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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## May 2012

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. 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.

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- May 04** *White Lotus Day and the Wisdom of China with David Bruce.* VIDEO. White Lotus Day (May 8) commemorates the death of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. Her teachings have some remarkable parallels with the ancient wisdom of China, particularly the Confucian BRRT principles: Brotherhood, Regularity, Reciprocity, and Trying. Facilitated by Barb Pressley.
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- May 11** *Art Meets Science and Spirituality: From Fragmentation To Wholeness.* VIDEO produced by Sheldon Rochlin and Louwrien Wijers. Includes artist Robert Rosenberg, Scientist David Bohm, the Dalai Lama and economist Stan Menshikov. Facilitated by Mara Radzvickas.
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- May 18** *Being in the Grip of a Complex.* LECTURE by Cynthia Cuthbertson (Jungian Analyst).  
The study of Complex Theory gives us a framework for understanding how the unconscious works within us, as well as giving us a deep sense of the intricacy of the inner world of each individual. We can then develop not only a better working knowledge of our lives and relationships, but an active compassion for ourselves and for others as we attempt to live fuller and more balanced lives each day. This lecture will offer a review of Jung's work on complexes, concrete illustrations and many examples in the hope of making it clear and useful.
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- May 25** *Mystic Path to Inner Peace.* VIDEO presented by Ed Abdill. H. P. Blavatsky once wrote, "There is a road, steep and thorny, beset with perils of every kind, but yet a road, and it leads to the very heart of the Universe." During this presentation at the 113th Annual Meeting and Summer School of the Theosophical Society in America, Ed Abdill examines the rewards and dangers associated with the treading of the mystical path. Facilitated by Dan Sarasin.
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- Jun 1** *The Wisdom of the I Ching.* VIDEO presented by Pablo Sender. The "I Ching", widely used as a divination book, presents a deep philosophy of right action. It describes the ever-changing interplay of forces, where happiness depends on our ability to act harmoniously, instead of being governed by selfishness. Facilitated by Daya Kujansuu.
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Most of the videos shown here on Friday nights are available for purchase or rent from the Theosophical Society in America. For more information, go to:

<http://www.theosophicalinstitute.org/medialibrary/insidelibrary.php>



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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

*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*. It presents an exposition of the Doctrines of the Esoteric Philosophy. Foundational theosophical knowledge is preferred. Please call if interested in joining — 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, May 7th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

*"I imagine that I can be myself even in those times when I am pained by others."*

**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.

**WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP**

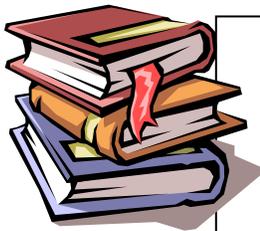
**OPEN DISCUSSION**

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**

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 or on the floor. We recommend that you bring a blanket or pillow. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early. Meditation Practice is facilitated by Dan Sarasin or Jodi Sheppard. For more information, call Dan (248) 765-8887.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 13 – SUNDAY, JULY 15**  
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  
contact Marina Sionov (248) 545-8553

