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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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## OCTOBER 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.

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**Oct 7 *The Lost Inner Tradition: Wisdom from Mount Athos***

Lecture by the Rev. Dr. Alexander Riegel

Tucked away on a 142 square mile peninsula in southern Greece is Mount Athos, a Christian monastic community that holds the wisdom of the inner Christian tradition. This is the wisdom of the Eastern Church, a tradition that may be traced from the 3rd century Alexandrian Mystery School through the Byzantium Empire, ultimately influencing modern day mystics, such as Gurdjieff. (Many spiritual themes that emerge from Mount Athos are embedded in Gurdjieff's enneagram teaching.) This form of Christianity is very different from that with which most Christians are familiar, especially here in the west. Join us as we explore this incredibly compelling inner tradition and be prepared to have our notion of Christianity seriously challenged!

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**Oct 14 *The Problem of Evil***

Video - Pablo Sender (Dan Sarasin)

One of the main mysteries in the philosophy of religion is the existence of evil and suffering in a universe that is supposed to be created and ruled by an omnipotent, omniscient, and benevolent God. How can this apparent paradox be explained? Assuming that evil and suffering are wrong, some conclude that God does not exist, while others postulates that evil is the outcome of humanity's misuse of the free will given by God. Is there a Theosophical perspective?

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**Oct 21 *The Challenge of Forgiveness***

Lecture by Bonnie Watson

The act of forgiveness could be one of the most important challenges we will ever face! Try and think of forgiveness not so much as a single act, but as a lifestyle. Our past lives, this lifetime and future lives, have and will demand, forgiveness of ourselves and others. It is an ongoing process and we cannot escape this vital teaching ~ ever! Look around you and see humanity and how the lack of forgiveness has created a vicious circle of hatred and suffering. We can begin our mastery of this powerful, spiritual opportunity and change our lives and our world, now!

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**Oct 28 *Conservative Soul, Liberal Soul***

Video - Jim Kenney (Galen Garst)

What is the "conservative soul" at its very best? And what is the liberal equivalent? Our conversation brings us toward the progressive center that may yet prove to be the shared spark that animates both the conservative soul and the liberal souls. Jim Kenney is a Trustee, International Interreligious Peace Council.

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**Nov 4 On The Nature of Love? Video - J. Krishnamurti with Carl Anderson on Sitar**

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***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](mailto:tsdetroit@inbox.com)

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

**BOOK STUDY**

**NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 10**

***The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey A. Barboroka**

*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.

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

**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 man's 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.


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

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

***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.



Bookstore Hours

TUESDAYS  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM