

**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT**  
Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America



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Theosophy has been called the Wisdom Tradition. The word stems from the Greek words "theos" (God) and "Sophia" (Wisdom) and refers to the "Wisdom of the Gods". In the 19<sup>th</sup> century Helena Blavatsky's work, with the help of others, was to reveal a portion of this wisdom tradition to the world. Our First Friday programs will focus on the themes in theosophy. Through the exploration of one theme per month, we offer you the opportunity to gain greater depth about the wisdom tradition.

FRIDAY PROGRAMS	8 PM	SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00
<b>JAN 02</b>	<b>NO PROGRAM – POST HOLIDAY BREAK</b>	
	<i>"Like a diamond, your mind cannot be broken; like space it embraces all. From the sky of No-conception, shines the light of your Bodhi-Mind Emancipating disciples from darkness." ~ The Hundred Thousand Songs of Milarepa</i>	
<b>JAN 09</b>	<b>THE TWO HANDS OF GOD</b> <b>Dr. Richard Brooks</b> The problem of evil is one of the major concerns in Judeo-Christian theology. How could an omnipotent, omni-benevolent Being create a world where so-called natural disasters regularly kill thousands of apparently innocent people? How does Theosophy address this problem?	
<b>JAN 16</b>	<b>BREATH OF HAPPINESS &amp; YOGA SCIENCE OF BREATH – PART TWO</b> <b>Marina Sionov, R.N.</b> Everyday breath of life, how it affects our body, our voice, our everyday movements & encounters. Plan to participate in simple stretches and deep, soft breathing. Change your awareness within minutes & bring the Divine Breath into every cell of your body. <i>Bring a blanket or mat, wear warm comfortable clothes, a smile and sense of humor!</i>	
<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>THE DHARMA/KARMA NEXUS: Finding &amp; Following Our Path In Life</b> <b>Minor Lile</b> Theosophical teachings provide a wealth of information about the workings of karma in our lives. Less emphasized, but just as relevant, is the role Dharma plays in shaping our plans and perceptions. These two elements or natural law are inextricably woven into the pattern of our lives, both collectively and as individuals. This program explores the important role these dynamic factors play in shaping our destiny as human beings.	
<b>JAN 30</b>	<b>A NEW VISION OF REALITY</b> <b>Ron Lienweber</b> In looking toward a new age in humanity, we strive to see the unity behind all religion. To rediscover and experience the universal Cosmic Person as revealed in Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam. In breaking down the old, a new order emerges. The next stage is to realize the universe is being reintegrated into the life of the Spirit, the life of God.	
<b>FEB 6</b>	<b>MIND MOVES MATTER :</b> <b>" A man is but the product of his thoughts – What he thinks, he becomes." ~ M. K. Gandhi</b> <b>Mary Jo Kokochak</b> Thought is real and has an energy and creative power; the thoughts we create have a life of their own that affects others as well as ourselves. Explore ways we can use the power of thought to develop what's best in ourselves and be a positive force in the world.	
<b>FEB 13</b>	<b>ROSICRUCIANISM AND MODERN LIFE</b> <b>John Barnwell</b> The esoteric Christian mysteries of the Rosicrucians began during the 15 <sup>th</sup> century, and continue through present time, on into the future. This will be an informal exploration, out of the works of Rudolf Steiner and Theosophy, into their increasing relevance for today's challenges. John Barnwell is the author of the two books "The Arcana of the Grail Angel" and "The Arcana of Light on the Path."	
<b>FEB 20</b>	<b>THE POWER OF THOUGHT: An Applied Kinesiology Perspective</b> <b>Marc Terebelo, D.C.</b> A thought provoking presentation on how our thoughts influence the thymus gland and the bodies immune system. Using Muscle Testing, Dr. Terebelo will demonstrate how our body reacts to certain thoughts and images. Taught by Dr. George Goodheart, the founder of Muscle Testing, Dr. Terebelo has been a member of the Holistic Health Community for over 21 years.	
<b>FEB 27</b>	<b>MUSIC IN RITUAL &amp; SPIRITUAL SPACE</b> <b>Renzo Hutchinson</b> Music is a powerful medium that affects us deeply. It has assumed a prominent place in ritual, religious and spiritual endeavors for ages. Explore the possible mechanisms that produce the effect from physics to metaphysics. Experience both live and recorded music as demonstrations. Renzo is a musician who plays the hammered dulcimer, flute and guitar.	

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**<http://tsdetroit.org>**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY IN SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

##### **Members Workshop with Minor Lile**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

**Time: 10 AM – 12 Noon**

##### **9:00 AM Vegetarian Potluck Breakfast**

Minor Lile has been a resident manager of Indralaya, the theosophical retreat center located in the San Juan Islands of Washington State. Minor is also on the National Board of the Theosophical Society in America, serving as Western Region Director.

As individual beings we live our lives immersed in community. In our day and age there are many types of community. Each of us interact with family, our friends, co-workers, neighbors, our email list and, perhaps, a spiritual community.

#### **SANSKRIT MANTRA WORKSHOPS**

**JANUARY 11 & FEBRUARY 8**

**Time: 1 – 4 PM**

**Taught by Mark Shanks.** Chanting traditions span the centuries and are steeped in ritual and sacred ceremony. Mantra is a powerful way to awaken the mind and heart to deeper levels of being. Their repetition has the ability to clear the mind and make it more responsive to the inner prompting of Spirit. Sessions 4 & 5 of a 5-part class.

### **WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

#### **MEMBERS' STUDY**

**Tuesdays**

**Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM**

**Current study: *Talks on the Path of Occultism*. Authors: Annie Besant & C. W. Leadbeater.** The first volume of a 3-volume set, the books cover & comment on *At The Feet of the Master*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *The Light on the Path*. Three very traditional Theosophical texts. Join us for an exchange of ideas.

#### **OPEN FORUM: LIVING IN THE WISDOM TRADITION**

**Wednesdays**

**Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

Wide-ranging studies in applied theosophy, drawing from various traditions and points of view. Informal, interactive. Bring your questions. All are welcome.

#### **MEDITATION CIRCLE**

**Thursdays**

**Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

Silent meditation on inspirational readings from the world's religions. Mutual support and sharing. All are welcome.