
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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



SEPTEMBER 2016

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.

Sept 16 *The Secret of Who You Really Are*

Video by Pablo Sender (Dan Sarasin)

Who are you and what are your potentialities? What is your destiny? These questions form the basis of any spiritual seeking, yet the answers given by different traditions vary widely. Is humanity inherently limited, needing a savior to deliver us from suffering and spiritual ignorance, or are we already enlightened and all we have to do is be what we really are. Which view is right? Can they both be correct?

Sept 23 *Theosophy, the Wisdom Religion Esoteric*

Lecture by Robert Thibodeau

How to attune oneself to the mysteries and secret teachings of all Ages. Hermetic, Neo-Pythagorean, Neoplatonic, gnostic, alchemical, Rosicrucian, and other post Atlantean Sun Oracle Teachings engendering Spiritual Awakening and enlightenment processes. The title is taken from a chapter title of H.P. Blavatsky's *Key to Theosophy*. Robert Thibodeau is an astrological consultant, author of 'Astrological Aspects, the Art', and owner of Mayflower Bookshop; mayflowerbookshop.com online.

Sept 30 *Positive Spirituality: Less Suffering, More Healing*

Lecture by Mike Whitty

A Meditative reflection on releasing negativity and increasing positive acceptance and self forgiveness. A guided journey to say goodbye to guilt, fear and anger. A reaffirmation of trust in self and trust in life in the face of pressure, worry and confusion. A chance to see more clearly the light on the path and the brotherhood of mankind.

Mike Whitty is a professor of labor and industrial relations at the University of Detroit Mercy and past director of the University's Institute for Building Sustainable Communities. His professional work has included diversity training, conflict resolution and workshops. An urban visionary and futurist. Mike is the founder of Citizens for Tolerance and Decency, a group seeking to restore civility to politics and public discourse.

Oct 7 Lecture by Alex Riegel

Theosophical Society in 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.

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

If you have any questions or comments about our ongoing activities,
please call (248) 545-1961 or email tsdetroit@inbox.com

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

BOOK STUDY

NEXT MEETING IS SEPT 12

***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 those who wish to read and gain a deeper understanding of the Secret Doctrine – presenting an exposition of the Doctrines of Esoteric Philosophy.

TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM (BEGINNING SEPT 20)

MEMBER'S STUDY

***Theosophy Explained* by Pestanji T. Pavri**

Theosophy is the wisdom underlying all religions when they are stripped of accretions and superstitions. It offers a philosophy which renders life intelligible and demonstrates that justice and love guide the cosmos. Its teachings aid the unfoldment of the latent spiritual nature in the human being, without dependence or fear.

Pestanji T. Pavri, Professor of Mathematics, an engineer by profession, and a theosophist. In this book, Pestanji presents a variety of theosophical subjects such as evolution and mans place in the universe in the form of Questions and Answers. The book has been very popular and continuously in print since the beginning of this century. It is readable but is also a valuable reference book.

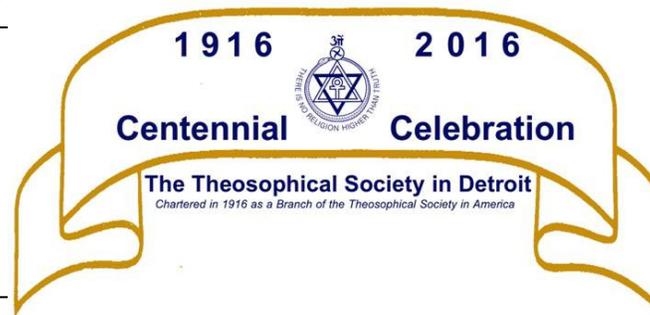
WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM SHARP

OPEN DISCUSSION

(BEGINNING SEPT 21)

Open Forum facilitated by Gary Contesti

Gary Contesti is continuing the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology, Rosicrucian thought, and more.



We are so very grateful to the Theosophical Society in Detroit's Centennial Celebration speakers: Tim Boyd (President of the International Theosophical Society, as well as President of the Theosophical Society in America (TSA); Janet Kerschner (Archivist of the Theosophical Society in America); Winnie Wylie (President of the Ann Arbor Lodge and TSA member for over 75 years); and Gary Contesti (President of the Theosophical Society in Detroit).

Thank you to all who helped to make this event a huge success. We especially appreciate long-time members, friends of the TSD, and behind-the-scene workers who continuously support our lodge.