

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.

All lectures are presented Sundays from 1:30 to approx. 3:00 PM and are held in room 5401 on the 5th floor of Posvar Hall (formerly the Forbes Quad. classroom building) on the Campus of Pitt University (next to Hillman Library). Interested individuals need not be a member of the society to attend. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs may be attended free of charge. Call our 24-hour automated phone system at (412) 462-4200 for the most current information on lectures and Society sponsored events. This number will have all the latest information on weather and unforeseen cancellations. Officers can be reached at this same number.

*** PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ROOM ASSIGNMENT ***

May

- 14th **SKILL & INSIGHT: Deepening Our Spiritual Practice and Bridging the Gap Between Our Ideals & Everyday Life** – Nickolas Knightly
There is a basic set of skills applicable to everything we do—including spiritual practice. Without refining these skills we waste needless energy in every area of our lives. We can certainly succeed in spite of ourselves (in a sense we always do), but learning these skills and refining them makes us far more prone to spiritual and creative “accidents”. Furthermore, this set of skills is necessary for best manifesting insight in our daily life (the principle task of the post-enlightenment project). By beginning to operate in harmony with the requirements of these skills we can further breakdown the dualistic mind. In this talk you will learn what these basic skills are and how to begin applying them in daily life.
- 21st **PITT FUNCTION – NO MEETING**

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May cont.

28th **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND** – No Meeting

June

4th **DOUBLE FEATURE!**

PERCEPTION: GATEWAY TO THE INFINITE – Andrew Nesky

You are what you perceive. If you see a world that is your enemy – you will be its victim. See a universe that is your friend and life is bliss. Wouldn't it be great to live in a world of our own choosing? But that is just wishful thinking – or is it?

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Join us as we delve into the physics – and metaphysics - of perception.

MOVIE!

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Is your Karma constipated? *See the description on Page 3!*

11th **BUDDHISM'S THREE TREASURES** – Phil Janetta

A review of life's three-fold nature from the perspective of Mahayana Buddhist teachings. Taoist references will also be made to clarify the dynamics. Suggestions for application in daily life round out this presentation

18th **THE BRAIN:**

Our Universe Within

Beyond the basic functions of the brain lies mystery: consciousness, creativity, the emotions, and our sense of self. Could these be the result of biochemistry? Science is creating theories of consciousness as it singles in on a single neurotransmitter – serotonin – which may play a central role in the visions brought on by meditation, sleep deprivation and psychedelic drugs. New serotonin-based drugs are raising the hope for the mentally ill, and ethical quandaries for the medical community. Join us for a look at this fascinating 90-minute documentary - and then – stay for the discussion.

25th **TRANSCENDING DUALITY** – Peter Shor

Our intellect perceives through polarized lenses – good or bad, true or false, cause or effect, etc., and we are “third force blind.” The ISness of All and Everything is beyond dualism and we have to transcend intellect itself by developing Heartfulness in order to perceive the ISness and become One with It. Surrendering our intellect to Love can yield extraordinary transformation and align our life with divinity.

END OF LECTURE SEASON – *See You Next Fall*

Speaker's Biographies

Phil Janetta is an internationally known Feng Shui teacher and consultant, as well as a published author. He comes to this county after spending over 15 years in Asia as a student, teacher and consultant and where he studied Feng Shui with professional Chinese practitioners, Taoist scholars and Buddhist monks. For more than a decade Mr. Janetta operated a successful consulting practice in Tokyo. His advice was based on the principals of Ch'I energy, and their application to physical and mental well being. Since returning to the U.S., Phil has appeared on television and radio, and in major newspapers. He consults and lectures throughout the US,

SPRING 2006 LECTURE & MOVIE SCHEDULE

Biographies cont.

Europe and the Far East, and regularly teaches at the University of Pittsburgh and Community College of Allegheny County. His published works include co-authorship of several books with Michio Kushi, including the acclaimed "Macrobiotics and Oriental Medicine."

Nickolas Knightly works with groups and individuals to enhance their spiritual practice. The skills he teaches are applicable to any spiritual tradition—indeed, they apply to any activity whatsoever. Knightly graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Philosophy and did two years of graduate work in his field. He teaches the Argentine Tango as a meditative art and is a certified teacher of the Alexander Technique. For more information: visit his website, www.nickolasknightly.com; or email, nickolasknightly@comcast.net; or call, 724.516.0973

Andrew Nesky is the president of the Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh. He has twice been elected to the position of Master of a Masonic Lodge and is a published writer. An actor with regional credits, he also lectures on the subject of metaphysics and human development and coaches high-school competitive public speaking, specializing in value-based Lincoln-Douglas format debate. He currently hosts the web-casted talk show "Science and the Outer Streams" which investigates the frontiers of human thought, science and spirituality. The show can be viewed at www.fromUSALive.com.

Peter Shor has spent over 30 years studying and living the teachings of Gurdjieff. He was fortunate to study under the guidance of two students of Gurdjieff as well as remarkable teachers of other traditions. He is a massage therapist, quantum-touch practitioner, an artist and musician. He has spent many years as a systems analyst.

Theosophical Society Movie Series

Ever finish a movie and say, "Wow – that was *really* deep," maybe wishing you had some way to further explore the ideas you'd just encountered? *Well wish no more!* Join the Theosophical Society once each month after a scheduled lecture to view some of the finest "deep" movies and documentaries ever made. Each month the movie will be introduced by a member or guest lecturer and then after the movie – stay for the discussion and questions!

Uncorked – Drama, 1998

Director: John Huddles

Cast: Minnie Driver, Nigel Hawthorne, Rufus Sewell, Amelia Heinle, Michael E. Rodgers

—Rating: PG

Description: John Huddles tries hard to charm audiences with his modest little American indie comedy about a kooky British clan on a sprawling northern California estate. Rufus Sewell is the would-be family entrepreneur on a financial losing streak ready to sink the last of his fortune on a failed manganese mine. His girlfriend (Minnie Driver) can't talk him out of the doomed venture and his brother is busy getting back to nature, so eccentric uncle Nigel Hawthorne climbs down from his spiritual cloud to knock some sense into his nephew: "His karma was constipated. I gave him an enema." The film has previously been released under the names *At Sachem Farm* and *Higher Love*.

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Dear friends of the Theosophical Society,

Our group has grown substantially over the last few years. People who have been to our meetings and requested ongoing notice of our programs now number over 1000. We advertise in many local publications, and maintain a 24-hour automated phone system that disperses timely information to anyone who wants it – a service that has been especially valuable to our sight impaired community. Each week the ranks of people who have sought information or understanding from our programs grow. We count ourselves a success.

We have one of the few places in the world where a lay person can hear diverse spiritual and philosophical programs. Where else can a Moslem tell his heart to a Jew – or a Pagan speak about love to a fundamentalist Christian? **In our place we start processes that can lead to difficult and apparently impossible unities and peace... a mission that is perhaps more urgent and necessary than ever before.**

We have done things a lot differently than most organizations of our type. **Most of our programs are available to anyone who shows up, regardless of their desire to join our group or their ability offer donations to help us support ourselves.** We have chosen this “Open Group Architecture” because it makes it more attractive for people who are tentative about their spiritual/intellectual direction to risk a look at our “hub”. This is a modern take on our society’s mandate to be a “nucleus” of “universal brotherhood”... one that seems especially suited to the needs of our region.

Our success has come at a cost. Although no member or officer of our group receives compensation of any kind - the growing cost of advertising, printing, postage and telephone service requires that we ask for your additional financial support.

Please help us with whatever Tax Deductible contribution you’d like to offer. If you send us \$15.00 it will cover the cost of producing, advertising and mailing your schedule for a year. For each additional \$15.00 you send we can keep another year’s worth of services going for a student or someone who might be less fortunate than you.

Maybe it’s just that you haven’t gotten to the meetings as often as you’d like, and haven’t had an easy way to donate. Maybe you were “between” things for a while. If you have some breathing space now -we can really use whatever help you can send. Please make your checks and money orders payable to “The Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh” and send them to the address listed above.

Thank you for your time, presence, love and support.

G-d Bless

Andrew Nesky
President,
The Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh.