
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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



September 2008

We are happy to introduce a new format for Friday nights.
Movies will be presented, followed by thoughtful open discussions.

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.

- Sept 5** **Movie - The Yoga of Knowledge, Devotion, and Action**
Radha Burnier discusses three aspects of yoga practice as means of fulfilling one's spiritual practice. (3 tapes). 1996. Radha became 7th international President of the Theosophical Society in 1980, She holds a Master's degree in Sanskrit from the Benares Hindu University, and an honorary Doctor of Literature degree from Nagarjuna University. She has lectured all over the world on Theosophical and cultural topics, and both her talks and writings are known for their clarity of thought and depth of vision.
- Sept 12** **Movie - Working on Oneself**
Jeffrey Mishlove interviews Kathleen Speeth, Shingen Young, Patricia Sun, and Claudio Naranjo on how we can help ourselves grow. 1988. Jeffrey Mishlove, PhD, president of the Intuition Network, has been a writer, television host and producer, psychotherapist, businessman and researcher of extraordinary human capacities and psychic abilities.
- Sept 19** **Movie - The Rapture of Being**
Jeffrey Mishlove interviews Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan on the Sufi approach to meditation. 1988. Pir Vilayat was a teacher of meditation and of the Order of Sufism traditions. His teaching combined with his knowledge of the mystical esoteric heritage and scholarship of western culture. He taught in the tradition of Universal Sufism, which views all religions as rays of light from the same sun.
- Sept 26** **Two Movies –**
- **Christian Mysticism and the Monastic Life** Elda Hartley. Monks are interviewed on what prayer and meditation mean to them from a mystical perspective.
 - **The Meaning of Tibetan Buddhist Chanting** Thubten Pende. An American Buddhist monk reveals the meaning behind Buddhist chants. Includes demonstrations.

Ongoing Activities

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

OCEAN OF THEOSOPHY STUDY

In the early 1890s William Q. Judge recognized the need for a book on theosophy that could be readily understood by all. The *Ocean* provides a concise yet comprehensive survey of the basic tenets of theosophy. 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.

TUESDAYS: 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

MEMBERS STUDY

Book Study: *A New Earth* by Eckhart Tolle *A New Earth* explores the structure of the human ego and how this acts to distract people from their present experience of the world. In examining one's ego may people begin to see beyond it and obtain a sense of spiritual enlightening or a new outlook on reality. Gary Contesti and Daya Kujansuu combine their talents in leading us through the intriguing writings of one of the most popular authors of our time.

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP

OPEN DISCUSSION

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.

THURSDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

MEDITATION CIRCLE

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.