

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 19th century Helena Blavatsky's work, with the help of others, was to reveal a portion of this wisdom tradition to the world.

FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30

PROGRAM STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

- MARCH 4 SPIRITUAL FREEDOM: RALPH WALDO EMERSON'S "SELF RELIANCE"**
TAMARA EMERSON
"Self-Reliance" when read within the context of the rest of his essays, becomes a directive to personal connection to and rests within the Oversoul allowing one both individual and spiritual freedom as well as active participation in the rise of all human consciousness. Emerson was known as the founder of the 19th Century U.S. Transcendentalist movement.
- MARCH 11 UNIVERSAL TRUTH: THE NATURAL PRACTICE**
VEN. CHUEN PHANGCHAM, PH.D., Abbot of Buddha Vihara / MBMC
This evening's talk will present the "Universal Truth" from the Buddhist practice: The scientific and practical tradition of the Awakened One - The Buddha.
- MARCH 18 THE CARE AND DARING OF THE SOUL**
DR. ANTON LYSY, DEAN OF STUDIES, OLCOTT INSTITUTE
James Hillman and Thomas Moore are two psychologists in the Jungian tradition who have made popular "The Soul's Code, The Care of the Soul, Soul Mates and The Reenchantment of Everyday Life. In this presentation, their ideas on the journey of life will be examined including the idea of the Daimon guide which links these thinkers to Neoplatonism
- MARCH 25 AN ESOTERIC INTERPRETATION OF EASTER**
RICHARD BROOKS, PH.D.
While Christians consider Easter a time to celebrate the literal resurrection of Jesus from the dead, theosophists give a deeper meaning to the festival. Why, for instance, is it movable rather than, like Christmas, a fixed "feast day"? Dr. Brooks will suggest several levels of significance to this important celebration.
- APRIL 1 THE UPANISHADS: GLIMPSES INTO THE SUPREME STATES OF THE SOUL**
RON LEINWEBER, A.B., M.A.
These sacred meditations which emerged out of ancient India never fail to surprise us. As we become more familiar with the Upanishads we see why men and women discovering them begin a practice of meditation or some form of contemplative prayer. Tonight we will look at a few of the most striking to see how they were meant to arouse our sense of the Oneness underlying life, and particularly how this Oneness can be realized.
- APRIL 8 FORUM: MODERN SCIENCE IN THE WISDOM TRADITION CALLED THEOSOPHY**
DON ELWERT
Madame. Blavatsky, DePurucker, I. K. Taimni and others give us some hints that ours is much more than a material universe. Modern science is largely rooted in ancient traditions and science can take time to study consciousness with its aspects.
- APRIL 15 REFLECTIONS ON STORIES & THE PAST**
CAROLE KATZ – MODERATOR
Just imagine how stories from the past have impacted on your life. Often they are forgotten in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. This forum will help us recall those stories and the time to reflect on how they have influenced our lives.
- APRIL 22 CONSCIOUSNESS: THE "GOD-NESS" WITHIN**
LINDA GONAJ
Linda will talk about her personal experience of near-death and how that experience elucidated the purpose of life, the meaning of death and the significance of Christ Consciousness. This lecture will explore the relationship of the mentioned concepts.
- APRIL 29 MUSIC AND MIND EXPANSION**
DANIEL DAVID
Dan will discuss the use of music as a vehicle to raise consciousness by those such as John Coltrane, Ravi Shankar, even Beethoven. This talk draws on Hindu mystical philosophy as well as Jungian psychology.

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SPECIAL EVENT – SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2005

CARL JUNG AND THE SPIRIT TO LIVE “YOUR WAY”

**Presented by: TONY LYSY, PH.D.
DEAN OF STUDIES AT OLCOTT INSTITUTE**

**Members Potluck 8:30-9:30 AM
Presentation: 10 AM – 12 Noon**

Born in 1875 just prior to the founding of the Theosophical Society, C. G. Jung has become, for many, the major psychological “cartographer” of the “obligatory journey” outlined in the Third Fundamental Proposition of the Proem of The Secret Doctrine. Jung’s ideas of “individuation,” “synchronicity” and the “transcendent function” will be explored in this presentation and contrasted to theosophical visions of the spiritual path. Donations welcome.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

MEMBERS' STUDY

Tuesdays

Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM

Daya Kujansuu is leading the Tuesday group thru a study of the Kabbalah. The book “Qabalistic Concepts: Living the Tree” by William Gray provides an in-depth, clearly and intelligently written treatise on kabbalah. Gray emphasizes how the qabalah actively influences the Western Mystery Tradition. There are thought provoking questions at the end of each chapter that will be discussed in the weekly meetings. Open to members only.

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INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF OCCULTISM AND MYSTICISM

Wednesdays

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Wide-ranging studies of theosophical writings from various traditions and points of view. No charge – Bring your questions. All are welcome.

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MEDITATION CIRCLE

Thursdays

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

*This support circle is meant to encourage a regular daily practice, using brief reading and sharing to affirm the richness of meditation. We will use several 20-minute silent “sits” to touch and share the power in and beyond us. **Please arrive a few minutes early.** For information call Ron at (248) 280-4711*