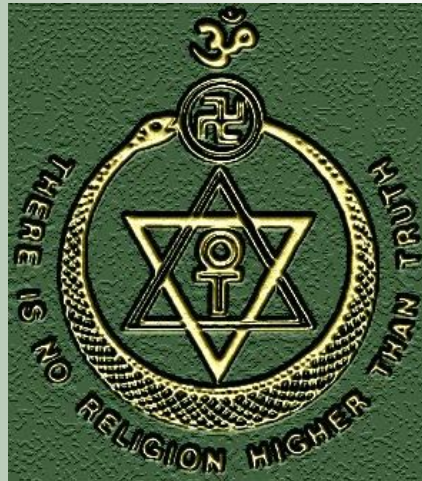


# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Founded in 1875

PRETORIA LODGE

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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
<b><u>OCTOBER 2009</u></b>		
04	Vedic Wisdom	Ravi Govender (Sai Baba group)
11	The Riddles off the Sphinx	Tom Davis
18	Spiritual Numerology and Holographic repatterning	Hymie
25	Paradoxes and Spirituality	Koffie M Kouakou
<b><u>NOVEMBER 2009</u></b>		
01	Balancing your life	Laura
08	The Concept of Being in the Present	Lionel Burman
15	Why Forgiveness	Roz Griffin
22	Living a Law of Attraction	John Broom
29	Kabbalah and the Devine Name	Jacob Swart
<b><u>DECEMBER 2009</u></b>		
06	Connecting with the Angels <i>(Christmas messages)</i>	Elna & Brenda
13	Thoughts on Christmas	Jaap Bischoff

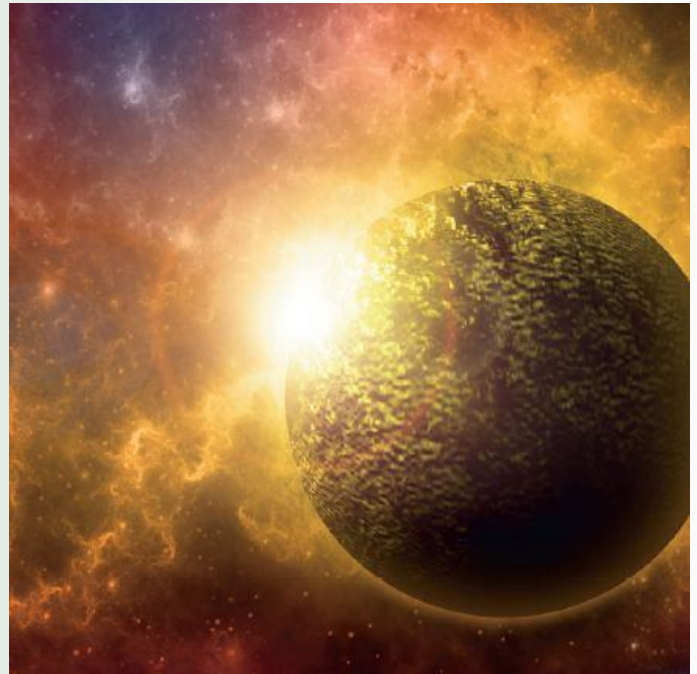
**THE LODGE WILL GO ON RECESS FROM 13 DECEMBER 2009 UNTIL 17 JANUARY 2010**

- 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.

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## ACTIVITIES

- **AT THE FEET OF THE MASTERS**  
Workshop run by Jaap Bishoff. 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- **SCHOOL OF TRUTH**  
Second Sunday of the at 10am  
**Louise Wade** (phone 012 325-6853 at work) , **Jean** at 012 343 0542

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**Tom/Ann Davis** at 012 329 3082

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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.



MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED WHEN BORROWING BOOKS.

**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.

### 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.

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

### 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.

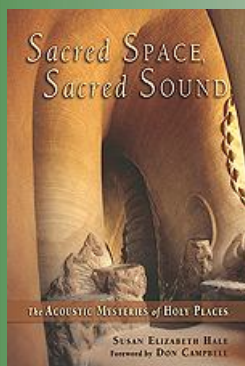
**Your body** – is mortal

**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

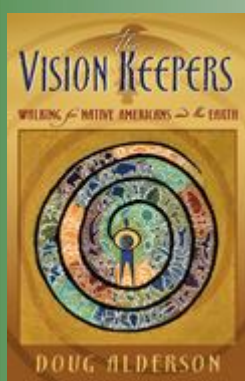


### Sacred Space, Sacred Sound

The Acoustic Mysteries of Holy Places

**Susan Elizabeth Hale**

Music therapy pioneer details the acoustic properties of painted caves, pyramids, cathedrals, and other sacred sites. Hale explains how ancient and modern structures were built to capture sacred sound and reverberation. She also illustrates how sound can help us achieve altered states of consciousness for transformation, healing, and prayer.

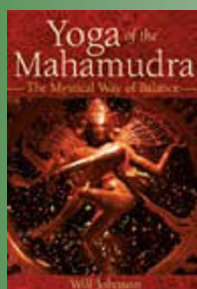


### The Vision Keepers

Walking for Native Americans and the Earth

**Doug Alderson**

Environmentalist Doug Alderson shares the story of how he was driven by a vision and guided by a Muskogee Creek teacher named Bear Heart to lead a group of like-minded people in a walk 3,800 miles across the United States through tribal lands in support of Native American rights, reconciliation, and environmental protection.

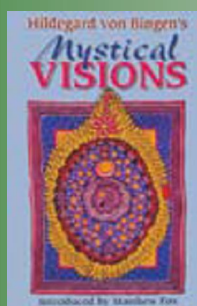


### Yoga of the Mahamudra

*The Mystical Way of Balance*

**Will Johnson**

Mahamudra, literally "the great gesture," is often looked upon as the highest manifestation of consciousness within the Tibetan Vajrayana tradition. Will Johnson presents three simple yogic principles from Tilopa's *Song of Mahamudra*, and explains how to bring forth the condition of mahamudra naturally by utilizing the mystical yoga of balance.



### Hildegard von Bingen's Mystical Visions

*Translated from Scivias*

**Bruce Hozeski**

Twelfth-century Rhineland mystic Hildegard von Bingen records her exquisite encounter with divinity, producing a magnificent fusion of divine inspiration and human intellect. *Hildegard von Bingen's Mystical Visions* is perhaps the most complete and powerful documentation of mystical consciousness in recorded history. Now after 800 years, these visions are again available for those seeking to reawaken mystical consciousness.