

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT
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Theosophy has been called the Wisdom Religion. 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. 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 EVENING PROGRAM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30

PROGRAM STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

SEPT 10 THE RULE OF BENEDICT: INSIGHTS FOR THE AGES

Ron Leinweber, AB, MA

Ron will explore some ideas in the ancient document known as St. Benedict's "Rule," written in the 5th century. When we see its practical directives for relationships, authority, community, balance, work, simplicity, prayer & spiritual growth, we can understand the amazing appeal of this spiritual guidebook that is almost 1500 years old.

SEPT 17 THE BASIC DOCTRINES OF ISLAM

Richard Brooks, Ph.D.

Because of the present association of Islam with terrorism, this beautiful religion is greatly misunderstood and maligned in the West. Dr. Brooks will suggest an approach to its basic text, the *Qur'an*, which indicates not only its inherent beauty but also that the idea of a "holy war" (jihad) is inconsistent with its basic teachings.

SEPT 24 GANDHI & KHAN: POWER OF NONVIOLENCE

Rev. David Capraro, Imam Achmat Salie, and Prasanna Vengadam

In The Light has sponsored "Gandhi & Khan: Power of nonviolence" to raise awareness of nonviolence out of adherence to universal spiritual principles. Badshah Khan, a devout Muslim, raised history's first nonviolent army of 100,000 men (& some women). Later, they joined forces with Gandhi's freedom movement to play a major role in India's victorious struggle for independence. David, Prasanna and Imam Achmat Salie have recently returned from the World Parliament of Religions in Barcelona, Spain in support of this peace effort.

OCT 1 THE VEILS OF ISIS

John Barnwell

John will be speaking on the mysteries of ancient Egypt with a central focus on the goddess Isis and how this ancient teaching has continuing relevance for spiritual seekers of modern times. John has spent 15 years as the librarian & archivist for one of the largest Egyptology libraries in the world.

OCT 8 THE OPENING OF THE THIRD EYE

David Zimmerman

David will discuss the physical mechanisms of the Third Eye - the Etheric Body, the Third Eye itself. Techniques for opening of the eye: Methods of the Masters, Qualities of the Soul, the Third Eye in symbolism. David is associated with the Claregate College of England and the Theosophical Society both here and in England.

OCT 15 ATLANTIS AND THE EVIDENCE

Winifred Wylie

Plato writes in Timaeus and Critias that Atlantis existed 11,500 years ago. Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine agrees with Plato. Is there evidence to support them, and what does it mean to us in the 21st century? Winnie has traveled extensively to Europe and South American in pursuit of her interest in Atlantis. Slides will also be presented along with her talk. Winnie is a lifetime member of the Theosophical Society.

OCT 22 THE POWER OF THE MIND

Jim Knott, C.H.T., Ontologist

You are a Spiritual, Divine Being. Rediscover the Gnosis (Self-Knowledge) within you. Remember Truth and Love flow within you, as within, so without. Join us for a Gnostic view presented by Jim. Jim is a long time member of the Theosophical Society.

OCT 29 MAGICAL HERBAL FOLKLORE

Karen Stokes

There is much folklore surrounding common herbs like lavender (placed in a home to bring peace) and sage (burned to cleanse the aura). Explore Druid herb magic as well as Native American medicine ways as we discuss the subtle energy and symbolism of nature's healing plants and herbs. Learn how the old herbal ways can be incorporated into modern spiritual practices and rituals. Karen also writes a column for the PhenomeNews.

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**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.*

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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.

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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*

He who walks the PATH OF LIGHT is marked by COMPASSION,
for he understands the needs of the weary animal, the sorrows of the
child, and the mind of the stranger.

~ The Sayings of the Ancient One ~