
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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



December 2014

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.

Dec 5 *The Mahatma Letters, an Introduction* Lecture presented by Jon Knebel

The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett is a collection of correspondences between an English Journalist, Alfred P. Sinnett and the Masters KH and Morya during the early years of the Society. These letters capture much of the Masters thoughts and motivations in instigating the foundational writings by H. P. Blavatsky and formation of the Society, founded to be a channel for their work. Jon has immersed himself in the Letters and is able to offer significant clarity and insight.

Also join us on Saturday, December 6 Full Day Workshop on The Mahatma Letters!

Suggested donation for workshop is \$10.

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. breakfast; 9:00 workshop begins

The morning will be devoted to The Maha Chohan's Letter. This is a letter of great significance in describing the vision of the Chohan for the role of the Society as a Brotherhood of Humanity and cornerstone of the future religion of humanity.

http://www.alpheus.org/html/source_materials/theosophy/MahaChohanLetter.pdf

In the afternoon Jon will guide us through an exploration of the statements contained in the last known letter from Koot Hoomi, written to Annie Besant in 1900, some years after the death of H. P. Blavatsky.

This letter contains warnings and instructions well worth considering even today.

See *The Final Mahatma Letter* at <http://blavatskytheosophy.com/the-final-mahatma-letter/>

**Don't miss this opportunity to explore this classic of theosophical literature
with a teacher of extraordinary perception and understanding.**

Dec 12 *The Secret Life of Elvis Presley, Grace & Spiritual Evolution* (video) facilitated by Pam Herringshaw

To the public Elvis was a conservative Southern Christian but few are aware of his long spiritual journey and struggle. He explored Yoga, meditation, self realization, met with Paramahansa Yogananda, as did the Beatles, and questioned the foundation of his fundamentalist Christian belief system in the face of conservative opposition from family, friends, his manager, etc.

Dec 19 *An Early History of Planet Earth, a Theosophical Perspective* Lecture presented by Winnie Wylie

Do you ever wonder where we all came from? Theosophy states that Earth is currently in the fourth Round of the planet's own sevenfold development. Join us as Winnie Wylie provides more a more in-depth perspective on this azure-green ball we call home.

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 16 — 7:00 – 9:30 PM

Join us for a winter gathering for TS members, family and friends.

Potluck vegetarian supper, gratitude ceremony, blessing tree, and friendship circle.

For friendship circle, bring something you enjoy sharing for the winter holidays: a poem, prayer, story or song.



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

DEC 8

***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

DEC 3, DEC 10 ~ LAST MEETING DEC 17

Study Group: *The Tree of Life*

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

DEC 11

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