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# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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

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## November 2008

We are happy to continue our Friday night meetings.  
Movies or lectures will be presented, followed by thoughtful open discussions.

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Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movies begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.  
From 6:30 to 6:55 is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library, and enjoying light refreshments.

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- Nov 7 Journey of a Progressive: A Hindu's Perspective.** Prasanna Vengadam  
*Lecture:* Theosophical view on how the embodied soul needs to learn and progress in the cycle of birth and death.
- Nov 14 The Alchemist and the Path of Integration.** Martin Leiderman  
*Movie:* Examination on alchemy as a process symbolizing the human quest for spiritual growth and transformation.
- Nov 21 The Next Stage in Human Spiritual Evolution.** Robert Ellwood  
*Movie:* A possible Theosophical prediction of the future of humanity!



**Nov 28 Closed for Thanksgiving**

*We are looking for a few members to join  
our new web content committee.  
If you are interested, please call  
(248) 545-1961.*

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## Ongoing Activities

### MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM

Book Study: *Esoteric Buddhism* by A.P. Sinnett. This book (published in 1883) constituted one of the earliest exploration of 'Karma' and 'Reincarnation' and other such terms, previously almost unknown in the West. This class that is open to all can be joined at any time due to the stand alone character of the material. If you are interested, please call Marina Sionov at (248) 545-8553 or (248) 545-1961.

### BOOK STUDY: ESOTERIC BUDDHISM

### TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM

Book Study: *A New Earth* by Eckhart Tolle. *A New Earth* explores how humanity has an opportunity to create a new, saner, more loving world. Gary Contesti and Daya Kujansuu facilitate a weekly group discussion. NOTE: We are on the last chapter and will start a new book in December. **Stay tuned for details!**

### MEMBERS BOOK STUDY: A NEW EARTH

### WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, with frequent forays into Christian Mysticism, astrology and even shades of Rosicrucian thought. Discussion tends to be lively and informative, and attendees have always offered enthusiastic reviews.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

### THURSDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

The meditators' support circle emphasizes meditation as a way to be with Spirit and in Spirit. There are no shortcuts or crash courses, no instant mysticism. We sense in stillness with others a great linkage and strengthening. We meet to support each others daily meditation. Typically, we begin with a short reading and several minutes of contemplative music, leading into two thirty minute silences. These are broken by a five minute interval. Participants may leave during this time or move about quietly in a meditative walk. The ninety minutes together ends with quiet conversation. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early. For information call Ron at (248) 280-4711.

### MEDITATION CIRCLE

### **Academy of Classical Metaphysics**

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. Facilitator: Dan Shepard.  
Call (248) 545-1961 for details.