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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## SEPTEMBER 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 and browsing through the bookstore and library.

### Sept 15 *Shantivanam, Bede Griffiths, and Our Interspiritual Future*

Presentation by Dr. Alex Reigel

Using pictures, video, stories, and discussion, Dr. Riegel will share his experiences at Shantivanam, introduce us to the theology of Bede Griffiths (who was the spiritual leader of Shantivanam for four decades before his passing about a decade ago), and talk about what Dr. Riegel envisions as our "interspiritual" future.

Bede Griffiths was a British born Benedictine monk who strove to bridge Christianity and the Hindu and Buddhist traditions of India. Dr. Riegel is the minister of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church and has over 25 years of experience in Unitarian Universalist ministry. He is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and holds a Doctorate of Ministry from Andover-Newton Theological School. Dr. Riegel travels the interspiritual path on his spiritual journey and has an intense passion for mystic poetry.

### Sept 22 *The Way of the Guru, A Sikh Perspective*

Lecture by Raj Chehl

An introduction to the fifth largest religion, Sikh, will be followed by a journey into how the mind and the five thieves (lust, anger, attachment, ego, greed) remain obstacles to merging with God. Sikh scriptures gift humanity with a pragmatic and simple way to transcend these obstacles and become one with God.

Raj Chehl is first and foremost a student of life. Additionally, she is a psychotherapist and founder of WiseLife, LLC. She is a Mom, yoga teacher, speaker, best-selling co-author, co-host of internet radio show *Living Life Powerfully*, educator, facilitator, entrepreneur. Raj is a past board member of Women's Interfaith Solutions for Dialog and Outreach in Metro Detroit and is active in the interfaith community. She is a panelist on the Emmy award winning television show, *Interfaith Odyssey*.

### Sept 29 *Principles of Tibetan Buddhism*

Lecture by Hartmut Sagolla

Buddhism is a way of life, a path of self-discovery and development leading to enlightenment, a possibility for each of us. It emphasizes love, kindness, and cultivating tolerance. The 3 principal aspects of the path highlight the importance of developing the determination to be free of suffering, compassion, and wisdom.

Hartmut has been a student of Tibetan Buddhist master Gelek Rimpoche since 1984 - organizing and teaching classes, courses and workshops, guiding meditation retreats and transcribing and editing Gelek Rimpoche's teachings. He is co-founder of the Jewel Heart Bloomfield Hills chapter of Jewel Heart.



### Oct 6 *What Plants Talk About* – video facilitated by Mary Hawkins

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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](mailto:tsdetroit@inbox.com)

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**SATURDAYS IN SEPTEMBER 10 AM TO 3:00 PM MEMBERS' GROUP DISCUSSION  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2**

Lively discussion of theosophical subjects, intended to extend the discussion portion  
of Friday night programming and reach beyond the exoteric.

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**MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM BOOK STUDY  
NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 11  
*The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey A. Barborika**

*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.

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**TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 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.

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