

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT
Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America



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Theosophy has been called the Wisdom Religion. The word stems from the Greek words "theos" (God) and "Sophia" (Wisdom) and refers to the "Wisdom of the Gods". In the 19th century Helena Blavatsky's work, with the help of others, was to reveal a portion of this wisdom tradition to the world. Our First Friday programs will focus on the themes in theosophy. Through the exploration of one theme per month, we offer you the opportunity to gain greater depth about the wisdom tradition.

FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30

PROGRAM STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

- MAY 7 JOURNEY OF THE SOUL**
Diana Warren, Ph.D.
The concept of a path or spiritual way exists in most religious traditions. Material from mystical, esoteric Eastern & Western traditions will be synthesized and guidelines, which prepare us for the pilgrimage, will be discussed.
- MAY 14 DISCOVERING THE DYNAMIC DIVINE SELF**
Robert Taylor
Robert will give life transforming information from ancient texts revealing the true and essential nature of the self with practical techniques for self-realization.
- MAY 21 ISLAMIC THEOSOPHERS OF THE MIDDLE AGES**
Christopher Fessler
Before the Theosophical Society, before the Illuminati, before the Rosicrucians, there were the Ikhwan Al-Safa, the Ishraqi and the Beyt Al-Hikma. Trace the path of the ancient mysteries through the lands of the Middle East from the birth of the Prophet (Gods blessing be upon him) to the Sack of Baghdad by the Mongol Horde. Find out what H. P. Blavatsky learned in Cairo and Damascus, following in the footsteps of Christian Rosencreutz.
- MAY 28 MOVIE: THE DREAMKEEPER** **BEGINS AT 7:30 PM TONIGHT!**
Gary Contesti
A Lakota storyteller relates a series of Native American stories to his grandson that apply to present day problems which he is encountering and experiencing as the grandfather tells the story.
- JUNE 4 THE COMMON THREAD – From Mystery Schools to Freemasonry**
Dick Rappleye
The goal of the mystic is conscious union with God. The Mystery Schools and parts of Freemasonry seek to provide a path toward greater oneness with the divine. Explore the common threads of the various paths, and join the discussion.
- JUNE 11 ALCHEMY: The Template for Outer and Inner Transformation**
Joseph Alexander
The science behind alchemical symbols represents a very deep understanding of the physical, mental and spiritual evolution. The basic principals of Alchemy will be explained through slides and tests of the middle ages, beginning with the outer work of herbs and metals to the inner meditations of the microcosmic orbit.
- JUNE 18 DISCOVERING FIRE FOR THE SECOND TIME**
Robert Thibodeau
The Mystery Schools of Spiritual Fire and the Love Alchemy. Discovering the Divine in all that lives. How to make sense of H. P. Blavatsky's statement that true Theosophists are 'Fire-Philosophers.
- JUNE 25 VIDEO: "The Perennial Wisdom"**
Dr. April Hejka-Ekins presents a thorough introduction to H. P. Blavatsky's central ideas on the Ancient Wisdom. Dr. Hejka-Ekins draws from Blavatsky's major works to explain the philosophical and ethical basis, as well as how Blavatsky intended this knowledge to be applied.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sundays, May 23 & June 13 SANSKRIT MANTRA WORKSHOP Time: 1 – 4 PM

***Taught by Mark Shanks.** Chanting traditions span the centuries and are steeped in ritual and sacred ceremony. Mantra is a powerful way to awaken the mind and heart to deeper levels of being. Their repetition has the ability to clear the mind and make it more responsive to the inner prompting of Spirit. Monthly sessions thru June 2004. Donations welcome.*

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WEEKLY GATHERINGS MEMBERS' STUDY

Tuesdays

Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM

***Current study: Talks on the Path of Occultism. Authors: Annie Besant & C. W. Leadbeater.** The first volume of a 3-volume set, the books cover & comment on *At The Feet of the Master*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *The Light on the Path*. Three very traditional Theosophical texts. Join us for an exchange of ideas.*

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OPEN FORUM: LIVING IN THE WISDOM TRADITION

Wednesdays

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Wide-ranging studies in applied theosophy, drawing from various traditions and points of view. Informal, interactive. Bring your questions. All are welcome.

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MEDITATION CIRCLE

Thursdays

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

This support circle is meant to encourage a regular daily practice, using brief reading and sharing to affirm the richness of meditation. We will use several 20-minute silent “sits” to touch and share the power in and beyond us.

Please arrive a few minutes early. For information call Ron at (248) 280-4711