
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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MAY 2013

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

May 3 The Yoga Miracle Maker

LECTURE by Chris Briney

Yoga is unique among spiritual disciplines in that it has an extensively defined and delineated set of practices designed to bring about transformation of the individual. In fact, it is impossible to separate the yogic discipline from the process of spiritual transformation. This talk will discuss the components of Yoga sadhana as taught by the "father" of yoga, sage Patanjali. This practice of self-transformation and illumination, more commonly known as Ashtanga Yoga will be explored with a keen eye toward illuminating its practical application. The aim is to transform daily life into a scientific process to yield self-refinement and, ultimately, Self-realization.

May 10 Knowledge and Wisdom: A White Lotus Day Talk

VIDEO — FACILITATED by Marina Sionov

Voice of the Silence contains a passage in which the disciple asks the teacher, What shall I do to reach to wisdom? In this program, David Bruce explores the relationship between knowledge and wisdom.

May 17 Guilt and Shame

LECTURE by Cynthia Cuthbertson

The Danish Jungian analyst Peer Hultberg wrote, "The affects of guilt and shame are closely linked to each other; many people have difficulty distinguishing between the two affects in themselves. But when we pay attention to our feelings, we know that there is an essential difference. We know the desperate and often mournful feeling of guilt on the one hand and on the other the burning, gnawing shame which makes one wish one that the ground would open and swallow one." In our time together, we will discuss this distinction and other workings of guilt and shame in our lives.

May 24 Everyday and Everywhere Kabbalah

LECTURE by Daya Kujansuu

What is Kabbalah? Kabbalistic principles and practices have been around "since Adam and Eve", but taught only to the very few. Now, in this information age, learning about Kabbalah is more available than ever. Is it as simple as wearing a red string, reciting prayers, and carrying amulets? Is there more to it? Join us for lecture and discussion.

May 31 Riding the Waves of Planetary Change: Turning into the Zeitgeist

VIDEO with Ray Grasse — FACILITATED by Gary Contesti

Every historical period possesses its own unique qualities, something philosophers refer to as the "zeitgeist" or "spirit of the age." The speaker reveals how astrology can illuminate these shifting energies and explores how our personal horoscopes are intimately bound with the larger planetary trends affecting society

Ray Grasse has studied the esoteric traditions of the world for twenty-five years, including Kriya Yoga, astrology, and Zen Buddhism. A working astrologer, he also teaches meditation classes, and served for several years as assistant editor of *The Quest* magazine, published by the Theosophical Society. He is author of *The Waking Dream* (Quest Books, 1996), a study of synchronicity and symbolism, and *Signs of the Times* (Hampton Roads, 2002), an exploration of the emerging Aquarian Age

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

SUNDAYS: 3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2:00 – 4:00 PM

STUDY GROUP

Carl Jung Study Group

THERE IS A \$5.00 CHARGE

We invite you to join a study group that is now meeting at the Theosophical Society in Detroit. The Michigan Friends of Jung has begun a group to study the works of Carl Jung, using the course materials published by Centerpoint Foundation International of Casselberry, Florida. The meetings last about 2 to 2 1/2 hours and meet on the third Sunday each month. For more information, contact Connie Wright (313) 386 3753, Tim Hildebrandt (248) 219 6641 or the Michigan Friends of Jung at www.jungmich.org

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) 377-5634.

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