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NOVEMBER ❧ DECEMBER 2001

FRIDAY PROGRAMS

8 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

NOV 2 WORSHIPING GOD IN A TIME OF TERROR
Rev. Rod Reinhart

The role of true religion is to redeem, heal and enlighten the world. But often religion is perverted by ambitious political and spiritual leaders to serve personal greed, power and ethnic hatred. Rod Reinhart is an Episcopal priest involved in interfaith work for 30 years. Three years ago he established the World Sabbath to enable people of all faiths to meet, talk, pray together and to commit themselves to world peace, justice and reconciliation.

NOV 9 INITIATION AND THE MYSTERIES OF HIGHER CONSCIOUSNESS
John Barnwell

John will explore two fundamental paths to higher consciousness available to us today: the inner path of Mysticism and the outer path, into the workings of nature, of Rosicrucian Alchemy. Based on the indications of Rudolf Steiner and others, the exploration highlights the working of the "Earthly and Cosmic Nutrition Streams" as a foundation for wholesome spiritual development. John Barnwell authored *The Arcana of the Grail Angel* and *The Arcana of Light on the Path*.

NOV 16 THE CONCEPT OF SELF-SURRENDER IN ISLAM
Rafael Narbaez

Is suicide considered self-surrender in Islam? What effect does self-surrender have on the afterlife in Islam? How do Muslims practice self-surrender in their daily lives? Executive Manager of the Muslim Speakers' Bureau of N. America, Rafael has traveled throughout the United States and Canada speaking on Islam from an American Muslim perspective. Currently he is Business Administrator for the Islamic House of Wisdom, one of the largest Mosques in S.E. Michigan, and he works with the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS).

NOV 23 HOPE
Forum

Can we survive without hope? What does hopefulness mean for you, for our community and nation? We can strengthen our healing abilities by sharing and supporting each other. Let us join in our strength. Carole Katz leads our open inquiry into the nature and power of HOPE.

NOV 30 FROM JUDGE TO WITNESS
Brett Koon

Have you ever had thoughts that you wish you weren't having, or wish they would just go away? Our minds are constantly bombarding us with thoughts - thousands every day. So what can we do to make peace with this busy world within? Learn how to move from a judging mind into a compassionate witness. Brett Koon has been studying self-help for over 20 years. He has an intuitive healing practice and teaches classes on connecting with the sacred source within.

DEC 7 MYSTERIES OF THE HEART
Maria Parisen

The heart is a powerful symbol of spiritual consciousness. Even its physical form and function reflect universal ideas about our inner life and our journey "home." We live the mysteries of the heart everyday, in each moment and in the simplest events. Maria Parisen is a national lecturer for the Theosophical Society in America who guides workshops and retreats on healing and the spiritual life. She compiled the Quest anthology, *Angels and Mortals: Their Co-Creative Power*.

DEC 14 THE LIGHT SHINETH EVEN IN OUR DARKNESS
Mary Jo Kokochak

The Solar Myth of the life, suffering, death and resurrection of an archetypal Hero is found in many religions, philosophies, and in the Ancient Mysteries. It symbolizes the story of the spiritual unfoldment of humanity, and teaches that from the darkness and pain of tragedy a new consciousness rises. The evening will include a meditation on the rebirth of the spiritual Light at this time of darkness. Mary Jo is head of the American Federation of the Order of International co-Freemasonry, and past president of the TS in Detroit.



WE WISH YOU A BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON.
FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAMS RESUME JANUARY 4, 2002



NON-VIOLENCE OR NON-EXISTENCE

A SEMINAR WITH ARUN GANDHI

Saturday, November 10

10:00 AM — 12 NOON Suggested donation: \$10

Potluck Vegetarian Breakfast 9:00 AM

Modern society is plagued by violence - at home, at work, in the streets, in schools. So much violence is an indication of our deteriorating human relationships, as well as the stress under which we live and work. We need a qualitative change in our behavior.

Strong relationships can be built only if we shift the focus from the self to the several and begin thinking about others around us. It means sacrificing individualism so that we can give and get strength from each other. Arun Gandhi, grandson of the Mahatma, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, is the founder and director of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence at Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tennessee.

ON-GOING MEETINGS

MEMBERS' STUDY

Tuesdays

Time: 8:00 — 9:30 PM

Current study is Geoffrey Barboraka's *The Divine Plan*, a commentary on H.P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine*. All TS in America members are welcome.

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

Peaceful reflections from world religions, mutual support and sharing, followed by silent meditation. All are welcome.

MEMBERS' WINTER CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7 - 9:30 PM

Potluck vegetarian supper, gratitude ceremony. For sharing circle, bring something you enjoy from this holiday time - a poem, prayer, story or song! Gathering for TS members, family and friends.

————— WORLD HEALING DAY —————

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 3 - 4 PM

Sharing and silent meditation.

Readings and meditation on world healing and peace. Light refreshments. All are welcome.