

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT
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JANUARY ☞ FEBRUARY 2001

FRIDAY PROGRAMS

8 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

JAN 5 THE ESSENTIAL UNITY OF ALL RELIGIONS

Richard Brooks, Ph.D.

Is there anything which ALL religions have in common? Or are the various religions so diverse that we cannot overcome the differences which have led to bigotry and violence? Theosophy claims that there is a central core to the world's religions, but that it is not in tenets or practices but in something deeper and more fundamental. Dick Brooks is a retired professor of philosophy who teaches worldwide for the TS.

JAN 12 REINCARNATION & KARMA: BLAVATSKY, STEINER AND TIBETAN BUDDHISM
Robert Thibodeau

How you can incarnate your highest spiritual dreams in the present lifetime. Robert presently is working and teaching with Marianne Williamson at the Church of Today, Warren. Well-known astrologer, musician, and owner of the Mayflower Bookshop, he recently opened the Sunflower Restaurant in Ann Arbor.

JAN 19 MESSAGE OF THE BHAGAVAD GITA

Dr. Sai K. Sista

Bhagavad Gita (Song of the Lord) is a Hindu scripture revered by millions. Dr. Sista discusses the origin and place of the sacred text and the central themes of love, duty, sacrifice and salvation. A medical doctor, Sai Sista has taught classes on the Bhagavad Gita at the Bharatiya Temple in Troy.

JAN 26 PATH OF THE SPIRIT

Forum

Have you ever wondered about your spiritual path? Have you ever looked back at the roads taken to attain your highest good? Have you gazed, with marvel, at the unexpected twists and turns that brought you to your place in the universe? Join us in sharing our similarities and celebrating our differences on this journey.

FEB 2 SPIRITUAL DARKNESS, THE WAY THROUGH FEAR

Maria Parisen

Spiritual darkness challenges faith, insight and commitment to the path. What are the dynamics of the dark times, and how can we manage these forces wisely? Maria is our local program director and guides seminars and retreats for the TS in America.

FEB 9 YOGA THERAPY AND ALCHEMY

Daya Kujansuu

Changing ourselves is the most important alchemical work we can do. This "Great Work" follows predictable stages which parallel the path of Yoga. Daya is past president of the local chapter, Integral Yoga Institute, and has taught yoga for over 20 years.

FEB 16 JESUS AND RUMI: THE PATH OF PASSION

Mara Radzvickas

We are at a point when all of humanity's spiritual wisdom and technical skill can come together. But we must become witnesses and warriors, bringing ourselves into the flame of transformation. Jesus and Rumi illuminate the path of surrender to the consuming force of divine love. Mara's presentation draws from a workshop with noted author and Rumi scholar, Andrew Harvey.

FEB 23 KEEPING BALANCE IN THE NEW TECHNOLOGY WORLD

Richard Rappleye

Is it more difficult to keep a healthy balance in this fast-moving world? Do we have more tools to distract or help us? Join us to explore the challenge of finding the middle path. Dick has graduate degrees in both business administration and religious studies, and is working on programs to improve non-profit operations.

THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE:
ANIMAL WELFARE, DISTANT HEALING, CIRCLES FOR PEACE

Interested in group work in any of these areas? Call Diana Warren (248) 879-8801

**SATURDAY BREAKFAST FORUM:
THEOSOPHY AND PARANORMAL COMMUNICATION**

January 3, 2000 10 — 11:30 AM
Potluck Vegetarian Breakfast 9:00 AM

The modern theosophical movement developed as a response to 19th. century spiritualism, especially mediumism. Richard Brooks introduces our inquiry into such phenomena as channeling.

ON-GOING MEETINGS

MEMBERS' STUDY

Tuesdays

Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM

We continue with Geoffrey Barborka's *The Divine Plan*. Drawing from *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters*, Barborka outlines key theosophical ideas. Best for those who have already some understanding of theosophy. Open to all members of the TS in America.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE CIRCLE

Thursdays

Time: 7:30 — 8:30 PM

Interfaith spiritual readings, discussion, silent meditation. All are welcome.
Info: Jeanne Simmons (248) 288-0832