

WINTER 2008 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.

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.

2008: Thank You.

We are officially over a century old. To all those who helped make our centennial celebration such a success we offer a sincere and deeply appreciated thanks.

As we move forward from the springboard of our anniversary, our efforts and attention have demonstrated our redoubled dedication to the goals of our organization. I greatly look forward to offering my shoulder to the task of our continued prosperity.

We continue to meet at our usual location at Pitt. Unfortunately this means our increased expenses will continue. As you may know, most of our costs are paid through the donations we receive in the collection at the end of our meetings. We need to average \$100.00 per meeting to pay all our current bills and so far we have managed to do just that. Your generosity continues to be key to our existence. Your vote for continuing at Pitt is manifested by your active giving.

In order to reduce costs we've changed our mailing address. You can now reach us at:

**The Theosophical Society In Pittsburgh
P.O. Box 171
Homestead PA, 15120**

As usual I think this schedule looks grand. We continue to offer the highest possible standard of diverse and rare esoteric education to anyone who wants it for "free-if-they-need-it-to-be." This gift is your gift. Our content and our offering would be unique anywhere and thus your financial and physical support supplies the rarest of rare and precious opportunities to our world.

I'm very proud of you.

Namaste

Andrew Nesky
President
The Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh.

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February

3rd **DOOMSDAY 2012:**
The End of Days – Documentary
Multiple prophetic sources posit an “end” for the human race within the 20th century; moreover multiple prophecies find the exact date of December 21st 2012 as the day the world forever changes. For some this ending beckons a new dawn, for others it is simply the end of all things. Join us for this epic documentary and discussion.

10th *DISCUSSION*
Bring Your Questions & Ideas To The Round Table
Have a burning question? Something you just need to get off your chest? Come join us for a round table discussion on whatever subject matters to you. We will meet in our normal room and then move to another level classroom for a discussion circle.

17th *DOUBLE FEATURE*
EVOLUTION vs. INTELLIGENT DESIGN
Irresolvable Quandary or Uncomfortable Synthesis?
The key to settling any dispute lies in uncovering the synthesis that is made possible by what each “side” has ignored. Did G-d make the world in 7 days and then fashion Adam and Eve from clay? OR did we evolve from single cell organisms. A little deep thinking on this apparent quandary may reveal some striking revelations. Join Theosophical Society President, Andrew Nesky for this Socratic investigation of human origins.

DOCUMENTARY

FLOCK OF DODOS:

The Evolution – Intelligent Design Circus

A lighthearted perspective that lampoons both sides of the popular debate. (*See description: Page 4*)

24th **REINCARNATION & KARMA** – Joe Turiano
The presentation is a study of reincarnation and karma from the perspective of soul evolution. It includes a brief history of reincarnation as a system of belief, a number of interesting and factual case studies, and an extended question and answer session. The value of studying past lives in overcoming fears, blocks, and personal emotional issues is particularly emphasized, along with its role in the growth of the soul toward a higher state of consciousness.

March

2nd **SPIRITUAL HEALING**
Spiritual Response Therapy – Fran Szarnicki
Spiritual response therapy (SRT) is a very powerful form of healing that operates at a soul level and brings healing mentally, emotionally, psychically and spiritually. It is a system of researching the subconscious mind and soul records to discover and release negative programming and hidden blocks to health, happiness, prosperity and spiritual growth. SRT replaces negative programming with loving supportive ideas and beliefs.

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- 9th **THE TAO OF WELL-BEING & PERSONAL GROWTH** – Phil Jannetta
Ancient metaphysicians used five principles to enhance physical and spiritual development. These concepts will be explained in the context of life in the 21st century. Use them to foster your own health and aspirations.
- 16th **PITT UNIVERSITY SPRING BREAK- NO MEETING**
- 23th **EASTER HOLIDAY- NO MEETING**
- 30th **AQUARIUS RISING:
A NEW AGE DAWNING** – Carl Sarver
We are living on the cusp of an “Age” between the waning of the Constellation of Pisces and the waxing of Aquarius. New ideas naturally come into conflict with the outmoded status quo and thus the cusp of an age is a time of great upheaval and change. But when the dust finally settles the Aquarian age the world will visit a time when an Aquarian love based on currently unknown degrees of universality and inclusiveness. Join Rosicrucian Carl Sarver for an investigation of this fascinating subject.

Speaker’s Biographies

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 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

Carl Sarver is a longtime student of esoteric studies. In 1976 he joined the Rosicrucian National Lodge and the local lodge 8 years ago he was drawn to the works of Alice Bailey and became a member of the local group. Beside these two esoteric anchors Carl has read extensively on related subjects and is interested in documentary filmmaking.

Francesca Szarnicki has entertained at numerous conventions and fundraisers, and she has appeared on many radio and television programs. She is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and has been a professional numerologist for over thirty years. She has studied at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the University of California, San Francisco, California, the Maharishi International University of Isola, France The Monroe Institute, Faber, Virginia, The University of Science & Philosophy, Waynesboro, Virginia and has

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Biographies Cont.

received Biogeometry Training, in Asheville, North Carolina and Spiritual Response Therapy Training (SRT) in Lacey, Washington

Joe Turiano is a certified Past-Life Regression Therapist through Woolger USA and a certified Hellinger Family Constellation Therapist through the Hellinger Institute of Western PA. He is also a spiritual coach and counselor who regularly conducts workshops on mystical spirituality and personal growth through the A.R.E. and other local organizations. He is also a writer on spiritual subjects and has been published internationally.

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*)

FLOCK OF DODOS – Documentary, 2006

Director: Randy Olson

Run Time: 85 min

Starring: Jack Cahill, Randy Olson, Muffy Olson, Dr. Michael Behe, Sue Gamble

Description: In a light-hearted take on the culture wars, FLOCK OF DODOS tweaks egos and pokes fun at both sides in the evolution vs. intelligent design debate. Evolutionary biologist and filmmaker Dr. Randy Olson rides along with jargon-impaired scientists and jargon-rebranding intelligent designers as they engage in the comic theatrics that erupt wherever science and religion clash over the origins of life. From the shadowy, well-funded headquarters of the pro-intelligent design Discovery Institute in Seattle to the rarefied talk of Olson’s science buddies around a late-night poker table, FLOCK OF DODOS lends a thoughtfully critical ear to the wonderful personalities and passions driving the Darwin wars.

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