



The Theosophical Society in Detroit

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

January - February 2006

Beginnings, Endings, and Infinity!

Begin at once to live, and count each separate day as a separate life.

— SENECA

The year 2006 is almost here confirming the end of one cycle and the start of another. As we race to the finish line, we're reminded of Blavatsky's Doctrine of Continuous Change which states,

"It is a fundamental law in Occultism that there is no rest or cessation of Motion in Nature."

The new year brings us great hope of our own higher evolutionary advancements and is an inspiring reminder that all beginnings and endings are taking place against the backdrop of a remarkable Infinity - the Infinity of Creation and Consciousness.

We hope the new year brings us all peace, prosperity, and spiritual rejuvenation.



Ongoing Activities

BOOK STUDY GROUPS

Key To Theosophy – By Helena Blavatsky

First published in 1889, the Key is especially valuable for its extended discussion of what happens after death and for the analysis of man's psychological nature. Members only.

Two study groups meet at different times:

- **EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.**
- **SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.**
FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT MARINA: (248) 545-8553

INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON MYSTICISM

Don Elwert leads a study of a wide-range of theosophical writings from various traditions and perspectives. No charge, all are welcome!

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 7:30 - 9.00 P.M.

MEDITATION CIRCLE

Ron Leinweber leads the meditation circle using brief readings and sharing to affirm the richness of meditation. There is music, 20-minute silent "sits" to touch and share the power in and beyond us. Ron can be contacted at (248) 280-4711. Please arrive a few minutes early.

EVERY THURSDAY: 7:30 - 9.00 P.M.

NEW DAYTIME HOURS

EVERY FRIDAY – 10:00 A.M TO 3:00 P.M.

Relax and browse through
our lending library

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January 2006

Jan 6 Creation and Evolution — A Vedic Concept

Dr. Balaram Murty

Ancient seers in Hinduism were seized with the problem of origin of the universe, its cause and the creator. They visualized the universe to consist of a set of fundamental truths that do not change with time and space and as such they are eternal. Since they are eternal, they attributed their authorship to an Unknown God, the creator. The things and beings that materialized out of these principles, follow the evolutionary path. Thus the Indian philosophy believes in both creation and evolution. The talk will concentrate on where creation stops and where evolution starts by some simple examples witnessed by everybody in day to day life. The speaker is looking forward to a good discussion and dialog by which everybody can feel good about their understanding of the subject.

Dr. Balarama Murty, a past-board member of the Bharatiya Temple in Troy, organizes cultural and religious events in the Asian Indian community. He has a deep interest in Hindu philosophy and firmly believes in a fundamental principle in Vedas, namely, 'Let noble thoughts come from all directions' and 'let everybody realize and enjoy true happiness'. Dr. Murty, an electrical engineer, is a Technical Fellow at General Motors R&D Center in Warren, MI.

Jan 13 Alchemy and the Truth

Herman Meinke

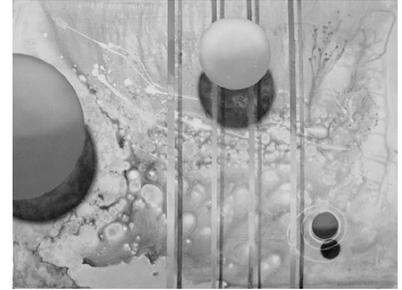
Herman Meinke will speak on his knowledge of the truth on light and color and how there are 33 perfect electronic symbols in Egyptian hieroglyphics alchemy. He will also speak on how the body temperature is related to the universe, on biodynamic gardening, on the discoveries of energies of men like Wilhelm Reich, Viktor Schauberger, and the teachings of Rudolf Steiner.

Herman has been a chemist and alchemist most of his life. He has significant contributions in the field of energy gardening and developing a microscope for turning dead matter into living. He was interviewed several times by television stations and was the head of the conservationist environmental society in Farmington Hills, MI.

Jan 20 Meditations from Art

Joseph Alexander

Joseph will present art through the eyes of the mystic using his latest paintings along with discussions on why meditation and dreams are two important foundations for



creativity. Joseph's visual presentation will support the view that great uplifting art is the outgrowth of our own spiritual growth and evolution.

Joseph Alexander, an architect by training, is a long time spiritual seeker and a theosophist for over 25 years. He's been practicing meditation for over 25 years, and is deeply influenced by Sri Aurobindo. He is also an artist who has galleries in Nevada and in the metro Detroit area. His paintings can be seen at www.Alexart.ws.

Jan 27 Spiritual Rejuvenation

Dr. Brenda Morgan

Through dialogue, humor and silent meditation, Brenda will present understandings and insights regarding spiritual rejuvenation and the cycles of life: The Mystery that Lives in All, the Divine, is ageless and unending, eternally expressing and creating anew. Whatever form one takes, the same Primal Need is there: to move into a full and surrendered relationship with God. This willing surrender into what is Ageless and Timeless is rejuvenation of the Highest Order.

Brenda has been blessed with a spiritual transformation which began in 1989 with *Inner Enlightenment/No Mind Within*. She continually explores how to communicate this transformation with those who have a connection with the world and wish to continue to interact with it as they evolve. Her own transformation occurred while still in relationship with the world with a concomitant slowing down within her being as she became aligned to the Holy Spirit.

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Feb 3 **Being All You Can Be**

Don Elwert

How do we build and enhance our Self-culture using principles? Don Elwert's talk will focus on the need to discover and practice the qualities or characteristics that lead us into the "Becoming." These qualities are acquired by intellectual and aesthetics of self-training.

Don is a life-time member of Theosophical Society and a student of the Wisdom Tradition. He also guides the Wednesday night informal discussions on Occultation and Mysticism at the Theosophical Society in Detroit.

Feb 10 **The Golden Section: Uncovering Nature's Great Secret**

Dr. Scott Olsen

Does Nature possess a geometric key, as alluded to by Madame H.P. Blavatsky? How does the Divine infuse itself into the world? What roles do the Golden Section and Fibonacci numbers play in the manifestation of the Divine Proportion? Do the initiates of mankind periodically rediscover the geometric key resulting in a Renaissance in architecture, art, religion and philosophy? Are we about due for a New Renaissance?

Dr. Olsen has been teaching philosophy and comparative religion for over 21 years in Florida. His doctoral dissertation was entitled 'Pythagorean Plato and the Golden Section: A Study on Abductive Inference'. He has published and lectured extensively on various topics worldwide. He is also a member of the Institute of Noetic Sciences and the Interfaith Alliance of Marion County in Florida.

Feb 17 **The Divine Inspiration of Music**

Iam Post and Amy Kucera (The Pryde)

Take a 'sound' journey with "The Pryde" as they guide us down a multi-colored path of discovery towards spiritual empowerment through music.

Iam Post and Amy Kucera write, compose, and play music that is spiritually uplifting. Iam, with extensive training and experience in music education, has also been studying the metaphysical, healing, and mystical qualities of music over the last 12 years. Amy has extensive background and training in music and is currently the Chancel Choir Director in a church in Rochester.

Feb 24 **A Vision of Brotherhood for 2006**

Gary Contesti

We'll watch Dr. Robert Muller's message of Interfaith Harmony and Understanding delivered at the 1993 Parliament of World Religions. Dr. Muller was the recipient of the UNESCO Peace Education Prize, Co-Founder and Chancellor Emeritus of the University for Peace in Costa Rica, and Nuclear Age Peace Foundation World Citizen honoree for 2002. Robert Muller is the man behind Ted Turner's billion dollar donation to the United Nations and thousands of other acts of conscience.

The Theosophical Society – Mission

The Theosophical Society in 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.

You're searching, Joe, for things that don't exist; I mean beginnings. Ends and beginnings-there are no such things.

— ROBERT LEE FROST

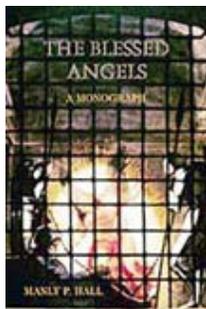
*I will dance the dance of Life,
Tears and sorrow will I laugh or cry,
Of beauty and Love will I sigh,
The anger and pain,
I give to Mother Earth to purify.
All is swirling, energy,
My body, my mind, my feelings,
and when the winds of emotions come
And try to blow me away,
I will dance and sway as a candle flame.
Yet inside I will hold still, calm, and steady,
With understanding, I will stand, sway,
and dance.*

— VEOTA ARENS

Books! Books! Books!

Profound thanks for your contribution of philosophical and spiritual books.
We invite you to contribute more used books for our on-going "used books sale".

New Arrivals



THE BLESSED ANGELS

A Monograph
By Manly P. Hall

An illustrated, historical, descriptive, and philosophical treatise on the subjects of angels and angelic hierarchies, including a chapter on the planetary archangels.

ISBN: 0-89314-807-5 \$12.95

THE FABLE OF CUPID & PSYCHE

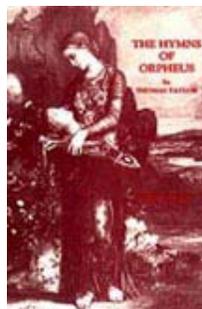
(Rare Reprint)

Translated by Thomas Taylor.

Preface by Manly P. Hall

A photographic facsimile of the 1795 edition, the original title page reading: "*The Fable of Cupid and Psyche, Translated from the Latin of Apuleius, to which are added, a Poetical Paraphrase on the Speech of Diotima, in the Banquet of Plato, Four Hymns, &c.&c., with an Introduction, in which the meaning of the fable is unfolded.*" Taylor's extensive introduction deals with the mystery of the human soul, divine love, and human regeneration.

ISBN: 0-89314-411-8 \$14.95



THE HYMNS OF ORPHEUS

(Rare Reprint)

Translated by Thomas Taylor.

Preface by Manly P. Hall

A photographic facsimile of the 1792 edition includes a preliminary dissertation on "*The Life and Theology of Orpheus*"; "*The Initiations of Orpheus*," the invocations used in the Eleusinian Mysteries, and "*Concerning the Beautiful*" by Plotinus. These comprise a compendium of Orpheus' teachings, a missionary of civilization and one whose teachings are nearly indistinguishable from the foundations of Pythagorean philosophy.

ISBN: 0-89314-415-0 \$21.50

THE LIGHT OF THE VEDAS *(Adept Series)*

By Manly P. Hall

In this illustrated work, the first in a series on the Adepts in the Eastern Esoteric Tradition, Mr. Hall discusses the Hindu tradition, the Bhagavad-Gita, and the six systems of Indian Philosophy, from the Rishis of Old Aryavata, the first Aryan Adepts, to the teachings which the East honors today as the *Light of the Vedas*. Explanation is given to the order of enlightened human beings, ...the Adepts.

ISBN: 0-89314-530-0 \$9.95



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