

WEEKLY TALKS AND FORUMS - WEDNESDAY AT 7:30PM

MAY

2 May SPECIAL EVENT “The Benefits of Theosophy”

Theosophy has been described as having many aspects, including theory and practice. There is also its beneficent aspect. This presentation looks at the benefits of theosophy – social, ethical, spiritual, as indicated in its philosophy – and how we can benefit from it.

Speaker: MICHAEL GOMES On tour from the USA

9 May Series of Short Talks

Bruce Cassidy: “Consciousness, a Buddhist Perspective”

Buddhist doctrine was founded on an understanding of the Vedas but Buddha provided a radically new interpretation that many people still find difficult to comprehend.

Michael Morton: “Buddhist Humour”

A free ranging discussion of the perils of pomposity in Spiritual Practice.

Edward Johnson: “Why I am a TS Member”

An overview of my spiritual life.

16 May “The Wisdom Tradition in Christianity”

The Wisdom Tradition in Christianity is not generally recognised by Christians today, but it is there for those who “have ears to hear.”

Speaker: Brian Harding

23 May “My experience teaching in a Theosophical School”

TS Education is free of many harmful elements of standard education, such as ranking, competition and use of fear and anger.

Speaker: Gayle Thomas

30 May “Music for Inspiration”

Let us experience the uplifting power of music – Please bring your chosen piece to share.

Facilitated by Phillipa Rooke

JUNE

6 June Discussion Night: “Being in the Moment”

We shall share ideas about this oft heard phrase as to how it is experienced in life and in its deeper more mystical aspect.

With Phillipa Rooke

13 June “Intellect or Intuition?”

We usually make decisions logically, so when should intuition override that, and how do we teach this to our children?

Speaker: Russell Preston

20 June DVD “The Solutions to all Problems”

In a variety of disciplines there has been a search for some unifying theory which embraces all human knowledge, sometimes described as a unified field. In the realm of human living, wise people have known and described this field for millennia. What if there was one root cause to our suffering that could be known and addressed? What could that mean for us as individuals and for our world?

By Tim Boyd, International President of the Theosophical Society

27 June “Heaven World or Devachan, Heaven is an after-death state”

This talk deals with the idea that the heaven-like state after death is a dynamic place, where aspirations and thoughts in the Physical World are worked into abilities in the next.

Speaker: Barry Bowden

JULY

4 July “Death, the Near-Death Experience and Spiritual Awakening”

An exploration of what happens after we die, the Near-Death experience and how the NDE and other ‘deaths’ during our lives can help lead to spiritual awakening.

Speaker: Linda Oliveira

11 July Discussion Night: “Knowledge, Reason and Intuition – What are their roles?”

The idea for this discussion topic comes from a chapter in one of Sri Aurobindo’s books entitled ‘The Methods of Vedantic Knowledge’.

With David Allan

18 July “Spiritual evolution as seen through the example of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda”

Religion, to become universal, must be practical. The talk will deal with the experiments of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda in this direction.

Speaker: Swami Atmeshananda, Vedanta Society

25 July “They Changed the World and were Inspired by Theosophists”

Famous Theosophists in World History, Part II. There have been amazing people who have made an outstanding contribution to their society and Theosophy was their inspiration.

Speaker: Judith Jeffrey

AUGUST

1 August Discussion Night: “Brotherhood”

Brotherhood is the first object of the Theosophical Society. What is it and how can we achieve it?

Speaker: Janet Harding

8 August “The Monk, the Monkey and the King - A Spiritual Journey in Legend and History”

The presenter attempts to explore this journey from the following aspects: the monk Xuanzang in history, the literature masterpiece and the symbolism.

Speaker: Min Chen

15 August Closed for public holiday

22 August “Meditation and Higher Consciousness”

Meditation practice has the potential to affect us on the physical, psychological, and spiritual levels. Discover how meditation can become a means to move beyond the level or personal emotions and self-centred thinking to that of the transpersonal mind.

YouTube Forum Presenter: Pablo Sender

29 August “Service as part of the Theosophical Journey”

Service is one of the ‘pillars’ of the work of the TS, along with meditation and study. Brian will refer to well-known Theosophists from HPB to Tim Boyd to support this.

Speaker: Brian Harding

REGULAR MEETUP GROUPS

Excluding Public Holidays

INTRODUCTION TO THEOSOPHY

Meets on the **first Thursday** of the month.
10:30am – 1:30pm

KRISHNAMURTI STUDY GROUP

Meets on the **first and third Monday** of the month.
10:30am – 12:00pm

SECRET DOCTRINE DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets on the **first Monday** of the month.
6:30pm – 7:30pm

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets every **Wednesday** night
6:00pm – 6:45pm
Looking at the qualities of life required for meditation,
followed by a meditation session.

STUDY & SOCIAL GROUP T.S. MEMBERS ONLY

Meets on the **second Saturday** of the month.
1:00pm – 3:00pm

SCIENCE GROUP

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T.S. MEMBERS ONLY EVENTS

2 May 6.30pm Dinner with Michael Gomes

9 May 6.30pm White Lotus Day Celebration

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BOOKSHOP & LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday: 10:30am – 2:30pm
Wednesday 6:30pm – 7:25pm (prior to Weekly Talks)

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

WHO CAN ATTEND EVENTS AT BTS?

All members of the public are welcome to attend events listed in this program, unless marked 'T.S. Members Only'.

TS Members of any TS Lodge: Free to attend.

Non-members: A donation of \$2 is welcomed for each event attended.

THE THREE OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

- I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.
- II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.
- III. To investigate unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in the human being.

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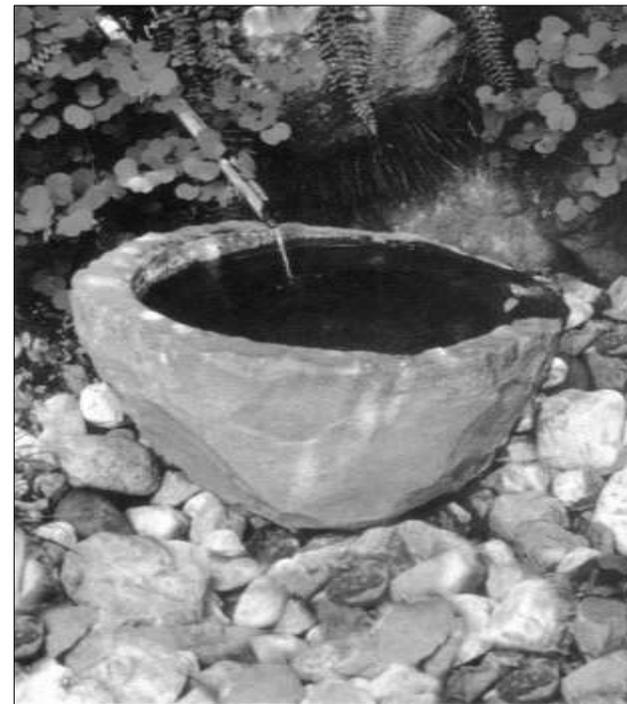
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PROGRAM

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& SPECIAL EVENTS**

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