

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT

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A human being is a part of the whole called by us universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself ... thoughts and feelings ... as something separated from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

Albert Einstein

FRIDAY PROGRAMS

8 PM

Suggested donation \$5.00

NOV 5 POETRY AS A LANGUAGE OF TRANSFORMATION

Catherine Collie

Poet, lecturer, Professor in the College of Lifelong Learning at Wayne State University, Cate Collie deeply believes that great poetry, like great music, can transform the consciousness of Earth's creatures, including the atom. Join with her in exploring transformative poetic pieces from the Psalmist David, John Donne, Shakespeare and T.S. Eliot.

NOV 12 ACRES OF DIAMONDS: HEALING FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Chuck Hancock

Storytellers, myth and scripture tell of a treasure hidden in the midst of everyday life. How can we discover those riches? Reverend Chuck, minister of Unity Royal Oak, is completing his 20th year in the ministry.

NOV 19 WESTERN REFLECTIONS ON TIBETAN BUDDHISM

Don Kruse

Popular notions of Buddhism often detract from the essentials of Buddhist thought and practice. Don discusses Tantric theory, including the role of sex, creativity, and initiation in spiritual transformation. Don is a Buddhist of 25 years and Professor Emeritus of Fine Art, Indiana University.

NOV 26 ARISING FROM FLAMES: OVERCOMING ANGER THROUGH PATIENCE

Video

In September 1993, His Holiness the Dalai Lama spoke to an audience of 5000 in Tucson, Arizona on overcoming anger through love and forgiveness. In this video of his teaching, he discusses methods for sustaining a calm mind - especially in difficult circumstances.

DEC 3 HARMONY OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION: KEY TO HUMAN SURVIVAL

Winifred Wylie

Life on earth is a fragile balance of living things which is threatened by human ignorance. Only the harmony of Science and Religion can promote the human transformation needed for worldwide well being and peace. Winnie Wylie is a retired teacher/director of a Montessori school and president of the Ann Arbor TS.

DEC 10 AMAHL: THE STORY OF A CHILD'S HEALING THROUGH GIVING

Richard Brooks, Ph.D.

The Christmas story has inspired painters and musicians for centuries. One of the most recent artistic retellings is that by Gian Carlo Menotti in his lovely opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors", in which three wise men visit the home of a disabled boy on their way to see the Christ child. Dr. Brooks sees in it profound symbols that apply to the lives of every one of us. He will share his ideas through both words and music.

DEC 17 ARCANA OF THE GRAIL ANGEL

John Barnwell

Many books have been written on the history of the Holy Grail, and have explored its meaning as a symbol of the spiritual life. John reviews his study of the mysteries which surround the legendary, elusive Grail as detailed in his new book, *The Arcana Of The Grail Angel*. (For a more complete overview, see John's four-week course in November.)

NETWORKING FOR HEALTH: COMMUNITY CLASSES HELD AT THE TS

Stefan Brink, Ac.T., of Natural Research and Healing Arts, facilitates an inquiry into **WHAT IS HEALTH AND HOW TO CREATE BALANCE**. Visiting health participants will provide their views.

Mondays 7:30-9:30 PM Sept 7- Nov 1 Info: 248-544-2022

Dr. Marc Terebello, of the Chiropractic Wellness Center, teaches **FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSCLE TESTING**, a practical, hands-on course to help you determine the source of common ailments and conditions.

Mondays 8:00-10:00 PM Nov 8-Dec 20 Info: 248-569-0366

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

ANCIENT AND MODERN ESOTERIC STAR WISDOM: ASTROLOGY AND THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL UNFOLDMENT

Four-week Course: November 3—24

7:30 — 9 PM

Fee: \$40

John Barnwell

John's course draws from his new book, *The Arcana Of The Grail Angel - The Spiritual Science Of The Holy Grail*, based on the teachings of Rudolf Steiner and 30 years of research. He explores the Star Wisdom that flowed from the Ancient Mysteries to the Brotherhood of the Holy Grail, the Knights Templars and the true Rosicrucian Order. The course examines the angel hierarchies, masters of wisdom, seven principles of Man, chakras, and the 22 major arcana of the Tarot. All are viewed within the context of a heart-centered astrological cosmology.

Registration and info: Days: 248-547-8227 (Mayflower Bookshop) Evenings: John Barnwell 248-745-3860 or TS 248-545-1961

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE CIRCLE

7:30 — 8:30 PM

MEDITATION ROOM

A support circle for those who meditate regularly or would like to. The hour includes study from a spiritual practice text (currently I.K. Taimni's *SELF-REALIZATION THROUGH LOVE*), shared insights from our own practice, and silent meditation.

All are welcome. Donations appreciated.

TUESDAY MEMBERS' STUDY

Time: 8:00 — 9:30 PM

THEOSOPHY, A MODERN EXPRESSION OF THE WISDOM OF THE AGES

Fascinating, practical studies including: life after death, karma, evolution, the unity of life and the mystery of consciousness. Text available. All TS members are welcome!

WORLD HEALING DAY: A SACRED HOUR

Friday, December 31 2—3 PM

Meditation for World Healing and Peace

Light refreshments. All are welcome.

HOLIDAY CLOSING: FRIDAY EVENINGS, DECEMBER 24 AND 31
PUBLIC PROGRAMS CONTINUE FRIDAY, JAN 7.
(See world healing day afternoon meditation on December 31).

We wish you a New Year of peace and happiness!

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