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SPIRITUALITY AND HUMAN TRANSFORMATION

“The transformation of the old into the new becomes possible because the freshness and the beauty that appear are native to the soul. It is not something new which is created, but a nature that was present but hidden is disclosed and manifested.” N.Sri Ram

FRIDAY PROGRAMS

8 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

JAN 4 BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY
Richard Brooks, Ph.D.

Spiritual or theosophical philosophy can be encapsulated in seven basic principles. These show that spiritual philosophy is holistic, altruistic, and grounded in an optimistic view of human nature and the world we live in. Richard is retired professor of philosophy and comparative religion, Oakland U. He teaches worldwide for the TS in America.

JAN 11 MEDICINE WHEEL: A WAY OF RENEWAL
Diana Warren, Ph.D.

An exploration of the Medicine Wheel's four gateways to balance and healing. A past Board member of the TS in Detroit, Diana is a student of the Native American Cherokee tradition and a shaman's apprentice.

JAN 18 RELIGION AND THE FUTURE
John Saliba, S.J., Ph.D.

John Saliba outlines current trends in religion and spirituality that are having, or may have, an impact on religion over the next few decades. Fr. Saliba is professor of religious studies at U.D. Mercy. His recent books include *Understanding New Religious Movements*, and *Christian Responses to the New Age Movement*.

JAN 25 JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS: A SWEDENBORGIAN PERSPECTIVE
Rev. Renee Machiniak

Rev. Renee explores the power of linking community involvement and a life of charity with a spiritual path of inner awareness, humility and growth. She presents the life-long path of inner transformation in the light of Emanuel Swedenborg's theology and psychology of the human journey. Renee is minister for the Church of the Holy City in Royal Oak.

FEB 1 GOOD LIFE, GOOD DEATH
Gehlek Rimpoche

Trained by the same teachers who taught the Dalai Lama, Gehlek Rimpoche is one of the last reincarnated lamas alive who was fully educated in Tibet. He has been a favorite speaker at countless spiritual centers around the world. One home base is the Jewel Heart Temple in Ann Arbor. Gehlek discusses some ideas from his new book, *Good Life, Good Death, Tibetan Wisdom on Reincarnation*.

Why should you listen to me about reincarnation? No reason, really. I speak from personal experience and study. I'm not inventing anything new. What I have to say is based on the experience of the Buddha, which dates back 2,500 years and was passed down in an unbroken line to my masters. I learned from the tried, tested, reliable, and authentic words of their masters before them....

What I have learned may help you ease your pain, relax your anxieties, reduce your anger, reduce your attachment, and build a little wisdom. It is nothing that you don't already know. I say it to remind you and to remind myself that within each of us we have every solution to our problems. Gehlek Rimpoche

FEB 8 A SUFI WAY TO THE INNER HEART
Kirk Laman, D.O.

The Sufi's are known as the lovers of God. Dr. Laman offers mystical practices from the Sufi way of the Deep Heart for inner peace and healing. Kirk Laman is a cardiologist in private practice in Livonia. His special interest is in helping patients identify the deeper cause behind illness, and in how open heartedness can heal these issues.

FRIDAY PROGRAMS, CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

FEB 15 NEW METHODS FOR SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION IN THE AQUARIAN AGE**Natacha Kolesar, Ph.D.**

Natacha Kolesar is Executive Director of IZVOR International Foundation, which promotes education based on the esoteric principles of the Bulgarian spiritual master, Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov. Their vision is that today's youth are the foundation for a world in which a global family will be born. Together we can prepare the conditions for this birth.

FEB 22 A FEVER AND A CURE**Kogam Gary Schwocho**

Within each of us is a need so deep that nothing, it seems, can satisfy it. It underlies all other wants and all our curiosity, an aching for which we seek a cure. What can it be? We must look for ourselves.

Kogam Gary Schwocho, a practicing veterinarian, is a dharma student under P'arang Geri Larkin at Still Point Seminary, Still Point Zen Buddhist Temple in Detroit.

ON-GOING MEETINGS**MEMBERS' STUDY****Tuesdays****Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM***NEW STUDY BEGINNING!!*

Ancient Wisdom, Modern Insight by Shirley Nicholson. In this lively presentation of theosophical thought, the author explores how ideas outlined in H.P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine* have now entered our culture. New scientific advances and new religious ideas have begun to authenticate this "wisdom of the gods." Books available.

OPEN FORUM: LIVING IN WISDOM**Wednesdays****Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

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

MEDITATION CIRCLE**Thursdays****Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

Silent meditation on teachings from world religions. Mutual support and sharing. All are welcome

"The heart is the dwelling place of that which is the Essence of the universe ... if you draw aside the veils of the stars and the spheres, you will see that all is one with the Essence of your own pure soul." Farid al-Din Attar