

SPRING 2010 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.

We've Missed You!

Our unplanned hiatus is finally over. Special thanks to all of you that have kept with us during our off time. The impenetrable weather is behind us and my broken foot has healed well. I'm very glad to be able to welcome you all with both non-snow covered feet under me.

We have another GREAT schedule; make sure you mark your calendars for these exceptional programs. We're back at room 117 in Falk Hall for most of the series. The last 3 programs will be held in Woodland Hall room 103.

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, 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.

Andrew Nesky
President
The Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh.

Unless otherwise announced, most lectures this lecture season are presented Sundays from 1:30 to approx. 3:00 PM and are held in room 117 on the 1st floor of Falk Hall on the Campus of Chatham College. June 13th 20th and 27th will be held in room 103 of Woodland Hall. 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.

March

14th THE YEARS AHEAD:- Phil Jannetta

A look at the cosmic dynamics influencing each of us now and in the pivotal years ahead. Trends and possibilities will be highlighted, along with suggestions to help with the choices before us.

21st THE PATH OF FORGIVENESS – Ed Foote

"The Path of Forgiveness." This is the basic theme from the book entitled A COURSE IN MIRACLES. The book has achieved worldwide popularity in the past 30 years, and has been endorsed by Oprah Winfrey, lecturer and author Marianne Williamson and author Gerald Jampolsky. The talk will give a brief introduction of A COURSE IN MIRACLES, explaining its history and how it came into existence, followed by an examination of the themes of the book.



28st **EDGAR CAYCE** – Joe Turiano

In the history of psychic phenomena, the most remarkable story of all time is possibly that of Edgar Cayce. A simple man with an eighth grade education, Cayce was able to bring forth a vast body of information that he had no conscious knowledge of when placed in a hypnotic trance, and its stunning insight and validity has inspired observers and silenced skeptics for decades. The Cayce material has powerful implications for modern spiritual study and contains numerous pertinent lessons on the meaning of life.

April

4th **EASTER SUNDAY** – No Meeting

11th **MEDICAL MISSIONS TO THE THRID WORLD** – Dan Wagner

Dr. Dan will highlight his twelve medical missions to Nigeria and Ecuador with *The World Health Vision*, an NGO of health professionals that volunteer their services to the needy in under-developed countries. He will give discuss the work his organization does there and the many interesting people he meets with insight into their culture and customs. ([www. worldhealthvision.org](http://www.worldhealthvision.org))

18th **THE EMERGENCE OF THE WORLD TEACHER**

& THE MASTERS OF WISDOM – Sheila Forester & Mary Beth Steisslinger

Today we stand on the verge of the greatest spiritual transformation in human history. Amidst the chaos of a dying world order, the soul of humanity is awakening. Simultaneously, the World Teacher, Lord Maitreya, and the Masters of Wisdom are emerging from their ancient retreats to take open, outward roles in the world. We will see them soon, presenting extraordinary ideas to advance the restoration of our world and lead us into right human relations. Our response to their call for sharing, justice and brotherhood will determine our future.

25th **RELIGULOUS – DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION**

Bill Maher interviews Americans about God. See details on the last page of the program.

May

2nd **THE ESOTERIC HISTORY**

OF PLAYING CARDS, DICE, & DOMINOES - Fran Szarnicki

These seemingly innocent games of chance were not originated for amusement. Rather, they were developed as divination tools and are based on the science of numerology. Learn which playing card best represents you and your mission, and how these game pieces can be used for divination.

9th **MOTHER'S DAY** – No Meeting

16th **THE DEEP** – Frank DeAngeles

Got a gnawing question that defies Wikipedia? Spirits got you spooked? Messiahs have you miffed? Bring your questions, posits and pronouncements to this gathering and you just might... find your answers. Join parapsychologist and esoteric teacher Frank DeAngeles for an open format discussion of (just about) anything goes.

23rd **AS ABOVE SO BELOW**

A Stargazer'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 challenges, opportunities, themes and elements of transformation which are upon us, as well as global events and public figures as mirrors for personal reflection will be discussed. Donna will also offer insight into the benefits of astrological counseling as a tool for personal transformation affecting long term global healing. And, there is always

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the unexpected inspiration that strikes just before the talk! There will be opportunity for open discussion.

30th **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY** – No Meeting

June

6th **THE CHRISTIAN VALUES**

EXPRESSED IN HARRY POTTER BOOKS – Ed Foote

Some people claim that the Harry Potter books promote witchcraft and thus are anti-Christian in nature and should be avoided. The talk will show that the opposite is true, with leaders from a wide variety of Christian denominations strongly supporting the books. A list of detailed Christian values that appear in the books will be given.

***** Meeting location for the last 3 programs is room 103 in Woodland Hall *****

13th **ENLIGHTENMENT** – Andrew Nesky

What is it and how does it work? Join Theosophical Society President Andrew Nesky for this edifying adventure into the physics of awakening.

20th **THE QUESTION OF GOD:**

C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud with Dr. Armand Nicholi – DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION

C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud lead us in an investigation of God. See details on the last page of this schedule.

27th **SUMMER PARTY**

Join us as we end our spring lecture series and welcome the summer. Refreshments, socializing and fun!

SUMMER BREAK – SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

Speaker's Biographies

Frank DeAngelis has been involved in parapsychology since the early 70's; He has studied and attempted research in the field of the paranormal since 1980. He has taught several different classes on the paranormal at area colleges. I have investigated approx. 48 haunted houses in the Tri-state area and acted as an adviser on about 30 more houses.

Ed Foote leads church services every year in the Pittsburgh area, as well as in other states, has been a student of A COURSE IN MIRACLES for over 20 years, and for 12 years hosted a weekly radio program on religious inspiration at a local radio station for the visually impaired. Ed has also taught Spiritual Dance at churches throughout the country. Ed is a full-time square dance caller, with 3 weekly clubs in the Pittsburgh area, and has been traveling throughout the world for 45 years calling square dances.

Sheila Forester is a volunteer with Share International USA. She also facilitates the Pittsburgh, PA Transmission Meditation group and is the Regional Coordinator for Transmission Meditation for the Upper Midwest. Sheila has been a long time student of esoteric philosophy. You may contact Sheila at wcf101950@cs.com

Donna Greco has pursued the study of Astrology and Tarot for 25 years within the context of personal and spiritual transformation, blending artistic sensitivity with spiritual knowledge and attunement as a facilitator for healing and personal transformation. She is available for private counseling sessions, lecture-presentations, workshops and mentoring. She does readings in person, by phone and on line having attracted in recent years, an international clientele. An accomplished pianist-teacher-composer, her musical career spans 35 years in the classical, jazz and contemporary instrumental genres. Her Intuitive Music practice is designed to create personalized musical settings for the facilitation of healing and meditation. She also receives commissions for specialized musical recordings produced and designed for personal and sacred intentions. She is a certified Music Practitioner providing music for healing and transition in the hospice setting. For further information her website is: WWW.DONNAGRECO.COM She can be reached at DEMETRIA@PRODIGY.NET or 412-422-4628.

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

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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, 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 250 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.

Mary Beth Steisslinger is an Integral Systems Biologist, Artist, Mother and also volunteers for Share International USA. She works locally as part of the Pittsburgh Urban Ecology Collaborative, and is part of an international research group on issues that affect our Global Commons (such as ecosystems, climate change, the broken economy and social crises). She has meditated and studied the ancient wisdom teachings in many forms for the past 20 years. Contact Mary Beth at marybeth.steisslinger@gmail.com

Fran Szarnicki is a Master Numerologist and author of several books in her field. She owns Francesca New Age Services, Inc. which provides an outlet for hers counseling, teaching and spiritual healing practices. You can learn more about her and her work at www.NumerologyWizard.com

Joe Turiano is a Past-Life Regression Therapist (Woolger USA) and a Hellinger Family Constellation Therapist through the Hellinger Institute of Western PA. He is also a certified Transpersonal Hypnotherapist through the National Association of Transpersonal Hypnotherapists.

Dr. Dan Wagner is a natural and clinical pharmacist and owner of Nutri-farmacy (Western PA's only all natural pharmacy) in the North Hills. He has been practicing integrative medicine since 1997 and counsels people taking both prescription and alternative medicines. His primary focus recently has been on the proliferation of "energy" medicine. He has studied medicinal plants and phyto-nutrients in the rainforests on Belize, Ecuador, Cuba, Costa Rica, Peru, Suriname and parts of Africa. In 2000, he was selected by *Pharmacy Times magazine* as one of the "50 most influential pharmacists in America."

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 to view some of the finest "deep" movies and documentaries ever made. Each 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)

RELIGULOUS – Comedy/Documentary (2008)

Run Time: 101 min

Rating: R

Description: "Bill Maher incurs the wrath of multiple religious zealots of myriad faiths in *Religulous*, a snarky but unexpectedly powerful documentary. Maher bluntly disputes the value of religion in a world made increasingly dangerous, on the one hand, by fanaticism of all kinds and the human race's environmental self-destructiveness on the other. No one is immune from Maher's dogged questions about the illogic and negative fallout of doctrines that advocate violence or shun scientific evidence or marginalize minorities or punish anyone who disagrees with any religion's extreme tenets. Wherever he goes, Maher seeks to demonstrate that many of the world's major religions are rife with hypocrisy, completely self-referential, and destructive to the collective good." --Tom Keogh

THE QUESTION OF GOD:

C.S. Lewis & Sigmund Freud with Dr. Armand Nicholi – Documentary (2004)

Run Time: 100 min

Rating: NR

Description: How do we find meaning and purpose in our lives? Is there a God? How do we reconcile conflicting claims of love and sexuality? How do we cope with the problem of suffering and the inevitability of death? This series addresses these issues, which preoccupy all thinking people today. The series will frame these issues in the eventful lives of two men who held diametrically opposed world views: Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis.