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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## DECEMBER 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. \$5 Suggested Donation**  
**From 6:30 to 6:55** is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library,  
and enjoying light refreshments.

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### Dec 7 To Whom Was the First Prayer Offered?

**If the universe is a conscious organism, in what form is its most primal manifestation?** Mitochondrial analysis shows that the African Kalahari Bush people (the Kung San tribe from the movie "The Gods Must Be Crazy") represent the "mother tribe" of all humanity. From studying their most ancient cave drawings (some dating back 23,000 years, thus offering the best window on the origins of spirituality), and from studying the oldest written record of the Bush people's beliefs in a "divine presence" (coming from the early missionaries at a time when anthropology was not yet a science), Dr. Dale can now answer the seminal question, "To whom was the first prayer offered?" How all the research clues finally "fell together" to reveal the Truth carries the intrigue of a good detective story! A video will also be shown. See more information at <http://www.meetup.com/wild-shamanism/events/87705232/>

LECTURE BY "DR. DALE", **EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGIST AND WILD SHAMANIST**

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### Dec 14 Waking up from the Sleep of Daily Life by Gurdjieff

The great spiritual teacher G. I. Gurdjieff said that human beings actually are asleep in day-to-day life, and that we habitually walk around in a low-grade hypnotic stupor. What is the nature of this waking sleep, **and what is the way out of it?**

VIDEO WITH GARY SMOLEY – FACILITATED BY GARY CONTESTI

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### Dec 21 Winter Solstice. No program. Building will be closed.

### Dec 28 No program. Building will be closed.

### Jan 4 Esoteric Astrology, a New Astrology for the New Age

LECTURE BY DAVID ZIMMERMAN

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Mark your calendars!



### Winter Solstice Celebration

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Call (248) 545-1961 for more details.

You can obtain more details from our web site: <http://tsdetroit.org>



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## Ongoing Activities

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

**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 **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 at (248) 545-8553

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

**VIDEO SERIES / BOOK STUDY**

Join us for 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.

**FIRST AND THIRD 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 Jodi Sheppard. For more information, call Jodi at (810) 377-JODI.

Question **What are the Three Objects?**

- Answer
1. Brotherhood of man, without distinction of race, color, religion, or social position
  2. The serious study of the ancient world-religions for purposes of comparison and the selection there from of universal ethics
  3. The study and development of the latent divine powers in man

- from *The Key to Theosophy*, by H. P. Blavatsky, 1889