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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## MAY 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.

### May 5 *Mysterious Universe - Madame Helena Blavatsky*

Audio Recording by Gary Lachman (Facilitated by Gary Contesti)

Gary Lachman discusses his new biography, 'The Mother of Modern Spirituality', Madame Helena Blavatsky. Still being hailed as an icon and scorned as a fraud more than 120 years after her death, Blavatsky was a mystic, occult writer, child of Russian aristocrats, who traveled five continents, and founded the Theosophical Society. Gary, the acclaimed spiritual biographer behind volumes such as Rudolf Steiner and Jung the Mystic, brings us an in-depth look at Blavatsky, objectively exploring her contributions toward introducing Eastern and esoteric spiritual ideas to the West, as well as the controversies that continue to colour discussion on her life and work.

### May 12 *Voice of the Silence in Light of Modern Buddhism*

Lecture by Robert Thibodeau

Join us to learn how the Helena Blavatsky's last two books (The Voice of the Silence and Key to Theosophy) reveal ways to Higher Consciousness, a Path to Spiritual learning and empowerment.

Robert is author of *Astrological Aspects, the Art, The Laws of Hermetics, The Hermetic Dream*, and his new music CD just available, *Folk Rock Love*.

### May 19 *Approaching Elderhood with Grace: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older*

Lecture by Michael Whitty

How do you feel about your health, wealth, relationships and spirituality? Can you become a better giver, lover and mentor? Are you aging into saging? Embrace personal growth as an active elder helping heal your life, family and community. Assume the role of sage and wisdom-keeper in building your life legacy. Professor Whitty is co-author of *Work and Spirit, At Work Spirituality Matters* and many essays on the meaning of life. Mike has also spoken to the Theosophical Society on "Facing Death with Right Attitude", "Inner Peace" and "Aging into Saging." Professor Mike Whitty has taught at the University of Detroit Mercy, Oakland, UMD, WSU and Seattle U. Mike is a spiritual elder seeking to be a prophet in his own time.

### May 26 *What The Health*

Video by Kip Andersen and Keegan Kuhn (Facilitated by Winnie Wylie Standish and Miles Standish)

*What The Health* is a surprising, and at times hilarious, investigative documentary that will be an eye-opener for everyone concerned about our nation's health and how big business influences it. The film exposes the collusion and corruption in government and big business that is costing us trillions of healthcare dollars, and keeping us sick.

### June 2 *Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret*

Video by Kip Andersen and Keegan Kuhn (Facilitated by Winnie Wylie Standish and Miles Standish)

#### *Used Book Sale!*

Many of these books cannot be found in the Detroit area!

Proceeds will help to support the bookstore and the on-going work of the Theosophical Society in Detroit

Saturday, June 10 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 11 — noon to 4 p.m.

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

**BOOK STUDY**

**NEXT MEETING IS MAY 8**

***The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey A. Barborka**

*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**

**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.

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**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**