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Sunday Afternoon Public Programs – October 2020 To January 2021

Location: 9725 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. We are in the Boardwalk Plaza Building, Suite 110. Our new location has ample parking with ADA access at the rear of the building and is also easily reached by public transit.

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.

Fees: Donations gratefully accepted

Virtual Meeting Space: Our Software Platform is Zoom for Windows, Mac, or mobile device; microphone or telephone connection required; webcam recommended; minimum recommended network bandwidth 1.5 Mbps. Please download Zoom for free at zoom.us/download , and test your connection at zoom.us/test .

Announcement of Meetings:

Fall 2020 Public Programs

November 8 Fundamentals of Theosophy – Why Study Theosophy. Also, the First Fundamental Proposition of Theosophy – Group Study Hosted by Lee Haga

Fundamentals of Theosophy Group Study. A series of our Sunday programs will be devoted to fundamental concepts of Theosophy presented in an informal format led by a branch member. As a group, we will study and discuss some of these influential concepts. All levels of interest are welcome.

In our first program of this series, The Portland Lodge of the Theosophical Society offers the first “Fundamentals of Theosophy” program of our Fall 2019 season. This presentation will provide the public with a unique chance to interact with Portland Theosophical Society members as they discuss why they find the ancient, divine wisdom of Theosophy to be a spiritual oasis in a world filled with tensions and divisiveness between many religions. The First Fundamental Proposition of Theosophy which declares the underlying unity of all existence (One Unified Absolute Reality) will be offered as a starting point. This will provide a way to discuss our world’s and society’s problems resulting from perceived divisions within the physical, mental, and spiritual planes. Please join us!

Lee Haga: Lee is a retired teacher from Mt. Hood Community College and is a practicing artist. She has been a member of the Theosophical Society since 1979. She enjoys sharing theosophical concepts in group settings and has been coordinating Basic Theosophy and Fundamentals of Theosophy discussions for the public for over 12 years.

November 15 National Speaker: Richard Smoley - Open to the Public

G.I. Gurdjieff: Waking Up from the Sleep of Daily Life

Am I asleep? Many people have found themselves asking this question. The great spiritual teacher G. I. Gurdjieff said that human beings are actually asleep in day-to-day life, and that we habitually walk around in a low-grade hypnotic stupor. What is the nature of this waking sleep, and what is the way out of it? Gurdjieff's teaching, which he called the "Fourth Way," tries to answer these questions.

Richard Smoley is a distinguished authority on the mystical and esoteric teachings of Western civilization. Editor of *Quest: Journal of the Theosophical Society in America*, he is the author of *The Deal: A Guide to Radical and Complete Forgiveness*. Other books of his include *Hidden Wisdom: A Guide to the Western Inner Traditions* (with Jay Kinney), *Inner Christianity: A Guide to the Esoteric Tradition*; *Supernatural: Writings on an Unknown History*; *The Dice Game of Shiva: How Consciousness Creates the Universe*; *Conscious Love*; *The Essential Nostradamus*; and *Forbidden Faith: The Secret History of Gnosticism*.

December 6 Fundamentals of Theosophy – The Second Proposition of Theosophy/The Universal Law of Periodicity – Group Study Hosted by Lee Haga

What do high and low tides, night and day, and life and death all have in common? They are manifestations of the Second Proposition, i.e. the Universal Law of Periodicity, This Law, which is discernible on all levels of Nature and life on this planet, exemplifies the concept of Abstract Space and constant Abstract Motion, or the Great Breath, in and out. It might be easy to take the influence of this Law for granted, since it is so closely interwoven into our daily lives on the physical plane. However, once acknowledged, its acceptance can enhance our understanding of the rhythm of our endeavors and its influence on our actions and "footprint." Please join us for this discussion!

December 13 Spiritual Initiation- The Path of Becoming the Soul

Presenter – Therese Rossignol

The soul seeks to express through its imperfect instrument, the personality. The personality consists of the collective energies of the physical, emotional, and mental bodies. In the journey of awakening and consciousness, these elements of personality progress through discrete and somewhat predictable stages as they increasingly come under the soul's influence. As this process develops, and we move along the Path of Initiation, we become an increasingly effective instrument of the soul's

expression, becoming more 'light' filled and reflective of the soul's true nature. This program explores the soul-person infusion process stages, more commonly referred to as initiation.

Presentation Agenda: Overview of the process of awakening

- Multi-incarnational view
 - The Journey of Lifetimes
 - The Lotus petals
 - The Chakras
- Spiritual Initiation as Internal Process
- Features of the Major Initiations on the Path of Becoming the Soul
 - Probationary
 - Awakening
 - Baptism
 - Transfiguration
 - Crucifixion
 - Revelation (Resurrection)

Therese Rossignol is been a life-long student of spirit. She has been a student of Theosophy and the Ageless Wisdom for 12 years, studying independently, through the Morya Federation, and William Meader. Through her passion, *Soul Bridging* (www.soulbridging.com), Therese works to bring the Ageless Wisdom to those awakening to their higher spiritual purpose. Therese uses Esoteric Astrology and The Seven Rays or *Rayology* to help others better understand their soul's purpose and their journey of becoming the soul and living more light-filled lives.

Spring 2021 Public Programs

January 10, 2021 Fundamentals of Theosophy – The Third Proposition of Theosophy/The Cyclic Law of the Universe. – Group Study Hosted by Lee Haga

The concept of the Cyclic Law allows the audience to explore their relationship with the Oversoul. This Law states that we are each connected as sparks of the Divine to the Universal Oversoul. As such, every spark, soul, or being must travel through its own specifically designated time span, or cycle, in this world until that spark is "extinguished" and returns to be absorbed into the Oversoul. How does this last Proposition affect our attitude to our own current purpose on this journey? How can our day-to-day thought patterns, emotions, actions, and attachments be impacted by a deeper understanding of these repetitions regarding future patterns? Please join us to consider this proposition's impact and importance on our daily and future life cycles.

January 24, 2021 – Reflecting on 2020, Evaluating Possible Options for 2021 and Moving Into 2021 with Purpose and Direction

Presenter - Sheila Hunter

Where are we going, how do we prepare and how do we get there? Discover ways to resonate with the universe, discuss proven methods and techniques to evaluate old behaviors and commit to new choices for dealing with the new year. Participants will have the opportunity to examine current events to put possibilities in perspective to help when dealing with the future opportunities. Personal growth, healing and development will be discussed. Attendees will investigate the mechanics and energy of the Torus and consider the effects of how sound, tones and vibration can be used to clear the Chakras.

Sheila Hunter's life is filled with significant Theosophical experiences. She has been an active member of the Theosophical Society since early childhood. She lived in the same house as Krishnamurti at the Theosophical Headquarters in Wheaton. IL. She will present our first Public Program of the year with the intent to provide others with choices regarding coping with these times of evolution.

February 7, 2021 - Fundamentals of Theosophy - The Theosophical View of Man and His Seven Fields — Group Study Hosted by Lee Haga

Interpenetrating the dense matter of our physical world are other higher fields composed of frequencies. In the same way, man has higher fields composed of these finer grades of matter that permeate his dense physical body or vehicle. Please join us as we discuss man's seven fields and their conveyances of expression and importance. You will never think the same about your potential impact!

February 28, 2021 – Aesthetics, Beauty, and the Sixth Dimension

Presenter – Lee Haga

What elements make something of nature or art so beautiful and visually stunning that it astounds and inspires us? What qualities of nature provide perennial inspiration and help our minds to expand? Join Lee Haga as she explores some ancient, aesthetic, and scientific laws which govern our quest for and perception of beauty.

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March 7, 2021 Fundamentals of Theosophy – Kharma/Dharma // Dharma/Kharma - Group Study Hosted by Lee Haga

It can be said that "Kharma" and "Dharma" represent two sides of the same "coin." These two ancient laws are intrinsically linked as the primary, impersonal forces shaping all past, present, and future life cycles. Kharma has often been defined as "fate" and "Dharma" as duty, but these definitions can be sometimes

misleading. In Theosophy, Karma expresses the impartial, scientific law of "cause and effect," or "for every action there is an opposite and equal reaction on all of the planes". Karma refers to the inner truth of an individual as it unfolds. Please join us as we explore these two profound laws.

March 21 – Open – Need Presenter

April 11 Fundamentals of Theosophy – Reincarnation - Group Study Hosted by Lee Haga

Several ancient religions, philosophies, and schools of thought, including Theosophy, accept the concept of reincarnation as a logical alternative to just having one chance, or one life cycle, "to get it right." As expressed in the Third Proposition of Theosophy, all of us are "sparks" of the divine and must travel on an obligatory journey through many life cycles or incarnations to achieve spiritual enlightenment. Do we retain any memories of these past lives? Please join us for a discussion on this fascinating topic.

April 25 – Open - Need Presenter

May 2 Fundamentals of Theosophy - The Importance of Meditation – Group Study Hosted by Lee Haga

Meditation should not be necessarily equated to concentration. Instead, it is a method of gradually opening our higher minds daily to connect to the One, Unified, Absolute Reality. The main obstacle to achieving realization of our true Self is our day-to-day identification with the impermanent, physical planes of our ourselves, like our bodies, emotions, and our fleeting thoughts of our monkey minds as being "Real," or permanent. Please join us for a discussion of the importance of the practice of meditation and its various types to help us gain higher wisdom.

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at www.theosophical.org

Additional learning opportunities available through the Krotona Institute of Theosophy
at www.krotonianstitute.org