
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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



OUR MISSION is . . .

to encourage open-minded inquiry into world religions, philosophy, science and the arts
in order to understand the wisdom of the ages, respect the unity of all life,
and help people explore spiritual self-transformation.

NOVEMBER 2014

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

\$5 Donation

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.

Nov 7 *Karma and Rebirth in Buddhism*

VIDEO - John Cianciosi - Facilitator: Dan Sarasin

The Buddhist teachings on Karma and Rebirth are often confused with ideas about fate and the reincarnation of the soul. However, the Buddha was very careful to refute the notion of fatalism and the belief in a soul that transmigrates from life to life. He pointed to a process of conditioned becoming, governed by impersonal natural laws, which doesn't require a creator or a soul. Within this framework, we discover both the freedom and the responsibility of shaping destiny.

Nov 14 *Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife (Part 1)*

VIDEO - Dr. Eben Alexander - Facilitator: Connie Wright

Near-death experiences, or NDEs, are controversial. Thousands of people have had them, but many in the scientific community have argued that they are impossible. Dr. Eben Alexander was one of those people until his near-death experience after an E. coli meningitis-related seizure and seven-day coma will reassure afterlife believers, though it is unlikely to convince skeptics. Alexander's credentials are impressive: medical school at Duke and 15 years at Harvard-affiliated hospitals.

Nov 21 *The Soul's Journey through Life and Death*

VIDEO - Pablo Sender - Facilitator: Connie Wright

According to the Theosophical teachings, the purpose of our existence is to develop the divine seeds present in every human consciousness. This magnificent growth, which began with primitive man and ends with an enlightened being, takes eons to accomplish. Being human, which began with primitive man and ends with an enlightened being, takes eons to accomplish. Explore the natural laws and processes that affect the soul's journey through lives and deaths.

Nov 28 *Experiments in Telepathy*

VIDEO - David Bruce - Facilitator: Marina Sionov

What is the recent scientific evidence supporting the existence of mental telepathy in ordinary individuals? Theosophy says that thoughts are forms of energy capable of being transmitted from one person to another. Some of biologist Rupert Sheldrake's fascinating experiments will be discussed.

Dec 5-6 *Mahatma Letters* - Lecture and Workshop with Jon Knebel

Mark your calendars! Friday lecture, followed by Saturday workshop.

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



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We have made so much progress with the clean-up from the flood. We appreciate the donations that were made so that we could clean the carpet, replace bathroom floors, and paint. We still have more on our "wish list" and any contribution (big and small) will assist in refurbishing the TSD!

If you would like to contribute to the effort, we are conducting "Project Days".

For more information go to http://www.tsdetroit.org/contact_us.htm

NOVEMBER 2014 ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

BOOK STUDY

Nov 10

***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

Serious Studies in *The Secret Doctrine*, Esoteric Insights and Spiritual Practice

We invite all serious students of the ancient wisdom to join us in an in depth study of The Secret Doctrine by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. We will work with a range of print materials as well as audio-visual, as we continue our ongoing quest for insight and understanding. Questions, call Mara at (248) 545-1961.

WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

STUDY GROUP

Study Group: *The Tree of Life*

(NO MEETING on Nov 19 and Nov 26)

Take a deeper exploration of the Tree of Life. Learn how to navigate on the four planes using materials on kabbalah, yoga, astrology, and eastern philosophy. Questions, call Daya at (248) 545-1961.

THURSDAYS: (2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH) 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

STUDY GROUP

Nov 13

Study Group: *Beginner's Guide To Constructing The Universe*

Explore the mathematical principles made visible in flowers, shells, crystals, plants, and the human body, expressed in the symbolic language of folk sayings and fairy tales, myth and religion, art and architecture. Facilitator is Pamela Herringshaw, PhD. Call (248) 545-1961 for details.

Theosophical Society of Detroit parking is limited. . .

The good news is. . .the Vinsetta Garage restaurant (next door) offers free valet parking for people attending our programs. Just tell the parking attendant that you are attending a program at the Theosophical Society of Detroit.

What are the Three Objects?

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

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