

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.

Unless otherwise announced, all lectures are presented Sundays from 1:30 to approx. 3:00 PM and are held in room 1500 on the 1st floor of Posvar Hall (formerly the Forbes Quad. classroom building) on the Campus of Pitt University (next to Hillman Library). Attendees need not be a member of the society. 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.

February

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THE “WORK”

An Overview of the Philosophy of G. I. Gurdjieff – Bill Heath with Ron Fry

Come join us for the opening lecture of the winter lecture series with an investigation of the esoteric teachings of G. I. Gurdjieff. Bill Heath has been studying and teaching Gurdjieff’s “Work” for over a quarter century and has received his teaching from Mr. Thomas Forman who studied directly with both Gurdjieff and P.D. Ouspenskyi.

26th

UNITY IN MOTION

The New Consciousness – Nancy McGowan

Unity in Motion is The New Consciousness – not a form of motion directed at simply “feeling better”. Through participating in the practice one can feel a whole new sense of energy and clarity as our bodies become fully connected to the EXPERIENCE of Universal Balance of

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energy and clarity. Rediscovering our Essential Self as Self-Equilibrium occurs through unifying all our Centers and is a study that matches the human self with the Universal Self. This is the Self-living as the whole movement – the movement of life.

March

5th **PITT UNIVERSITY SPRING BREAK – NO MEETING**

12th **DOUBLE FEATURE**

MARKET EXCHANGE & JUSTICE – William Clare Roberts

Dr Roberts will be speaking on the relationship between everyday practices of market exchange and our concepts of justice. In particular, He'll be looking at Greek tragedy and at Aristotle's theory of justice in order to show that a non-market understanding of justice as appropriate judgement is at odds with market-based understanding of justice as balancing costs and benefits.

MOVIE!

STEPPENWOLF

Movie version of Herman Hesse's epic novel about one man's encounter with forces of enlightenment. Out of print and hard to rent... a must see.. (See description: Page 4)

19th **EXISTANCE & NON-EXISTANCE** – Andrew Nicholson

Dr. Nicholson will discuss Indian theories of the existence and non-existence of the world. While some schools of Indian philosophy teach that this world is unimportant or even illusory ("maya"), others affirm its reality and assert the importance of this-worldly ethical action. Drawing on the latest research in the history of Indian philosophy, Dr. Nicholson will discuss a few of the many different approaches traditional Indian philosophers take to questions of illusion and reality.

26th **THE PREDATOR**

Turning It Back on Itself – Andrew Nesky

At the center of creation lies a hunger – a predator intent on its next meal. Some have called it Ouroboros others have called it Kirtimukha (Face of Glory) - its significance is that in its last act of perfect hunger it begins to eat itself. What is this beast and what does it mean for us? Join Theosophical Society President Andrew Nesky for a Socratic investigation into... the *hunger*.

April

2nd **DOUBLE FEATURE**

SPIRAL DYNAMICS

A New Model for the Values that Shape Our World – Damon Che

Understanding Spiral Dynamics allows one to understand what drives the thinking and behavior of any person or group. Learn how to communicate with them, manage them, help them – or defend yourself from them! It also helps one to better understand one's own motives, actions and personal evolution. Spiral Dynamics investigates the real driving force between national and international conflicts that seem to be about religion, class, gender, politics, economics, nationalism, and other common distinctions. Learn how common perceptions about the solutions to these problems don't work – and what really needs to be done to resolve them.

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DOCUMENTARY!

THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAN: Part 1 – A dialogue between J. Krishnamurti, Physicist Dr. David Bohm and Psychologist Dr. David Shainberg. (See Description Page 4)

9th **GENESIS REVISITED** – Carol Ward

In the West, most of us are raised with the idea that the creation story in the King James version of Genesis is truth. However, when this same passage is read using alternate translations and the numbers corresponding to Hebrew letter, a very different picture appears. In one hour, we will only skim the surface of Genesis 2 and 3 and (hopefully) stimulate your interest for further study.

16th **EASTER SUNDAY – NO MEETING**

Look for the Spring Lecture Series calendar!

Speaker's Biographies

Damon Che - a local area musician and recording artist - has spent the last 20 years performing in around a dozen countries. He is also a participant in Centerpionte Research Institute's Holosync program where he came into contact with the biopsychosocial development that is Spiral Dynamics which he practices and is always excited to teach and discuss with others

Bob Heath was raised in Protestant churches (Evangelical, Baptist, and Presbyterian) and always had a strong sense that something was missing or hidden from view. He studied Christian theology, learned Greek, read and studied the scriptures in search of their hidden meanings. After much studying, he realized that by searching alone, and searching only in a cerebral way would not lead to any understanding of higher matters. He joined the "Work" (Gurdjieff's teachings) in Cleveland 25 years ago. He worked with Mr. Thomas Forman for many years until his passing. Through Mr. Forman He learned in part how to search. Mr. Forman has worked directly with G. I. Gurdjieff and P.D. Ouspenskyi. Occupationally he is an ecosystem ecologist working on the Great Lakes and a biology professor at Kent State University.

Nancy McGowan is a Unity in Motion Master teacher who has committed the last 30 years advancing and forwarding work relating to Health, Wholeness and Well Being. When Unity in Motion came into her life she felt that everything she had done relating to health and wholeness now made even more sense. Here was the technology that she could access the true full spectrum of her mind her body and her emotions into the experience of Unity. Through her practice she was paying attention to the learning that was making her feel a whole lot better, but also changing her life and that of others in front of her eyes. As a teacher of Unity in Motion for the past 10 years, she has learned to live inside of Balance with a sense of strength and purpose and her desire is to assist others to do the same. Nancy conducts seminars, private sessions and classes and has led seminars at Lilydale New York, Pittsburgh and Santa Barbara California.

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. 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. The show can be viewed at www.inecom.com/outer

Dr. Andrew Nicholson is Assistant Professor of religious studies at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He received his Ph.D. in South Asian Languages and Civilizations from the University of Chicago, specializing in interpreting Indian philosophical texts written in Sanskrit. He has traveled extensively in India, where he studies Yoga and Vedanta philosophy with traditional pandits.

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Dr. William Clare Roberts is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Washington & Jefferson College. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Penn State in 2005. His research centers on Ancient Greek Philosophy, 19th century Philosophy, and Political Philosophy.

Carol Nicholson Ward is a second generation Theosophist, National Board Member and Lecturer, President of the Mid-South Federation and Treasurer of Pumpkin Hollow Farm. She holds a Master's degree in Psychology and also studied Jungian psychology for two years.

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*)

STEPPENWOLF – Drama

Director: Fred Haines

Run Time: 105 min

Starring: Max von Sydow, Dominique Sanda

Description: Max von Sydow and Dominique Sanda star in this adaptation of Herman Hesse's classic novel about a man's internal struggle to find peace within himself. "A lush cinematic landscape, engagingly real yet properly symbolic" (Anne Hanley).

THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAN:Part 1 & 2 – Documentary

Director: KPA

Run Time: 120 min

Starring: J. Krishnamurti, Physicist Dr. David Bohm and Psychologist Dr. David Shainberg

Description: This popular series of dialogues, held in 1976 between Krishnamurti, Dr. David Bohm, and Dr. David Shainberg, delves deeply into the quintessential questions facing each individual who sees the need to bring about a radical, fundamental change in human consciousness. Each conversation is sixty minutes in length and is filmed in color.

Introduction:

Conversation 1: Are We Aware that We are Fragmented?

Conversation 2: A Mechanical Way of Living Leads to Disorder.

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