



The Theosophical Society in Detroit

Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America

September - October 2005

Welcome to another season at the TS in Detroit!

*There is a harmony
In autumn, and a lustre in its sky,
Which through the summer is not heard or seen,
As if it could not be, as if it had not been!*

- PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

We open the season with theme of unity and harmony and how to attain it both within and around us. Join us every Friday as we learn about the many paths to the joy of harmony in the Baha'i faith, theosophical tradition, Tibetan Buddhism, Hinduism, science, the arts, and contemporary traditions.

Fall is around the corner. As the trees shed their leaves and the sun works shorter days, Nature gently evokes in us an introspective mood. Please stop at the TS to buy books (valuable used books and great new ones) or borrow resources from the library. Our ongoing study groups, meditation classes, and Friday public programs are valuable resources in your spiritual living.

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Ongoing Activities

BOOK STUDY GROUPS

Key To Theosophy – By Helena Blavatsky

First published in 1889, this book is a dialogue between an inquirer and a theosophist who explains the fundamental principles and objections raised by the average Western inquirer. The Key is especially valuable for its extended discussion of what happens after death and for the analysis of man's psychological nature. Key to Theosophy is also one of the new arrivals at our bookstore. Supplementary materials from John Algeo, the past President of the Theosophical Society of America, are also available.

Two study groups meet at different times:

**SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.**

LIBRARY AND BOOKSTORE HOURS

Feel free to browse through new and used books during our regular hours. Purchases can be made before or after study and meetings.

TUESDAY – Friday: 7:00 - 9.30 p.m.

INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON MYSTICISM

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 7.30 P.M.

MEDITATION CIRCLE

Inspiring readings and gentle music. Experience absolute peace and serenity in a meditation.

EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

New Daytime Hours

FRIDAYS: 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M

September 2005

9/16 Unity in Baha'i Faith

Hossein Kian

"The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens," said Baha'u'llah. The Baha'i faith offers a unifying vision of the nature of individuals and society and challenges us to accept that we are one people. Hossein will expand on the concept of oneness – of God, humanity, and religions – and how it helps us attain everlasting peace in our lives.

Hossein Kian is an active spiritual seeker who has traveled all over the world to promote peace and unity among the nations including Africa, Europe, and Asia. He has devoted much of his time to the study and teaching of the Baha'i faith, and other religions including Islam, Hinduism, and Zoroastrianism. He teaches about the Baha'i faith at the Baha'i center in Detroit.

9/23 A Dialog on the Path to the Pathless

Guru Padmanabhan

"Truth is a pathless land," is at the core of J. Krishnamurti's teachings. In this interactive session with the audience, Guru will guide our search for harmony through freethinking. This soul-provoking inquiry, which emphasizes the importance of means toward peace, shows us a way out of self-destruction to self-preservation.

Guru, student of J. Krishnamurti, was educated in the Krishnamurti School in Banaras, India. Influenced by Krishnamurti's philosophy, he also lives his life in the spirit of independent inquiry. His family worked closely with Annie Besant in the early 1920's when Besant was developing schools and institutes in India.



9/30 The Shaman, The Quantum, and Evolutionary Psychology

Dr. Dale Glavach

The quest for Truth is the common goal in science and spirituality. Quantum theory is no more bizarre and inspiring than the new pinnacle of natural science – evolutionary psychology. While the former reveals the need for deep intention to create our future experiences, the latter reveals where to find it. Evolutionary psychology, which reveals the powers latent in humans, underscores our hard-wired primal spirituality.

Dr. Dale, a psychologist who has studied the new field of Clinical Evolutionary Psychology, seeks to guide people in learning how to live more naturally within our current very unnatural world. He is on a theosophical quest to broaden his own understanding of the crucial nexus between natural science and the original spirituality of the human species, especially in the shaman tradition as practices by the aboriginal nomadic peoples.

The Theosophical Society – Mission

The Theosophical Society of Detroit encourages open-minded inquiry into world religions, philosophy, science, and the arts in order to understand the wisdom of the ages, respect the unity of all life, and help people explore spiritual self-transformation.



October 2005

10/7 Spiritual Beings in Art

Presentation by the Detroit Institute of Arts

The second object of the Theosophical Society in Detroit encourages a comparative study of the arts. The DIA will showcase masterpieces in art created from prehistoric times and around the world including ancient middle-eastern, Western Europe, Native American, and Asian art. This is a great presentation on how spiritual concepts have been expressed in visual arts by various religions.

Linda Wells, a speaker from the DIA, will present a world-class collection on spirituality as depicted in different spiritual traditions. The DIA, one of the largest and most significant art collections in the nation, will change perceptions and enrich perspectives, leaving us with a fresh outlook and a jolt of inspiration.

10/14 Universal Responsibility – The Compassion of Tibetan Buddhism

Gehlek Rimpoche

As spiritual practitioners we must respond to the many problems that we face in our world today. By training our minds in compassion, we can see the basic equality between all which in turn helps us take action from the great tradition of non-violence.

Gehlek Rimpoche is the Founder and President of Jewel Heart, a spiritual, cultural, and humanitarian organization that translates the ancient wisdom of Tibetan Buddhism into contemporary life. An incarnate Lama of the largest Tibetan monastery, Rimpoche received the highest scholastic degree at a very young age and has dedicated his life to serve the lay community of Tibetan Buddhist practitioners. His first book, *Good Life, Good Death: Tibetan Wisdom on Reincarnation*, was published in 2001.

10/21 Consciousness – The Building Block of Brotherhood

Prasanna Vengadam

Consciousness is a fuzzy word and brotherhood is elusive. This talk will show consciousness as the basis of oneness of all through the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, a Hindu mystic. He experienced the immutable reality through different states of consciousness and shows us how to embrace all in brotherhood.

Prasanna is the President of the Theosophical Society in Detroit and a follower of Vedantic path (esoteric) in Hinduism. She also teaches Hinduism to children at the Bharatiya Temple and devotes her time writing and speaking on nonviolence, self-transformation, and peace. She recently presented at the World Parliament of Religions in Spain on the spiritual basis of non-violence. She also teaches Communication courses at the Wayne State University and Oakland Community College.

10/28 Better Together

Becki Balok

This talk will weave spiritual principles from many cultures and create a tapestry based on the theme of working together. It will highlight the idea that moving forward requires us all to move together as one. It'll explore some of the pitfalls of working together, discover some practical ways to avoid them, and discuss three ways to be "Better Together."

Becki Balok, author and popular motivational speaker, owns Becalm Publishing, Inc. and is the director of the Miracle in Motion™ Study Group. She is a student of Truth principles from all religions, teaches practical applications of spiritual principles in a way that enriches, guides, heals, humors, and transforms. The discovery of the divine within led her to write and publish three books.



\$5 donation is suggested for all Friday programs

New Books at our Bookstore!

Annie Besant: An Autobiography

Annie Besant (1847-1933) tells of her childhood and early adulthood events that led her to her life's calling in her native England and later with Mahatma Gandhi when she spearheaded India's struggle for freedom. Annie Besant was famed as an orator, author and a spiritual leader.

"A feminist before the movement for women's rights was fully launched; she stood for freedom when half the world was held in the bonds of colonialism." A student of India's spiritual traditions, Annie Besant was famed as an orator, author and a spiritual leader," wrote Joy Mills.

\$ 22.95 hard cover



Two Books on the Stanzas of Dzyan - H.P. Blavatsky

The Stanzas of Dzyan is the basis of H. P. Blavatsky's great work, The Secret Doctrine. The aim of this book is to help us understand the underlying structure of the whole may become better visible and more easily grasped by us.

\$ 4.50 soft cover

***Rare and old
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