

# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## MARCH 2017

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From 6:30 to 6:55 is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library,  
and enjoying light refreshments.

Join us for a special lecture and workshop with Kurt Leland (TSA national lecturer)

Friday, March 3 Lecture

### *Cosmic Songs--the Music of Nature Spirits and Devas (Angels)*

Theosophical teachings posit the existence of a parallel evolutionary scheme to that of human beings, populated by nonphysical intelligences that are responsible for the creation and maintenance of life on our planet and its associated nonphysical realms--the deva evolution. The term deva is Sanskrit for "shining one," and is roughly equivalent to what Westerners call angels. This evolution, which includes nature spirits at the lower end and mighty archangelic beings at the upper end, has exerted a fascination for composers for centuries, challenging them to depict such beings, their nonphysical realms of being, and the states of consciousness associated with them. Come listen to music inspired by nature spirits and devas!

Saturday, March 4 Workshop

### *Being Held in the Embrace of the Monad (Highest Self)*

We often hear and read about our higher self. But what about the highest self we can be? In Theosophy, this highest self is called the monad. For most of us, that's a fuzzy concept.

But just as we can experience moments in meditation and other aspects of life in which we feel supported by the soul, so can we feel supported by our highest self, the monad. In this workshop, Kurt Leland will teach several simple meditation techniques that may help you experience this support from your highest self.

Kurt Leland is a National Lecturer for the Theosophical Society in America. He is also an award-winning composer and the author of eight books. His latest is *Rainbow Body: A History of the Western Chakra System from Blavatsky to Brennan*, published November 2016. See more about Kurt on his web site: <http://www.kurtleland.com>



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(8:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. breakfast snacks; Workshop 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

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### Mar 10 ***Return of the Absent Mother***

Video by Carol Parrish (Facilitated by Gary Contesti)

Sophia (Wisdom) is the Greek name for the feminine principle of Creation. In this workshop, Dr. Parrish will describe how Sophia, although unrecognized for centuries, has continued to accompany humanity, appearing in intuitive flashes. She is entering our understanding today because only now are we ready to begin experiencing her in a more conscious way. Dr. Parrish will also discuss how Sophia provides the feminine insightfulness to partner with the Christ as the loving Master and how the wisdom and the love of Christ are one, showing us the way to a profound and authentic experience of the Christ within. This lecture was delivered to the TSA sponsored conference entitled "*The Mystical Heart of Christianity: Moving Beyond Literalism*".

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### Mar 17 ***Balance in the Physical Realm***

Video by Robyn Finseth (Facilitated by Ellen Byrne)

Balancing our physical selves requires an openness of consciousness. Using basic premises learned from ESP, reincarnation, action/reaction, and energy fields, we will explore how healing requires us to not get in our own way. This lecture deals with the art of self-healing: a technique available to all of us. The goal of this program is to introduce a simple set of exercises which will help you move toward the basic direction of well-being.

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### Mar 24 ***Death As An Advisor: Living and Loving in the Present***

Lecture by Mike Whitty

Building Our Life Legacy is done best with a loving calm, steady and brave attitude. We must cultivate our virtues and become true spiritual elders offering inspiration and courage to all those on the path along with us. Mike Whitty has given talks on aging into saging, inner peace, embracing the world with hope and acceptance. Mike gives workshops on emotional healing, acceptance, attitude, and thankfulness. He is co-editor of *At Work: Spirituality Matters*

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### Mar 31 ***Kabbalah, Celestial Beings, and the Trickster-Fool***

Lecture by Daya Kujansuu

How old is Kabbalah and what cultures have turned to its teachings for spiritual development? How do angels and archangels enter into the picture? What do we know about the Trickster and the Fool? What is their purpose? Let's ponder and learn together.

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### Apr 07 ***Peaceable Kingdom - A Review***

Video by Jenny Stein and James LaVeck (Facilitated by Winnie Wylie and Miles Standish)

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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 MARCH 13**

***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**