

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT
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Theosophy has been called the Wisdom Religion. The word stems from the Greek words "theos" (G-d) and "Sophia" (Wisdom) and refers to the "Wisdom of the G-ds". 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. Beginning in September, 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
SEPT 12	THEOSOPHY, WISDOM TRADITION, THE PLAN Richard Brooks, PhD. Dr. Brooks will trace the history of the Wisdom Tradition as it is found in various cultures and at various times in world history. He will clarify how the Theosophical Society has attempted to continue that tradition in modern times. Dick Brooks is a retired Professor of Philosophy from Oakland University who specializes in Asian Philosophy. He has been a member of the TS for 50 years and has lectured around the world.	
SEPT 19	THE EARTH, THE SUN, AND THE GALAXY, OUR LIVING G-DS Rev. Brian Kneipp Brian Kneipp will present scientific and metaphysical knowledge of these entities and their spiritual importance to all. Included will be NASA images of each and insight into their spiritual significance from advanced Masters. Reverend Kneipp has spent over twenty years working the Aetherius Society, helping to build the organization and performing missions for humanity in cooperation with the Ascended masters. He has lectured in America and England. He also has a background in science and corporate management.	
SEPT 26	TRUE INITIATION Robert Zuraw The first initiation is when we are born into this world. This talk is on the middle path, balance between the freedom of doing good or evil. It will include the teachings of the Kabbala on the Garden of Eden, the tree of Life versus the Tree of Knowledge. How G-d (Tao), Satan (Yin) and Lucifer (Yang) work together. Robert Zuraw is a certified Chi Kung teacher. He is also a teacher of Visual Education and co-author of Perfect Eyesight.	
OCT 3	HUMAN NATURE AND ITS' DIMENSIONS Prasanna Vengadam Continued study of Theosophical philosophy. Prasanna has been an integral part of the Detroit T.S. for many years and a past board member. She is a wonderful teacher and able to share new perspectives on many concepts.	
OCT 10	BROTHERHOOD OF ALL MANKIND Steve Spreitzer Solidarity is a primary theme in the teaching of our world's great religions. How do we experience this filial love, referred to by Gabriel Marcel as the highest form of love? How do we, following the Jungian suggestion, draw closer to G-d by drawing closer to our fellow religious pilgrims? Steve is the Coordinator of Interfaith Programs at the National Council for Community and Justice.	
OCT 17	PUTTING MORE SOUL INTO OUR WORK Mike Whitty and Dick Rappleye Learn the tools and techniques of attitudinal health applied to work. Develop a spiritual psychology to reduce our fears and frustrations surrounding our jobs, careers and economic needs. Reduce stress, save energy, and build your life legacy. Professor Mike Whitty is the co-editor of Work and Spirit: New Spiritual Paradigms for Organizations. Dick Rappleye is a program officer with the Kresge Foundation and a member of the T.S. Board of Directors.	
OCT 24	MINDWALK Gary Contesti <i>Mindwalk</i> is a Paramount video based on The Turning Point, a book by Fritjof Capra. A politician, poet, and physicist give their different perspectives regarding Descartes to System Theories while searching for answers to today's problems, A search for a new vision. Discussion following led by Gary Contesti who is President of our lodge and a life long seeker of truth and knowledge. VEGETARIAN POTLUCK AT 6:00PM	
OCT 30	THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT Richard Brooks, PhD For millennia people in all countries and cultures have told stories about hearing strange noises or seeing apparitions---usually called ghosts. What is the factual basis of these stories? And what is their theosophical interpretation? Dick will answer these questions, describing some of his own personal investigations in southeast Michigan.	

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SPECIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY MORNING RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 27 & OCTOBER 25

Time: 9 – 11 AM

Retreat is a calm affirming of peace, goodwill, insight and freedom. Extended sitting and walking meditation is combined with spiritual reading, sharing, and prayers for healing and unity. All welcome. Please arrive promptly, no one is admitted after retreat begins. Information: (248) 545-1961

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

MEMBERS' STUDY

Tuesdays

Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM

Current study: *The Visionary Window: A Quantum Physicist's Guide To Enlightenment*. Author Amit Goswami shows how principles of the new science help us with creativity and truly spiritual living. Text available. Join us for an exchange of ideas.

OPEN FORUM: LIVING IN WISDOM

Wednesdays

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Wide-ranging studies in applied theosophy, drawing from various traditions and points of view. Informal, interactive. 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.

