

# The Theosophical Society in Detroit

Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America



## FEBRUARY 2017

We are happy to continue our Friday night meetings.  
Movies or lectures will be presented, followed by thoughtful open discussions.

**Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. \$5 Suggested Donation**  
**From 6:30 to 6:55** is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library, and enjoying light refreshments.

### Feb 03 *The Film: I Am*

Produced and directed by Tom Shadyac (Facilitated by Ellen Byrne)

**I AM** is an utterly engaging and entertaining non-fiction film that poses two practical and provocative questions: what's wrong with our world, and what can we do to make it better? The filmmaker behind the inquiry is Tom Shadyac, one of Hollywood's leading comedy practitioners and the creative force behind such blockbusters as "Ace Ventura," "Liar Liar," "The Nutty Professor," and "Bruce Almighty." Tom still lives simply, is back on his bicycle, riding to work, and teaching at a local college, another venue for sharing his life-affirming discoveries.

### Feb 10 *Journey Into Beauty: How Nature Supports Our Every Step*

Video by Kathy Gann (Facilitated by Gary Contesti)

The beauty of nature is inspiring, but does it provide real support on the spiritual path? On this virtual journey, Kathy Gann shows how nature provides nourishment, stability, and guidance as we navigate the spiritual path. Kathy Gann demonstrates how nature inspires us to be authentic in our self-expression, and how it evokes a sense of awe, the gateway to Spirit.

### Feb 17 *The Glastonbury Legend*

Presentation by David Zimmerman

The lecture topic is based on the lost years of Christ from around age of 13 to 30. During this time, it is said, Jesus lived in various places throughout the known world and traveled with "Initiate Teachers". One such place was to the island of Glastonbury (in ancient England) then called Glass Island. There, He built a small wattle hut thatched with reeds and stayed for a year or more, preparing for His great mission and planning the "New Society", based on Love (which Blake calls "Jerusalem").

### Feb 24 *The Mysteries Ancient and Modern*

Video by John Algeo (Facilitated by Amy Lounsbury)

Ancient initiatory rites of Egypt, Anatolia, Greece, and Rome led candidates to the secrets of the cosmos and the human psyche. The two aspects, as they have survived into modern times, are described here for current researchers.

**Hold these dates for a special lecture and workshop with Kurt Leland (TSA national lecturer)**

**Friday, March 3** Lecture: Cosmic Songs--the Music of Nature Spirits and Devas (Angels)

**Saturday, March 4** Workshop: Being Held in the Embrace of the Monad (Highest Self)

Kurt Leland is a National Lecturer for the Theosophical Society in America. He is also an award-winning composer and the author of eight books. His latest is *Rainbow Body: A History of the Western Chakra System from Blavatsky to Brennan*, came out in November 2016.

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## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

If you have any questions or comments about our ongoing activities,  
please call (248) 545-1961 or email [tsdetroit@inbox.com](mailto:tsdetroit@inbox.com)

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**MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM**

**BOOK STUDY**

**NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 13**

***The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey A. Barborka**

*The Divine Plan* was written in the form of a commentary on H.P. Blavatsky's *Secret Doctrine* expressly for those who wish to read and gain a deeper understanding of the Secret Doctrine – presenting an exposition of the Doctrines of Esoteric Philosophy.

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**TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM**

**MEMBER'S STUDY**

***The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant**

Theosophy is the wisdom underlying underpinnings of all religions when they are stripped of accretions and superstitions. It offers a philosophy which renders life intelligible and demonstrates that justice and love guide the cosmos. Its teachings aid the unfoldment of the latent spiritual nature in the human being, without dependence or fear.

Annie Besant (October 1, 1847 - September 20, 1933) was the President of the Theosophical Society of India from 1907; founded Home Rule League in 1916 and demanded self rule in India. She became first woman president of the Indian National Congress. She was a prominent Theosophist, social reformer, political leader, women's rights activist, writer and orator. In the 1890s She wrote an enormous number of books and pamphlets on theosophy. She traveled (1926-27) in England and the United States with her protégé Jiddu Krishnamurti. Annie died in India in 1933 at the age of 86.

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**WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM SHARP**

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

***Open Forum facilitated by Gary Contesti***

Gary Contesti is continuing the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology, Rosicrucian thought, and more.

***Theosophical Society in Detroit parking is limited. . .***

The **good news** is . . . the Vinsetta Garage restaurant (next door) offers **free valet parking** for people attending our programs. Just tell the parking attendant that you are attending a program at the Theosophical Society of Detroit.

## BOOKSTORE HOURS

**TUESDAYS**

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM