
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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Fall Book Sale!

*Thursday, Friday,
Saturday & Sunday
September 7, 8, 9, 10*

We most heartily thank all of you who collectively brought us hundreds of excellent theosophical used books during the past year. Our July book sale went very well, and we are expecting this September sale to be even bigger. We are starting the new season by going all out on book sales. We will offer all new books to members of our lodge at prices just above our cost. This varies by publisher, so we have inserted a card into each book showing the retail price and members' price. Discounts range from 25% up to 40%.

In addition to our standing inventory, we now have a large section of new books purchased at really special prices, which we now offer to you at half their original price.

All used books in our possession not considered consistent with theosophical teachings are being phased out through this post Labor Day sale and will be priced accordingly.

We are shopping for a new lighted "open" sign, to help direct visitors to our door. I hope you will be one of them.

On Saturday and Sunday (09/09-09/10), David Zimmerman will be here with a selection of Douglas Baker books. He will be offering most of these fine books at greatly reduced prices in order to create space in his inventory and make room for new books. I know many of you enjoy speaking with David, so we hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity.

If you can volunteer to assist in the bookstore, call us at 248-545-1961

September 2006

9/15 Canticle to the Cosmos Series

Mara Radzwickas and Marina Sionov

Mara Radzwickas and Marina Sionov will be hosting this video series throughout our 2006-07 program year, taking the lead on the first Friday of each month. This series tells the scientific story of the universe with a feeling for its sacred nature. Cosmologist Brian Swimme's magnificent synthesis of scientific insights provides a new interpretation of the human in the universe and the earth community.

This first video in the series is, *The Story of our time*. At the end of his life Albert Einstein concluded that, "The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." This program introduces the new mode of consciousness opened up by Einstein's own work.

9/22 The Flight of the Soul

Richard Brooks

Richard Brooks will give a reading of poetry, both western and oriental, which has theosophical significance. Dr. Brooks has been an avid reader of poetry for many years, and has even written some himself. He calls the talk a "flight" because great poetry can lift one's spirits while conveying subtle insights into the human condition.

Dr. Richard Brooks is an emeritus professor of philosophy who taught a variety of courses at Oakland University for 33 years before his retirement. His specialty was Asian philosophy, especially Indian, although he also taught a wide variety of other courses. He has been a member of The Theosophical Society for over 50 years and has lectured for the TS throughout the US as well as Canada, England, Wales, and several countries in Europe and elsewhere in the world.

9/29 Our Sacred Relationship with Animals and Other Nonhuman Species

Tom Milano

Tom Milano brings us this special presentation describing the vital importance of our rightful role as the protectors and friends of the other species who share our planet. His life long passion and respect for animals and the environment make him an outstanding advocate for a code of universal ethics that nurture and support the many life forms entrusted to our care.

Many of us will remember Tom from his earlier talks on the subject of vegetarianism and its connection to the ideals of a nonviolent life. Tonight he will expand on that idea.

Tom Milano is a long time devotee of the Hare Krishna movement. He feels that his spiritual practices have allowed him to fine tune his understanding of the importance of living in accord with the laws of nature in harmony with the world around us.

Tom has written two books and is currently working on two more. His next book will be called *Peacemakers: Spiritual Vegetarianism as the Key to Unveiling Peace on Earth*. To help support his writing, Tom works as a designer and builder of artisan landscapes and water gardens.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Lecture begins promptly at 8:00 p.m. From 7:00 to 7:45 is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library and enjoying light refreshments.

October 2006

10/6 The Primeval Fireball

Mara Radzvickas and Marina Sionov

This second video in the Canticle to the Cosmos series focuses on cosmic beginnings. From its inception the universe is an elegant creative event. Fifteen billion years ago the universe sprang into being with the order and delicacy of a developing embryo. Mara and Marina will act as the evening's facilitators and lead the discussion following the viewing of this fascinating event.

Mara Radzvickas recently retired from her career in the advertising world, and is now enjoying a life of travel, study and spiritual pursuits, interspersed with a periodic return to the business world in a consulting capacity.

Marina Sionov runs our bookshop and library. She is a registered nurse at Beaumont Hospital, a long time student of spirituality, mysticism, Buddhism, Theosophy, women's mysteries and more. Marina facilitates the monthly Monday night Theosophical study group, which is currently studying Key to Theosophy.



10/13 A Most Enlightening Talk On Evolutionary Psychology

Dale Glaebach

Was the most important of all the creations of mankind revealed at the dawning of this new millennium? This new science, when universally applied, will revolutionize the functioning and interactions within human society. Many feel evolutionary theory is, automatically, a non-spiritual perspective. Dr. Dale believes that, on the contrary, we can create an era of truly human existence in accordance with our highest vision of what that is meant to be.

Dale Glaebach is the first person to earn a graduate degree in Clinical Evolutionary Psychology in the world. This degree was received from Norwich University in Vermont. He now practices at the Center for Natural Healing in Royal Oak.

10/20 The Spirit of Synergy, The Power of the Divine in you

Ron Leinweber

Most westerners are accustomed to verbal and social action prayers, using beta consciousness, but have little familiarity with other states of consciousness that are essential to communion with Divine Spirit. Yet it is possible to experience a dimension of mind with self-actualization. Communion with God and rich linkage with others are possible.

Ron Leinweber leads our Thursday evening meditation circle, having been active in the Theosophical Society since 1992. He is a retired teacher, with degrees in literature and theological studies. He is a lifelong spiritual seeker and a student of world religions. Ron leads three meditation groups in the Detroit area. He is a commissioned Benedictine oblate and is currently completing an internship to become certified as a spiritual director.

10/27 Outward and Inward, the Rhythms of a Spiritual Life

Prasanna Vengadam

Like most theosophical concepts, the theory of Involution and Evolution sounds abstract and distant to most of us. Two remarkable social reformers of the past century — Mohandas Gandhi and Badshah Khan — make this elusive theory very realistic, practical, and relevant. An understanding of involution and evolution, especially as exemplified in the lives of Gandhi and Khan, can help us accelerate our own growth in this life.

Prasanna Vengadam is the past president of the Theosophical Society in Detroit and a follower of the Vedantic path of Hinduism. She also teaches Hinduism to children and devotes her time writing and speaking on nonviolence, self-transformation, and peace. She presented at the World Parliament of Religions in Spain on spirituality as the root of peace and nonviolence. She also teaches at Wayne State University and Oakland Community College.

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Sundays

at the Movies



Doors open at 1:30 PM. Movie will start at 2:00 PM.
Discussion after the movies until 5:00 PM

September 17. *Crash* (2004)

For two days in Los Angeles, a racially and economically diverse group of people pursue lives that collide with one another in unexpected ways. These interactions are always interesting, and sometimes quite unsettling. The film explores and challenges your ability to judge books by their covers.

Several stories interweave during two days in Los Angeles involving a collection of inter-related characters, a police detective with a drugged out mother and a thieving younger brother, two car thieves who are constantly theorizing on society and race, the white district attorney and his irritated and pampered wife, a racist white veteran cop (caring for a sick father at home) who disgusts his more idealistic younger partner. Then there is a successful Hollywood director and his wife who must deal with the racist cop, as well as a Persian-immigrant father who buys a gun to protect his shop. All these characters and more come to life in surprising ways.

October 1. *The Matrix* (1999)

Computer hacker Thomas Anderson has lived a relatively ordinary life in what he thinks is the year 1999, until he is contacted by the enigmatic Morpheus who leads him into the real world. In reality, it is 200 years later, and the world has been laid waste and taken over by advanced artificial intelligence machines. The computers have created a false version of twentieth century life — “the Matrix” — to keep the human slaves satisfied, while the AI machines draw power from the humans. Anderson is hailed as “The One” who will lead the humans to overthrow the machines. He is pursued constantly by agents, as he joins like minded rebel warriors, Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) and Trinity (Carrie Ann Moss) to overthrow the Matrix.

October 15. *Thirteen Conversations About One Thing* (2001)

A man approaching middle age decides to change his life. A rising young attorney's plans are thrown into disarray as the result of a single act. A woman faces her husband's infidelity. An envious businessman seeks revenge on a cheerful coworker, while an optimistic young cleaning woman awaits a miracle. These ordinary people all find themselves asking the fundamental question philosophers have pondered throughout history:

“What is happiness, and how does one achieve it?”

October 29. To be announced

Light refreshments will be provided.
Your free-will donations to help defray our cost would be greatly appreciated

NOTE: We would welcome your movie suggestions and recommendations. We are looking for videos that will generate a flow of creative theosophical ideas and discussion.

Ongoing Activities

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

KEY TO THEOSOPHY STUDY

This monthly study group is now entering its second year. The question/answer format of this perennial Blavatsky standard is an excellent primer for theosophists at all stages of development. 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

Throughout the summer we have been listening to a recorded reading of The Stanzas of Dzyan to try to become familiar with the distinctly foreign Sanskrit terms and to try to gain a sense of the deep poetry of this ancient writing. All in preparation to begin the study of Man, the Measure of all Things, by Sri Krishna Prem. This book provides an in depth study of the Stanzas.

Why study the Stanzas? Because they comprise the leading chapters of The Secret Doctrine, and form the basis for all that follows. The Secret Doctrine, in turn, provides the foundation for the teachings of theosophy.

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP

OPEN DISCUSSION

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum with occasional assist from long time seeker and TS member Parke Carrier. 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.

NEW DAYTIME HOURS

Wed., Thurs., Fri., 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Saturday 11:00 A.M TO 3:00 P.M.

Relax and browse through
our lending library and book store

THURSDAYS: 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. Simple instructions and much encouragement are also there for anyone just beginning. 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.

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