

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN PORTLAND

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## Sunday Afternoon Public Programs– January 2021 To May 2021

**Time:** These presentations will be held 2 - 3:30 p.m. on the dates listed below

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to COVID restrictions, our lodge building is currently closed to the public. Sunday public programs will be offered via Zoom until further notice.

**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](https://zoom.us/download) , and test your connection at [zoom.us/test](https://zoom.us/test) .

Registration: Please email us if you plan on attending one of our presentations. Provide your contact information to [theosophical.portland@gmail.com](mailto:theosophical.portland@gmail.com). An email will be sent to you prior to the event with your Zoom meeting ID and any further information you may need.

## 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 Divine: Atma (Divine Spark). This Law states that we are each connected as sparks of The Divine. 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 Essence of the Divine. 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 – Where are we going, how do we prepare, and how do we get there?**

**Presenter - Sheila Hunter**

Discover or rediscover how we resonate within the universe, discuss vibration and frequency, and learn how we can increase our frequency (vibration) for the coming age. 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 and increase our health. The intent of this Public Program presentation is to provide us with choices regarding coping and preparing as best we are able in this time of evolution.

**Sheila Hunter's** life is filled with significant Theosophical experiences - she has been an active member of the Theosophical Society since early childhood, and she lived in the same house as Krishnamurti at the Theosophical headquarters in Wheaton, IL. She is a life-long spiritual seeker.

## **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.

**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 several years.

**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, Kharma 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". Dharma refers to the inner truth of an individual as it unfolds. Please join us as we explore these two profound laws.

**March 21 Building Purpose and Intentionality**

From his book: "The Soul Source - A Primer for Living as a Soul.", David describes the evolution of consciousness and the importance of each of the three aspects that make up a spiritual practice, i.e. meditation, spiritual study, and service - and their significance. He will discuss how energy, force and "spiritual tension" from the Soul works in a spiritual practice. This understanding is crucial for the consciously aware server when he or she is wanting to set purpose and intentionality in a practice for carrying out his part of the Plan, and the needs of the greater Group.

**David E. Hopper:** David has been a student of the esotericism for over 40 years. He has given presentations to numerous groups and organizations in Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Washington, Russia, and is a regular speaker at the 7 Ray Conference in Chandler, AZ.

Over the years, he has published articles in the esoteric magazine "The Beacon" and written three books:

- "The Soul Source - A Primer for Living as a Soul",
- "Subjective Influences through the 10 Seed Groups"
- "Glossary of Esoteric Thought"

He completed the Arcane School 2009 and is on the faculty for the Morya Federation online Esoteric School. He is retired as a technical writer for software and has a B.A. in the Russian Language. Other interests involve traveling, hiking, bicycle riding, watching movies with spiritual themes and talking to anyone on subjects that expresses and fosters goodwill and awareness, especially relating to international affairs.

**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      Theosophy: The Genesis of Abstract Art**

Theosophy has had a significant influence on the pioneers of abstract art. In the 1890's, interest in the occult and mysticism began to influence abstract painting. Thus, artists at the beginning of the 20th century were breaking from tradition and representational art. Most notably, Swedish artist Hilma af Klint was recently credited as the true pioneer of abstraction, with her work predating that of Wassily Kandinsky. Join us as we look at the connection between Theosophy and art and how it opened the doors for free creative expression and originality.

**Jane P. Savage:** Jane is an artist and designer based in Portland, Oregon. For most of her professional career, she had a successful tenure as a design leader at a Fortune 100 company. From 2014 to 2016 she moved with her family to Paris, France where she spent much of her time visiting the many art museums and galleries while working on her own art. Upon returning to the United States - Jane has served as an advisor, mentor, investor, and partner to start-up enterprises. She's also an active mentor to high school students in Portland Public schools, passionate about helping others to unlock their own potential as they forge their paths into the future.

## **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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