



THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
IN PITTSBURGH



THE OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: To form a nucleus of the Universal Brother & Sisterhood of Humanity regardless of race, sex, caste, creed, or color. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy, and science. To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

*We've in our usual Spring Digs - Room F117 in Falk hall on the campus of Chatham University. As usual all lectures begin at 1:30 and end at approximately 3:00 pm. Interested individuals need not be a member of the society to attend. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs may be attended free of charge. Check our website or your e-mail for the most current information on lectures and Society sponsored events. Not on our mailing list? Go to our website at [www.PittsburghTS.org](http://www.PittsburghTS.org) and sign up!  
See you SOON!  
Andrew Nesky  
President*

**March**

**19<sup>th</sup> DIVINE CONNECTIONS – Linda Martin**

This is a discussion of who we are as Spiritual Beings having this Human experience. How our vibrational frequency can create our reality, what may get in our way, and how we can participate in this process of manifesting the life we were created to live. We will also participate in a Sound Healing Meditation with the use of Singing Crystal Bowls.

**26<sup>th</sup> ENLIGHTENMENT – Andrew Nesky**

Esoteric traditions from time immemorial have believed that it is possible to teach wisdom. Whether the process concludes in “Redemption”, “Awakening” or “Enlightenment” the result seeks less an expansion of conventional knowledge than a qualitative expansion of human character and permeability in the sense of self. Join Theosophical Society President Andrew Nesky as he reprises this perennially updated and asked-for multi-media investigation into this fundamental esoteric process.

**April**

**2<sup>rd</sup> TRUE ISLAM vs. EXTREMEISM - Imam Adnan Ahmed**

We only need look to the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad’s own example to clearly see the misconceptions that drive extreme Islamic philosophies. Learn about the 11 misconceptions that “fringe” Islam relies on. This talk will not only educate our non-Muslim family about the Islamic faith but will also help us understand the difference between true Muslims and extremists.

**9<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Transformation as viewed by A Course in Miracles – Dr. Theodore Kneupper**

In a presentation on ‘spiritual transformation’ last spring, due to technical difficulties there was insufficient time to clarify the view found in A Course in Miracles. Here, we will inquire into its teaching, clarifying what it means by ‘Atonement’ and the process of realizing that through the giving and receiving of what it calls ‘miracles,’ in which the central activity, ‘healing,’ occurs by way of ‘true forgiveness.’ The Course has been described as a modern ‘neo-Gnostic’ teaching, claimed to have been communicated by the master Jesus about 50 years ago as a more complete presentation of and a correction to major misunderstandings of his original teachings.

**16<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY – NO MEETING**

**23<sup>rd</sup> AS ABOVE SO BELOW:**

**A Star-gazer's View - Donna Greco**

Astrologer Donna Greco will discuss the significance of current planetary events and the messages we are being graced with both personally and collectively. The emphasis will be on Chiron, The Wounded Healer as it continues to travel through Pisces, as well as the ongoing Jupiter-Uranus-Pluto T-Square which is greatly affecting the political climate. The challenges, opportunities, themes and elements of transformation which are upon us, as well as global events as mirrors for personal reflection will be discussed. And, there is always the unexpected inspiration that strikes just before the talk! There will be opportunity for open discussion.

**30<sup>th</sup> THE SUPRISING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIPS -Sharon Eakes**

Relationships matter. A lot. Research shows successful relationships are the key to our happiness and sense of well-being. This session will examine new and different approaches to relationship success which are deeper than behavior. The material will apply to both personal and professional relationships.

**May**

**7<sup>th</sup> YOU, YOUR EGO, & YOUR LIFE – Nickolas Martin**

The focus of this presentation will be on Ego Energy and its impact on our daily life and spirituality. Topics to be covered include developing a better understanding of ego, its impact upon our daily life, and its effect upon our spiritual consciousness. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of how we can heal our ego energy to bring it into balance where needed.

**14<sup>th</sup> MOTHER’S DAY – NO MEETING**

**21<sup>st</sup> ST.GERMAIN’S ALCHEMICAL TEACHINGS FOR SELF-TRANSFORMATION – Carol Obley**

In the late 1700's, Count Saint Germain of France allegedly turned base metals into gold, perfected diamonds and discovered the elixir of youth. Known as the "Wonderman" of Europe, he had close ties with French royalty, expanded scientific knowledge and helped warn and prepare the aristocracy for the impending revolution. His role in



aiding humankind continues today as one of the Ascended Masters- Lord of the 7th Ray- bringer of the violet flame illumination and the purveyor of freedom. In this talk, we will explore the application of his alchemical formulas for healing and self-transformation, as put forth in *Saint Germain on Alchemy* by Mark and Elizabeth Clare Prophet.

**28<sup>th</sup> June** MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND – *NO MEETING*

**4<sup>th</sup> THE YEARS AHEAD**

**Clarity in Tumultuous Times – Phil Jannetta**

Over the next two decades, civilization will experience the climax that initiates a new era of human consciousness. Radical shifts in all aspects of society will accelerate – and not just in obvious ways. The future will not simply be more of the same. Phil will discuss the dynamics behind the extraordinary changes we are living through, and offer practical suggestions to maintain stability and to embrace the unique opportunities available to all of us.

**11<sup>th</sup> MYSTICISM & PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH – Richard Koepsel**

Psychological health problems are rampant in our society as we struggle through this materialistic stage of human evolution. Mysticism provides an excellent means to understand the basis of psychological problems, to penetrate the odd symptoms that mask them, and to prevent problems before they occur. This talk reintroduces simple concepts with which Theosophists are familiar and, hopefully, opens to a question and answer session on the subject to keep it relevant to the audience.

**18<sup>th</sup> ZEN – Tim Kennedy**

What is it? Though it descends from the Buddhist tradition it differs from the Tibetan Buddhist and Theravadan teaching. Zen is often characterized as a 'mind-to-mind' transmission of 'Truth'. Come and investigate “Koans” and the “Heart Sutra.”

**END OF LECTURE SEASON – See You in the Fall!**

**Speaker’s Biographies**

**Imam Adnan Ahmed** is a graduate of Islamic University of Toronto, Canada. He completed his 7 year theological degree in 2010. Since then he has served the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada, East Africa, Mexico and currently serves as the Imam of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pittsburgh. He has delivered lectures on Islam at various venues and is a great promoter of interfaith dialogue.

**Sharon Eakes, MA, BCC** (Board Certified Coach): Sharon is a Life and Leadership Coach, an author and educator. A coach for over 20 years, she was previously the Clinical Director of Gateway Rehabilitation Center for 25 years. Sharon’s energy is always directed toward fostering balanced, joyful lives, and helping people make meaningful contributions to their world. Sharon co-owns the company, Two Wise Women. For 10 years, she and her business partner have taught an acclaimed, international mastery coaching course, The Choice in Coaching. They also authored a book, *Chocolate or Lunch, How Choices Impact Relationships*. Sharon has written two other books, *Fresh Views on Resilient Living*, which won first place in the Indie Excellence Award for Self Help in 2015. With Hal Williamson, her late husband, Sharon wrote *Liberating Greatness, a Whole Brained Guide to Extraordinary Living*. [www.sharoneakes.com](http://www.sharoneakes.com)

**Donna Greco** awakened to callings which inspired her to explore the metaphysical world and then pursued the study of astrology for 25 years. As an astrologer, she counsels, mentors and teaches both privately and in groups. She has published articles on astrology and offers The Cosmic Blog which can be found at [www.cosmicconsultations.com](http://www.cosmicconsultations.com). She is a student of The Pathwork of Self-Transformation and A Course in Miracles. An accomplished pianist-teacher-composer, her musical career spans 45 years. Donna blends intuitive insight with spiritual knowledge as a facilitator for personal transformation. She is available for private consultations, presentations, workshops.

**Phil Jannetta:** For more than four decades, Phil has been involved in the energetic arts of Feng Shui, Oriental Astrology, and spiritual development. He teaches these topics in the Far-East, Europe and throughout the U.S. Phil is focused on positively contributing to our collective efforts to peacefully pass through the profound and intense transformation our world is undergoing.

**Tim Kennedy** began Zen practice in 1985 at the Rochester city center with Toni Packer. After that, he came back to Pittsburgh and helped found Stillpoint Zen Center. At Stillpoint I was able to practice with a number of Zen teachers including Shohaku Okumura, Cheri Huber, Daien Bennage, Reb Anderson and Janet Abels. I am the senior student at Plumblossom Zendo here in Pgh. where we hold sittings twice a week and 4 retreats thru the year.

**Theodore Kneupper, Ph.D** is professor emeritus in Philosophy at Slippery Rock University, where he taught for 34 years. He has been a student of the world’s spiritual traditions, particularly Buddhism and *A Course in Miracles*, for many years. He is the director of Mind Unlimited ([mindunlimited.org](http://mindunlimited.org)), which is dedicated to the exploration of the higher possibilities of human nature.

**Richard Koepsel** has been studying and practicing Christian Mysticism with The Rosicrucian Fellowship of Oceanside, California for about 54 years. He offers a new talk on mysticism or spiritual astrology every week; has about 900 talks available under his name on YouTube, and is currently working on a website to make the talks more easily accessible. Since last visiting Pittsburgh he has been traveling and talking in South America.

**Rev. Linda Martin** is a metaphysician, certified Reiki master teacher, spiritual healer, color/sound practitioner and spiritual medium. She is founder of Dove of Light Healing Ministry in Belle Vernon, PA where she offers individuals sessions, classes and workshops. [www.LindaMartin.net](http://www.LindaMartin.net)

**Dr. Nickolas Martin** is a licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist and social worker who has worked in clinical, university, public school and private practice settings as a therapist, diagnostician, educator and consultant for 37 years. He is author of "Ego Therapy: A Method for Healing Your Whole Self" and co-author with his wife, Rev. Linda M. Martin of "EgoSpiritualism: Awakening to Your Human and Divine Self" and "The Two Voices Within: Balancing the Energies of Ego and Spirit to Enhance Your Life". To learn more please visit [www.egoandspirit.info](http://www.egoandspirit.info)

**Andrew Nesky** is the president of the Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh and the principal moderator of its lecture series. He has twice been elected to the position of Master of a Masonic Lodge and is a published writer. An actor with hundreds of stage performances, he also lectures on the subject of metaphysics and human development and has coached high-school competitive public speaking, specializing in value-based Lincoln-Douglas format debate. He hosts the web-casted talk show “Science and the Outer Streams” that investigates the frontiers of human thought, science and spirituality. Select shows can be viewed at YouTube keyword “Outer Streams”.

**Carole J. Obley**, Soulvisions, LLC is a professional spiritual medium from Pittsburgh, Pa. who has done thousands of readings for people seeking confirmation, guidance, and healing from the spirit world. She has been the subject of newspaper articles, spoken on both radio and TV and is the author of three books on mediumship and healing. She has also published articles on spiritual and metaphysical subjects and taught workshops at Lilydale, N.Y., the largest US center for Spiritualism. She has produced audio programs to help people with spiritual development and teaches three levels of classes in intuition and mediumship. [www.soulvisions.net](http://www.soulvisions.net).