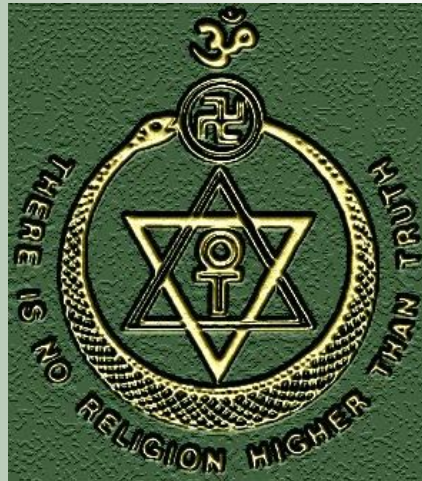


THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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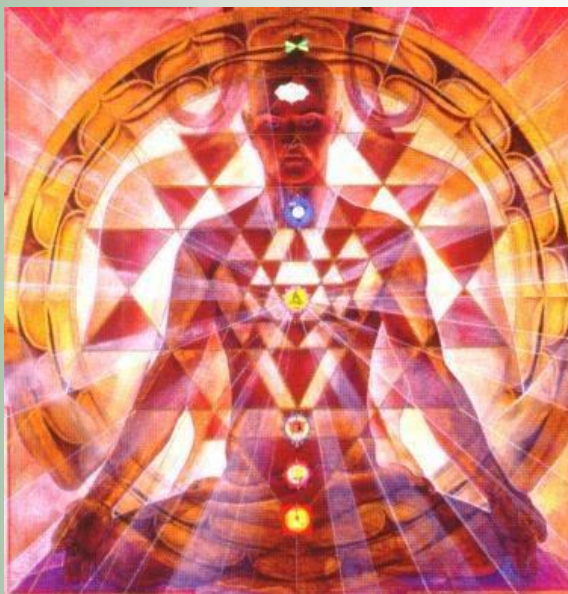
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SUNDAY NIGHT LECTURES AT 19:00

Please note: The opinions expressed by the speakers are their own, as the Theosophical Society has no dogmas.



DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
<u>JULY 2009</u>		
LODGE WILL BE ON WINTER RECESS		NO MEETINGS

AUGUST 2009

02 August	Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) Eclipses and Calendric	Edmond Furter
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09 August



Woman's Day Floral Celebration & Fundraising Starts @ 6pm.

***Bring a flower and enjoy warm soup and a roll
Suggested donation R30 pp***

**Symbolism and Healing Power
of Flowers and Plants (7pm)**

Ann Davis

16 August	The Tarot	Laura
23 August	A Silence Biography	Koffi Kouakou
30 August	Face Profiling – How to Recognise your True Self	Martie Mare

SEPTEMBER 2009

06 September	Living a Law of Attraction (CD's will be on sale)	John Broom
13 September	Pyramidion – Secret of the Capstone	Jimbo Kempster
20 September	Sai Baba Rally (DVD)	Sai Baba Group
27 September	The Secret behind Secrets	Tom Davis

- Members and visitors are invited to attend these lectures. Use the Meintjies Street entrance to the car park in the new Department of Trade and Industry building next door to the Theosophical Society. Once inside, head for the pedestrian exit in the western wall of the car park, next to the Theosophical Society notice board. Exit through the door at that point. Walk up the ramp to the hall.
- No charge is made for attendance but a collection is taken after each Sunday evening talk.
- Tea is available after the talk – donations will be gratefully accepted.

ACTIVITIES

- **AT THE FEET OF THE MASTERS**
Workshop run by Jaap Bishoff. 1st Thursday of the month at 6.30pm.
For more information contact 078 319 0905.
- **CHI-KUNG & MEDITATION CLASSES**
Every Monday evening at 7pm, run by Tom Davis
- **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
Held on the **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month.
- **NUMEROLOGY / RUNE / TAROT CLASSES**
Available on demand.
Enquiries: **Louise Wade** at 012 325-6853 (work) or Cell: 082 510 4466
- **ALICE BAILEY STUDY GROUP & FULL MOON MEDITATION**
Available on demand.
Enquiries: **Jean** at 012 343 0542



OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **FREEMASONRY**
Are you interested in Freemasonry? If you would like to know more about the teachings, contact **Louise Wade** (phone 082 510 4466, or 012 325-6853 at work)
- **SHRI SATHYA BABA DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS**
Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Pretoria East, invites you to attend their Group Devotional Meetings, every Thursday evening.
Venue: Theosophical Society, Sunnyside. **Time:** 19h00-20h00
Contact persons: Greta 072-621-0808 / Ravi 082-551-5342
- **ANKH**
Amen-Ra Institute Fridays 7pm & Sunday 9am.
Contact person: Peter 082-882-3126

ENQUIRIES FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

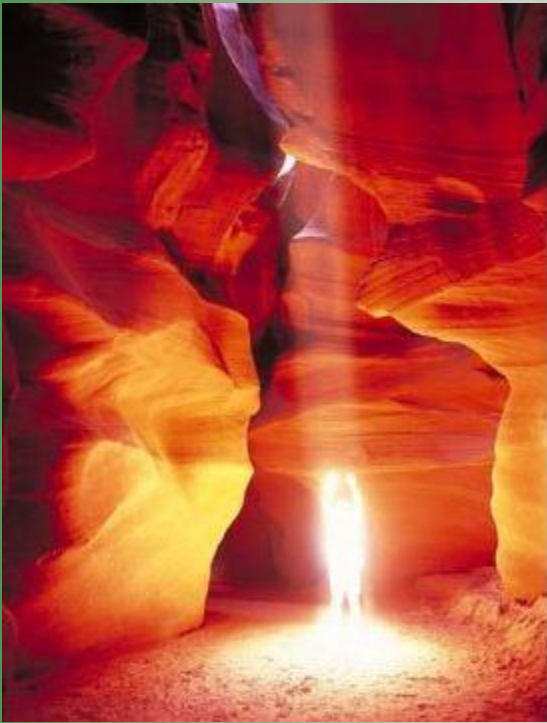
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MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRETORIA LODGE:

1. Implies interest in the Three Objects of the Theosophical Society but does not impose any beliefs;
2. Gives you free use of the library and the National Library for research purposes and is available every Saturday morning;
3. Gives you free copies of the SA Theosophist; and
4. Allows attendance of members' meetings and, after two years' membership, voting powers and eligibility for election to the Lodge Committee.



Being a member helps support our Lodge. Members are vital to the continuing existence of the Lodge.

FEES:

Joining fee (new members only): R10, 00 (plus Annual Subscription)

Annual subscription

R140, 00 per annum (half year R70, 00)

Exceptions:

Married couples: R200, 00 per annum (half-year R100, 00)

Pensioners: R70, 00 per annum (half year R35, 00)

Married pensioners: R100 per annum (half year R50,00)

Students: R70, 00 per annum (half year R35, 00)

THE LODGE LIBRARY:

Lending of books and magazines

One book and two magazines may be taken out at a time and kept for a month. Extension for another month may be obtained by application to the Librarian during library hours, either personally or by telephone. The contact person for renewing library books is **Elna Bischoff**, cell: 078 319 0905 or **Henny**, Phone: 012 341 8944. There are also various video and audio tapes available for lending.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED WHEN BORROWING BOOKS

Fine: A fine will be imposed for late returns or lost books and tapes.

Library hours

Sundays – open during meeting.

The **THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY** has no dogmas. It is composed of students whose bond of union is not the profession of a common belief, but a common search and aspiration for Truth. They hold that Truth should be sought by study, by purity of life, by devotion to high ideals, and by service to humanity. Perfect freedom and tolerance are extended to all.

Theosophy is the light that shines through the many-coloured lamps of religion. It is the thread of truth in scriptures, creeds, symbols, myths and rituals.

The Divine Wisdom is one, the path towards it are many.

THE OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

1. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.
2. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.
3. To investigate the unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in Man.

THE THREE TRUTHS

1. "The soul of man is immortal and its future is the future of a thing whose growth and splendour have no limit."
2. "The Principle which gives life dwells in us, and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent: is not heard or seen or smelt, but is perceived by the man who desires perception."
3. "Each man is his own absolute law-giver, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself; the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment."

These truths, which are as great as life itself, are as simple as the mind of man. Feed the hungry with them.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IS A DOORWAY TO THEOSOPHY:

It does not say, "Here are the teachings for your acceptance and which will make you happy and wise."

It says, "Here is a way which leads to the understanding of the oldest and most profound teachings concerning man, his nature, origin and destiny, his powers, possibilities and responsibilities.

My door is open to every man; whether you stay or depart; whether you honour the teachings and pass them on in your turn; or whether you misunderstand or pollute them, is up to you entirely."

No promises are given except the old tradition: "If you live the life you will know the truth."

The theosophical tradition affirms that man, by exploring the depths of his own nature, can come to the experience of TRUTH, the knowledge of ultimate reality.

Theosophy is a word of Greek origin meaning "Divine Wisdom" (Theos = God; Sophia = Wisdom). The word *THEOSOPHY* has been in use for many centuries. The *DIVINE WISDOM* has existed from the beginning of time.

DO YOU EVER WONDER...?

Who you are?

Why you are here?

Where you are going?

THEOSOPHY, the Wisdom of the Ages, says:

You are part of the One Existence which men call God.

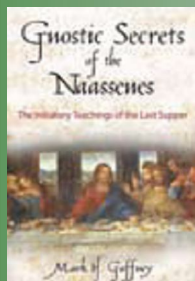
Your body – is mortal

Your spirit, which is your true self – is immortal

You are here in order to discover who you really are, and to bring into activity all the powers that lie sleeping within you. Your goal is infinite love, infinite wisdom. Humanity is still very young and most of us have hardly begun this immense task of self-discovery.

You are going in the direction you have chosen: Either drifting through life, at the mercy of events and your own passing whims and moods, or accepting your destiny and moving consciously towards the goal of self-realization.

Book review



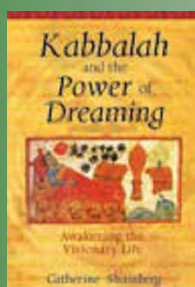
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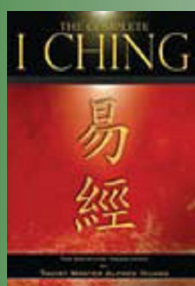
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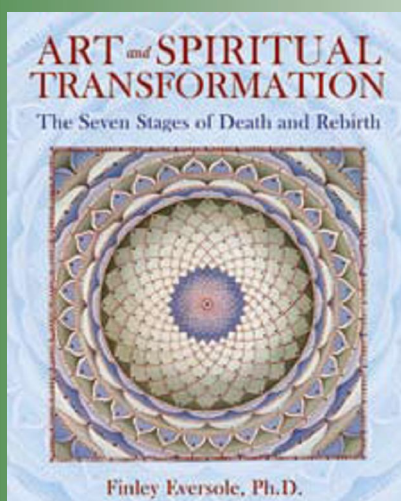


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