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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America

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## September 2011

We are happy to continue our Friday night meetings.  
Movies or lectures will be presented, followed by thoughtful open discussions.

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Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movies begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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

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- 09/09/11 Lecture Lecture by Winnie Wylie ***The Secret Life of Plants*** (1973) is a book by Peter Tompkins and Christopher Bird, described as "A fascinating account of the physical, emotional, and spiritual relations between plants and man." Exploring the world of plants and its relation to mankind, including remarkable information about plants as ecological sentinels, their response to music, their curative powers, and their ability to communicate with man.
- 09/16/11 Video ***Interdependence, A Common Thread in Buddhism and Modern Physics*** (Jim Kenney). Interdependence - the interpenetration and mutuality of every "thing" in existence with every other - is a central philosophical concept in Mahayana Buddhism. It also resonates in many dimensions of modern physics' emerging map of the universe. Facilitated by Barbara Presley
- 09/23/11 Video ***Desire and Spiritual Selfishness*** (Ed Abdill). In *The Voice of the Silence* we are told to kill out desire. Yet surely it must have some purpose. If we look closely at the obvious and subtle forms of desire, we may discover both its purpose and the dangers that threaten our Inner Self. Facilitated by Dan Sarasin
- 09/30/11 Video ***Death and Immortality" by Radha Burnier***. "A presentation at the 114th Annual Meeting and Summer School of the T.S. in America, examining the truly immoral nature of the human condition. and how we might access it. It is suggested that our fear of physical death and the desire for immortality has led us to many of our present dilemmas. Facilitated by Amy Lounsbury
- 10/07/11 Video ***Why I am a Theosophist (Dan Noga)***. A young Theosophist talks about the path that eventually led him to join the Theosophical Society, and how he came to understand the meaning and relevance of the Society's three declared Objects as a means to building a better world for the future. Facilitated by Doris Swalec.

### 12 IMAGININGS

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we begin a 12 month exploration of the world imagined by the Grandmothers, as co sponsors with Flowering Tree Lodge. We'll start with the first Imagining: *I imagine that women and men are equal*. This is the foundation on which the other 11 rest. What are the Grandmothers really saying? What would life be like if we lived this way? What are the implications? **For more information** call Debbie at (248) 414-5376 or Kalli at (248) 943-2850. See Webpage for full details [tsdetroit.org](http://tsdetroit.org).

# **New Quarterly Seminar: Launching September 26. *SOPHIA UNFOLDING***

## **Ongoing Activities**

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

**BOOK STUDY**

Starting Sept 12th Book study will be finishing *To Light a Thousand Lamps* by Grace F. Knoche.  
Beginning Oct 10th a study of *The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey A. Barborika will commence. New participants are welcome.

*The Divine Plan* was written in the form of a commentary on H. P. Blavatsky's *Secret Doctrine* expressly for the purpose of those who wish to read and gain a deeper understanding of the *Secret Doctrine* --- presenting an exposition of the Doctrines of the Esoteric Philosophy. Please call with questions, Marina Sionov 248-545-8553.

**TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM**

**THE SECRET DOCTRINE BY H. P. Blavatsky**

A serious in depth study of the *Secret Doctrine*, drawing on various resources, including videos and books of commentary (including *Man the Measure*)

**WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP**

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology and Rosicrucian thought. Discussions range from serious and informative to light and lively. Although Intended as an entry point for newcomers, it has won a loyal following among a significant gathering of followers.

**THURSDAYS: 7:30 – 8:30 PM**

**MEDITATION CIRCLE**

The meditators' support circle emphasizes meditation as a way to be with Spirit and in Spirit. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early. For information call Ron at (248) 280-4711.