 24 **Answering the Spiritual Call**

Recorded presentation by William Meader followed by discussion. Facilitator: Sandy Naimou
People who are guided by their souls are destined to bring spiritual light to humanity. Around the world, spiritually minded people are responding to The Call to transform the human condition. Such people are change agents in support of the Soul of Humanity and its evolution. At times, internal obstacles hinder them from truly rising to their soul's calling. William Meader will examine the nature of The Call as it manifests within human consciousness and will discuss how the personality (lower-self) tends to block the soul's intention and what can be done to overcome this tendency.

Jan 31 **Techniques of Astral Projection**

Lecture by David Zimmerman

In this lecture David will discuss the nature of astral projection; what it is and what it is not, the stages, types and techniques. The nature of the astral world and safe practices for astral projection will be discussed, along with personal experiences in the astral world, dream world, and Akashic record. Please join us for an evening of sharing and learning. David Zimmerman is a retired GM executive. He is a graduate of Claregate College of England and is a Vietnam War Veteran. A lifelong student of Theosophy and the ageless wisdom teachings, David provides new insights suitable for our time. He is a lecturer, a producer, and generous supporter of educational DVD's and writings on esoteric subjects throughout the United States, England, Australia, Europe and South Africa.

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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

MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 6:00 PM **BOOK STUDY**

The Astral Body and Other Astral Phenomena (Classics Series) by A.E. Powell.

In print since 1927, this study of our subtle body is based on the works of theosophical authors and noted clairvoyants, including H. P. Blavatsky, C. W. Leadbeater, and Annie Besant, and is one of a series of 5 books dealing with our dimensions of consciousness and our role in the Scheme of Evolution.

MONDAYS: 3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM **BOARD MEETING**

Open to all members of the Detroit lodge. Please contact the President at least three days beforehand if you would like something added to the agenda.

TUESDAYS: 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM **BOOKSTORE HOURS**

The lodge is open to the public for bookstore hours, book browsing and conversation. Best time for members to visit the library!

TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM **MEMBERS' MEETING AND STUDY**

The Secret Doctrine

The Secret Doctrine is Helena Petrovna Blavatsky's magnum opus and a foundational Theosophical text. Join us as we explore the first volume, Cosmogogenesis.

WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Open Forum facilitated by Gary Contesti and Galen Garst.

There typically is a short video, followed by an extended period for discussion.

THURSDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM **GROUP MEDITATIONS**

We are pleased to begin weekly meditations. Join us for this special time of meditation.

Please arrive by 6:50 p.m.

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 in Detroit.