

SPRING 2009 LECTURE SCHEDULE

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.

Brand New!

We have another GREAT schedule; make sure you mark your calendars for these great programs. We've moved to the 1st floor of Buhl Hall (just across the path from our usual digs) for this lecture series. Please see the map on the last page for additional help. Enter the main level - take the elevator to the first floor and our new room is just a few short steps away.

As usual we are right next to the free 129-space Jennie King Mellon Library parking lot. Our elderly and handicapped attendees will appreciate the easy, level walk between parking and destination. Those who drive can get to the lot from Murray Hill Road, which runs between Fifth and Wilkins Avenue.

See you there.

Namaste

Andrew Nesky
President
The Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh.

Unless otherwise announced, all lectures this lecture season are presented Sundays from 1:30 to approx. 3:00 PM and are held in room 24 on the 1st floor of Buhl Hall on the Campus of Chatham College. Attendees need not be a member of the society, but must abide by the society's standards of civil conduct. Unless otherwise indicated, 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.

May

31st DOCUMENTARY:

Happiness Machines - Continued

During the last lecture session we presented the first episodes of the acclaimed BBC documentary "Happiness Machines". It is a documentary that details how special interests manipulate the masses. Response to these episodes was so positive that we are showing these final few episodes (see detailed description on page 4). Join us as we conclude this rare and poignant education and then stay with us for discussion.

June

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7th **RECOGNIZING AND DEVELOPING THE SOUL** – Ed Foote

Discovering Your Soul's Purpose. Why are we here and what should we do with our life? We will discuss universal purposes that exist for all of us and list specific criteria that each person can use to determine whether they are actually promoting their soul's purpose. Guidance in this process comes from forces beyond the self, and we will learn how this guidance can come from meditation, dreams and even angels.

Once the path is explained, stay with us as Ed continues with **The Christian Values in the Harry Potter Books.** Due to some detractors claiming that these books are anti-Christian the books and movies have been vilified, this talk will show why numerous specifically-named Christian organizations are promoting the books. Talk will look at other well-known books that deal with the same subject matter and which people do not find offensive, and will list numerous Christian values found in the Harry Potter books.

14th **WITH GOD'S HELP** – Phil Jannetta

In the midst of the demands and stresses of daily life, there are Divine forces we can turn to. Guidance and support are available if we open ourselves to them. Learn to fashion a personal approach while maintaining personal judgment and free will.

21st **THE MEDICAL HOME** – Susan Rose RN, MSN

The Theosophical Society's mandate to promote a "nucleus" of unity and knowledge is a mandate that serves many disciplines. Susan Rose is an expert on a paradigm that insures that the sick and infirm can stay in their own private dwelling as long as possible – a phenomena called the "Medical Home". This system can enhance wellness as it encompasses the entire family. This is a delivery system that is compassionate to the caregivers as well as the consumer, and even - save money.

28th **DUO-DOUBLE FEATURE**

A COURSE IN MIRACLES - Keith Peluchette

If Jesus Christ could reflect today on the effects of the past 2000-year wake of his teachings, what would he say? The answer comprises *A Course in Miracles*, consisting of a text and a workbook of short daily thought exercises, all aimed at attaining a life of durable, permanent joy and inner peace. No organizations, no church, no collection plate, no theology or "ism" – just a direct experience, through daily application, via self-study or perhaps with a small group.

THE SACRED PROSTITUTE:

The Path of the Female – Andrea Harman

Why aren't there female enlighten individuals in the writings of our great religions? Why are priesthoods dominated by men? Where is the teaching that relates to the female process of enlightenment? Join me as we pull the pieces of the female puzzle together and discover a hidden process that is innate to the anima psyche in every human.

SUMMER BREAK – SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

Speaker's Biographies

Ed Foote, from Wexford, is a full-time square dance caller, having called for 45 years throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia, and has 3 weekly clubs in the Pittsburgh area. He has also taught Spiritual Dance at churches throughout the country. He is on the pulpit supply list for several churches, and leads services for various churches in Western Pennsylvania every year. He also volunteers for a radio station for the blind and reading impaired, where he hosts a weekly program on holistic health. In addition he is a volunteer financial advisor, plays in a senior softball league and plays tennis regularly

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Andrea Harman has been the Secretary of the Theosophical Society of Pittsburgh for 12 years and has studied many disciplines describing the process of enlightenment. She has a background in Gurdjeff's teaching "The Work" and a great love for eastern philosophy. Besides being a part-time cook for the Theosophy Society she aspires to be a Visionary Artist.

Phil Jannetta 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. Jannetta 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, 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."

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 over 240 performance credits, 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. In addition to being a ULC Minister, he has hosted the web-casted talk show "Science and the Outer Streams" which investigates the frontiers of human thought, science and spirituality - it can be seen at www.esotericgateway.com.

Keith Peluchette, With honoraries in law and engineering by education -- lawyer by trade -- musician, mechanic, car collector, thinker by passion -- renaissance man by worldly definition -- he prefers to think of himself as "just an ok guy." A student of *A Course in Miracles* for over 11 years, he also likes astrology, Zen, and Tolle. Having nothing to "plug" nor anything otherwise to gain, Keith's offering is made "solely in service to fellow seekers."

Susan Rose RN, MSN has been a nurse in the Pittsburgh area for the past 24 years. She currently has a masters in Professional Nursing Leadership and is currently working on a doctorate in Nursing Practice. She is currently employed at the VA Healthcare System and is the regional networker for the American Holistic Nurses Association. She is the author of <http://www.united4healing.com> and <http://www.heartofpittsburgh.com>

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! (See the main schedule for dates and times)

CENTURY OF SELF: Happiness Machines – Documentary (2002)

*** This difficult to find - award-winning BBC documentary has not yet been formally released on DVD which means: if you miss it at the our showing – you will have a very difficult time finding it anywhere else. ***

Run Time: 58 min -each.

Rating: NR

Description: To many in both politics and business, the triumph of the self is the ultimate expression of democracy, where power has finally moved to the people. Certainly the people may feel they are in charge, but are they really? "Century of the Self" tells the untold and sometimes controversial story of the growth of the mass-consumer society in Britain and the United States. How was the all-consuming self created, by whom, and in whose interests?

Episode Three: There is a Policeman Inside All Our Heads: He Must Be Destroyed

In the 1960s, a radical group of psychotherapists challenged the influence of Freudian ideas in America. They were inspired by the ideas of Wilhelm Reich, a pupil of Freud's, who had turned against him and was hated by the Freud family. He believed that the inner self did not need to be repressed and controlled. It should be encouraged to express itself.

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This program shows how this rapidly developed in America through self-help movements like Werber Erhard's Erhard Seminar Training - into the irresistible rise of the expressive self: the Me Generation.

But the American corporations soon realized that this new self was not a threat but their greatest opportunity. It was in their interest to encourage people to feel they were unique individuals and then sell them ways to express that individuality. To do this they turned to techniques developed by Freudian psychoanalysts to read the inner desires of the new self.

Episode Four: Eight People Sipping Wine in Kettering

This episode explains how politicians on the left, in both Britain and America, turned to the techniques developed by business to read and fulfil the inner desires of the self.

Both New Labour, under Tony Blair, and the Democrats, led by Bill Clinton, used the focus group, which had been invented by psychoanalysts, in order to regain power. They set out to mould their policies to people's inner desires and feelings, just as capitalism had learnt to do with products.

Out of this grew a new culture of public relations and marketing in politics, business and journalism. One of its stars in Britain was Matthew Freud who followed in the footsteps of his relation, Edward Bernays, the inventor of public relations in the 1920s.

The politicians believed they were creating a new and better form of democracy, one that truly responded to the inner feelings of individual. But what they didn't realize was that the aim of those who had originally created these techniques had not been to liberate the people but to develop a new way of controlling them.

