
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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



April 2012

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.

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

Apr 06 *Embracing the Ways of Love.* Facilitated by **Daya Kujansuu**. Based on an audio talk given by Maria Parisen. The challenge of the spiritual life is first to establish an intimate, conscious connection with the Self within. Mystics of all cultures agree on how to begin, and they offer important insights on what to expect along the way.

Apr 13 *Desirelessness; the Difficult Qualification.* Lecture by **Tim Boyd**, President of the Theosophical Society in America. In "*At the Feet of the Master*", Krishnamurti describes this qualification as a "difficult one". In a much earlier work, the "*Viveka Chudamani or Crest Jewel of Wisdom*" by Shankaracharya the same qualification is examined under the name of "vairagya" meaning "uncolored". Imprecise ideas abound about desire and its role in our unfoldment. What does it mean to desire? What aspects of our constitution are engaged and how? What is its effect on us? A proper understanding of this key concept will be of great benefit to all serious students.

Also join us on **Saturday, April 14** for a special workshop
10:00 a.m. to Noon (Continental breakfast 9-10 a.m.)

The 4 Minds

H. P. Blavatsky described the human being as "highest spirit and lowest matter linked by mind". According to our use, the mind can be our greatest ally or our worst enemy. In this talk we will consider the 4 Minds that promote inner peace and well being in the world around us. The Brahma viharas (also known as the 4 Immeasurables or the 4 Minds) are a foundational practice in many Buddhist traditions. They focus on the cultivation of the highest human potentials- Loving Kindness, Compassion, Joy, and Equanimity.

During the course of this talk/workshop we will examine both the practice and its theoretical underpinnings which are rooted in the teachings of the ageless wisdom tradition.

Apr 20 *Secret Doctrines of Egyptian Theosophy.* Lecture by **Chris Fessler**. Secret Doctrines of Egyptian Theosophy ~ Ancient Initiation, Mysteries of Isis and the Akashic Records. Learn what was known and taught by the ancient Egyptians about The Ancient History Of The Earth, The Mysteries of the Planets and The Descent Of The Primeval World. Chris Fessler is a high degree Co-Mason and long time theosophical student and lecturer, currently operating an internet book business covering a wide variety of esoteric subjects. Co-founder of the Mayflower Bookshop in 1971, he has maintained an interest in esoteric philosophy and the Kabbalah for many years.

Apr 27 *The Objects Unveiled with Ed Abdill.* Video. Facilitated by **Lotus Page**. This video provides an overview of the three objects of the Theosophical Society. Should their wording be changed to suit the times or not? Ed urges us to investigate, search and find out from our own experience.

May 4 *White Lotus Day and the Wisdom of China with David Bruce.* Video.



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Ongoing Activities

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

BOOK STUDY

Book study: *The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey A. Barborka. New participants are welcome.

The Divine Plan was written in the form of a commentary on H. P. Blavatsky's *The 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.

MONDAYS: 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The 12 Imaginings of the Twisted Hair Grandmothers: Co-Creating a Better World

Next Meeting is **Monday, April 2nd from 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

"I imagine I can listen to creation directly and I need no interpreter."

For more information call Debbie at (248) 414-5376 or Kalli at (248) 943-2850.

TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

BOOK STUDY

A serious in depth study of *The Secret Doctrine* by H.P. Blavatsky – drawing on various resources, including videos and books of commentary (including *Man the Measure*)

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP

OPEN DISCUSSION

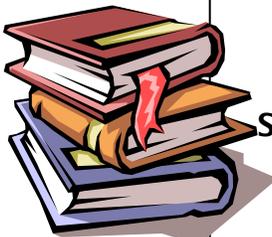
Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology and Rosicrucian thought. Discussions range from serious and informative to light and lively. Although intended as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

THURSDAYS: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

MEDITATION SUPPORT

Meditation Practice will now resume and will be facilitated by Dan Sarasin with an assist by Jodi Sheppard.

Come help us bring back the essential spirit of the quiet centered meditation practice led by Ron Leinweber throughout the past many years. We will meditate in chairs and on the floor. We recommend that you bring a blanket or pillow. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early. For more information, call Dan (248) 765-8887.



YOU CAN SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE

**Let's prepare for our annual used book sale.
Start bringing all of your used books related to metaphysics
and spirituality
to the Theosophical Society in Detroit.**

If you want to volunteer or if you have questions
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