

Stephan A Hoeller
Weekend Seminar

The Great Tradition: The Esoteric Transmission Including Theosophy

January 20 – 22

Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

Sunday 10 – noon

From very early times there existed an inner tradition of spirituality. Acting as a corrective and alternative to the folk religions of the mainstream, it was often compelled to secrecy. HP Blavatsky's teachings, emerging in the late 19th century, were an open disclosure of this tradition. Dr Hoeller will recount the features of the esoteric stream of theory and practice throughout the ages and point to its possible future development.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Stephan Hoeller, PhD has been a member of the Theosophical Society for over 50 years, and is president of the Besant Lodge of Hollywood. He has lectured on esoteric subjects internationally and has authored books on CG Jung, Gnosticism, Kabbalah and kindred subjects. Dr Hoeller's teachings on Jung's *Red Book* are well known among students of Jung's work throughout the world.

Pablo Sender with B Bland, D Bruce, Ellwoods,
M Parisen, N Samarel, R Ulics
One Week Members Intensive

Serving Humanity Through the Theosophical Society

January 27 – February 3

Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

Sunday – Friday 10 – noon

with additional afternoon sessions

- Registration for this program is open only to Theosophical Society members.
- The workshop is offered as a full series only, no single sessions.
- Pre-registration is required. Donations are welcome.

The founding of the Theosophical Society was inspired by the Masters of Wisdom—a group of liberated sages who remain with humanity in order to assist us in our evolutionary journey. The aim of the organization is deeply rooted in the ideal of working for the service of humanity and all sentient beings. What is the meaning of service, when approached from a spiritual point of view? How can we prepare ourselves to be true servers? What is the contribution of the Theosophical Society to reduce world suffering? And what are the most effective means to do so?

Pablo Sender, joined the Theosophical Society (TS) in 1996 in Argentina, where he obtained a doctorate in biological sciences. He lived and worked at the TS international headquarters in Adyar, Chennai, India, and later at the national center of the TS in America in Wheaton, IL. Pablo presents lectures, seminars and classes internationally as well as on-line courses. www.pablosender.com.

Assistant Faculty Betty Bland, David Bruce, Robert and Gracia Fay Ellwood, Maria Parisen, Nelda Samarel, and Rozi

Ulics. Complementing their professional careers and family life, all have a rich background of service through the TS in America, Theosophical Order of Service, Krotana Institute and other TS organizations including federations, camps and retreat centers. They participate in local lodges and study centers as well, contributing wherever the need is greatest. They will be introduced individually during the program.

Ravi Ravindra
Three Week Series

Science and the Sacred

February 14 – 17, 21 – 24, Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon February 28 – March 2, Tuesday – Thursday 10 – noon

Human beings have two great needs: *knowledge* and *meaning*. These correspond in general to the domains of scientific research and spiritual search. An awareness of *mystery* inspires both of these. Scientific mysteries can in principle be solved and the solutions can be publicly shared. Spiritual mysteries cannot be solved even in principle but they

can be dissolved for those who have undergone a radical transformation so that their perceptions are from the eyes of the spirit rather than from the eyes of the flesh. The spiritual mind is scientific in spirit but it does not share the reductionist assumption of modern science that matter is the primary reality.

Series \$138, Single session \$15

Ravi Ravindra, PhD is professor emeritus at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, where he taught in the departments of physics, philosophy and comparative religion. He has authored many papers in physics, philosophy and religion and several books, including *Pilgrim Soul; the Gospel of John in the Light of Indian Mysticism; The Wisdom of Patanjali's Yoga Sutras; and The Bhagavad Gita: A Guide to Navigating the Battle of Life*. Class material will be drawn substantially from his *Science and the Sacred: Eternal Wisdom in a Changing World*, Quest Books, 2002.

Ravi Ravindra and Priscilla Murray
Weekend Workshop

Truth and Love: Healing the Soul and Healing the Planet

February 17 – 18
Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

For the healing of our souls, and consequently for the healing of our planet, both the great needs of our soul—*Truth* and *Love*—need to be met. For several centuries now, the search for truth has been relegated to the domain of scientific knowledge, and love is addressed only in religious contexts. Of course, the search for Love can become merely a personal wish for my comfort and security, just as the search for Truth can become largely a technological manipulation of nature. Whenever truth and love are separated from each other, the result is either sentimentality or dry intellectualism in which power is divorced from compassion. We will explore how the seekers of wisdom are naturally

concerned with an inner integration and wholeness; therefore with the coming together of Truth and Love. Love is required to know truth, and knowledge of truth is expressed in love.

Three sessions \$45, Single Session \$15

Priscilla Murray has a BSc in mathematics, MA in philosophy and a PhD in education. Now retired, she has taught at all levels of education from primary school to the post-graduate level. She was the Associate Editor of the eight-volume series *The Inner Journey: Views from the Great Traditions*.

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Pablo Sender
Spanish Weekend

J Krishnamurti sobre la Mente y la Atención

Marzo 24 – 26

Viernes 7:30 – 9 pm, Sábado 10 – 12 y de 2 – 4 pm

Domingo 10 – 12

Según el prominente filósofo Jiddu Krishnamurti, durante el crecimiento del ser humano su mente es condicionada por la educación, cultura, experiencia, lenguaje, etc. Esto la lleva a fragmentar y catalogar todo lo que encuentra, de acuerdo a ese condicionamiento. Pero una mente condicionada y fragmentada es incapaz de percibir las personas, el mundo, y la vida como realmente son, y se convierte en la principal fuente de conflicto y sufrimiento humano. Este problema no puede ser resuelto a través de la misma mente condicionada. Es sólo por medio de una atención completa que la actividad de fragmentación puede ser trascendida. En esta clase Pablo Sender explorará las enseñanzas de J Krishnamurti sobre el condicionamiento, la relación entre el observador y lo observado, la facultad de la atención completa, y la meditación.

Serie completa \$50, una sola sesión \$15

Pablo Sender, PhD, ingresó a la Sociedad Teosófica (ST) en 1996, en Argentina, donde obtuvo su doctorado en Ciencias Biológicas. Vivió y trabajó en el Centro Internacional de la ST en Adyar, Chennai, India, y luego en el Centro Nacional de la ST en América, en Wheaton, Illinois. En este momento vive en el Instituto de Teosofía de Krotóna. Pablo ha presentado charlas, seminarios y clases en múltiples países, incluyendo una sesión de la Escuela de la Sabiduría en Adyar, India. Muchos de sus escritos y charlas están disponibles en su sitio web www.pablosender.com.

Saturday Evening Recital

Heart-Mind Connections:

Carmelo de los Santos in a Solo Violin Recital of Bach

March 25

7 – 8 pm

Krotona Hall

The music of Bach is said to have many connections to the Universal Mind and its processes, ultimately leading to the heart. Join violinist Cármeo de los Santos for an evening of solo violin from Bach's Sonatas and Partitas.

Suggested Donation \$12, Students Free

Carmelo de los Santos, DMA, associate professor of violin at the University of New Mexico, is one of the most respected and sought-after Brazilian violinists of his generation. He has performed as soloist with major orchestras in South America, as well as at Carnegie Hall with the ARCO Chamber Orchestra, both as soloist and conductor. His passion for teaching has brought him to master classes and important music festivals around the world. A third-generation Theosophist, he has performed for the Society internationally.

Barbara Hebert and Ananya Sri Ram Rajan
Weekend Retreat

Empowering the Divine Feminine

March 31 – April 2

Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

Sunday 10 – noon

Many women who walk a spiritual path tend to nurture and support others, often allowing their own needs to fall by the wayside. We are compassionate to others, but hard on ourselves; we provide love to others, but feel guilty about allowing that love to surround us; we listen to the voice of inner knowing for others, but are often too busy to listen to it for our own good. This retreat is designed to facilitate an understanding of the oneness of all life at the deepest level, using the archetypal qualities of the Divine Feminine, inherent in every individual, as a foundation for self-care as well as caring for others. Among other activities, the retreat includes discussion, visualization, journaling, and meditation.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Barbara Hebert, PhD is a third generation Theosophist who has held local and regional positions throughout her 40 years of membership in the Theosophical Society. She is currently vice president of the Society's American Section. Barbara is also executive director of the Children's Advocacy Center - Hope House. She is an adjunct professor at Southeastern Louisiana University in the Health and Human Services Department as well as a private mental health practitioner.

Ananya Sri Ram Rajan, MsEd is a licensed professional counselor, healing practitioner and a member of the Theosophical Society for over 30 years. She is currently president of Theosophical Order of Service in America and editor of the TOS journal *For the Love of Life* and its newsletter OneHeart, as well as the author of the book *Get*

Real! Fighting the Mythic Woman, Finding Your Authentic Self. Ananya has conducted several workshops on healing and self-awareness within the US, Africa and India.

Robert Ellwood
Four Mornings

Christian Mysticism

April 4 – 7
Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

The Christian spiritual tradition is replete with mystical experience, despite some opposition to it. We will first survey the meaning of mysticism, then discuss the mysticism of the Gospel of John and the concept of the Kingdom of God. In later classes we will look at the medieval classic, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, and Franciscan devotional mysticism. Moving on to Protestantism, we will consider the Reformers Luther and Calvin and their ambivalent attitudes toward mysticism, George Fox and the Quakers, and Thomas Traherne's remarkable mystical book, *Centuries*. Finally we will examine Theosophical interpretations of Christian mysticism, based on Geoffrey Hodson's analysis of the parable of the Prodigal Son in his *Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible*, vol. 1.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Robert Ellwood, PhD is emeritus professor of religion at the University of Southern California. He has served as vice president of the Theosophical Society in America, as director of the School of the Wisdom at the TS headquarters in Chennai, India, and has presented internationally for the Society. Dr Ellwood has published widely both professionally and in theosophical journals and authored books on comparative religion and theosophy.

Ed Abdill
Four Mornings

The Road that Leads to the Heart of the Universe

April 11 – 14
Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

St Augustine wrote, "Our hearts are ever restless 'til they find their rest in Thee," and HP Blavatsky told us of a road that leads to the very heart of the universe. Where is that road and where is the peace for which every heart longs? Through archetypal symbols in Christian scripture and with the help of Theosophical philosophy we will search for that road and the peace that passes understanding.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Ed Abdill is past director and vice president of the Theosophical Society in America. He has presented internationally for the Society, contributed to its journals, and has been featured in the Society's coursework used by theosophical centers worldwide. He authored *The Secret Gateway; Modern Theosophy and the Ancient Wisdom Tradition*, and *Masters of Wisdom: The Mahatmas, their Letters, and the Path*.

Elena Dovalsantos
Four Mornings

Man and the Riddle of the Sphinx

April 18 – 21
Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

Legend has it that in ancient times, the temples of the mysteries and other sacred places were guarded by a sphinx, a mythical creature with a human head and the body of a beast. In order to gain passage, a traveler had to answer a riddle or risk losing his life. The most famous story related to the sphinx was that of Oedipus who was asked, “What goes on four feet in the morning, two at noon, and three in the evening?” Wisely, Oedipus answered: “MAN” and was thereby granted access. What is Man and why is the understanding of Man critical to passage into the Holy of Holies? What could be the significance of this story and what does the sphinx stand for? Could the sphinx be a symbol for Man himself? We will explore myths as well as occult teachings that bring a greater understanding of who and what we are and what it means to be fully human.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Elena Dovalsantos, PhD, MBA has a doctorate in chemistry and a masters degree in management. She taught at the university level and spent most of her career engaged in scientific research. A third generation theosophist, she is a devoted student of the Ageless Wisdom, served as past president of the Beacon Theosophical group in San Diego and co-facilitates theosophical study groups in Krotana as well as on the web. Elena and her husband are residents of Krotana.

Padmanabhan Krishna
Saturday Morning

Krishnamurti and the Wisdom Tradition

April 22, Saturday 10 – noon

The Wisdom Tradition as prescribed by different religions and by Theosophy talks of various practices and paths to be undertaken by the disciple for a gradual evolution in wisdom. Krishnamurti denied the role of Paths and gradual evolution through time and effort, saying “Truth is a pathless land”. In this talk we shall consider the role of paths, what they can achieve and what their limitations are. We shall explore what is meant by Truth and Wisdom and whether one can come to ‘freedom’ or ‘liberation’ gradually. How does Krishnamurti’s teaching relate to perennial philosophy?

Single session \$15.

Professor P Krishna is a life member of the Theosophical Society and a trustee of the Krishnamurti Foundation, India. He was a professor of physics at the Banaras Hindu University before joining the Krishnamurti center in Rajghat, Varanasi as its rector in 1986. He has lectured worldwide on education, science and spirituality and has written several books in these fields. He is presently in charge of the Krishnamurti study center in Varanasi. His thoughts and ideas can

be viewed on his website www.pkrishna.org

Padmanabhan Krishna
Sunday Morning

Krishnamurti and Gandhi

April 23, Sunday 10 – noon

These were two extraordinary individuals, both born in India in the 19th century and educated in England, who had a global impact on human consciousness in the 20th century. They were greatly influenced by Annie Besant in their youth and deeply concerned with the quest for truth. They had very different personalities and worked for very different causes but each had a deep religious root. In this talk we shall consider the contribution made by the life they lived and the philosophy they espoused.

Single session \$15

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Amit Goswami
Four Mornings

Quantum Psychology: A New Science of Transformation

April 25 – 28, Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

The new field of quantum psychology can heal and transform the human psyche, and bring wholeness to one's life. It is an integrative and scientific psychology that includes all of human experience – thinking, feeling, and intuition; the experiences of the ego and the transpersonal self; behavioral conditioning and creativity; and the experiences of both the ordinary and sacred dimensions of life. In this course, quantum physicist Amit Goswami will explore how quantum psychology can lead to balance and harmony in our internal psyche and its interactions with the external world. He will provide a step-by-step methodology that can transform both suffering and pleasure into true happiness, and thus bring about the fullness of human potential.

Series \$50, single session \$15

Amit Goswami, PhD is a retired professor of theoretical physics, University of Oregon in Eugene, where he had served since 1968. He is a pioneer of the new paradigm of science called "*science within consciousness*." In addition to a successful textbook *Quantum Mechanics*, he has written many popular books based on his research on quantum physics and consciousness. His upcoming book *Quantum Creativity* which provides instruction about how to engage in both outer and inner creativity. Amit Goswami

is a practitioner of spirituality and transformation. He appeared in the films “What the Bleep Do We Know,” “The Dalai Lama Renaissance,” and the award-winning, “The Quantum Activist.” For more information see his website www.Amitgoswami.org

Amit Goswami
Weekend Workshop

Quantum Physics: Exploring Vital Energy and Energy Healing

April 28 – 30
Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm
Sunday 10 – noon

Vital energy, or what the ancient Chinese called *chi*, is quantum in nature, a transcendent wave of potentiality expressed as a yin-yang wave particle. In this weekend workshop, Amit will discuss the conceptual basis of vital energy movements, and explore how to experience feelings in the body and in the chakras. He will discuss chakra balancing and other aspects of energy healing, such as healing the imbalances of vital energy movements within the body. Based on the chakra medicine of India and Tibet, he will also explain how love can be embodied at the heart chakra to prevent immune system malfunctions that result in illness and chronic disease. Once the heart is awakened, true emotional intelligence can appear.

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Saturday Evening

Reverberations,

A Recital and Remembrance

with Classical Guitarists

Daniel Roest and Gregory Newton

April 29
7 pm
Krotona Hall

Concert guitarist **Daniel Roest** is president and artistic director, Sacramento Guitar Society. He is the son of Dr Pieter K. Roest, who lived and worked at Krotona in the 1930's. **Dr Gregory Newton**, adjunct assistant professor and director of Guitar Studies, LA Valley College, was the last student of noted Theosophist and co-founder of the American Guitar Society, Vahdah Olcott-Bickford. The evening includes performance and a sharing of memories of these important Theosophists.

Donation \$12, Students Welcome as our Guests

Four Mornings
Amit Goswami

Quantum Economics, Deep Ecology, and Social Transformation

May 2 – 5
Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

Today's distorted capitalistic system creates repetitive boom-and-bust cycles, enriching a few at the expense of the majority. While many economists believe a new economic model is necessary, there is no consensus on what to do or how to do it. Amit will discuss a reformulation of economics based on the quantum worldview. Quantum economics recognizes that we not only live and work in a physical place; we also inhabit an internal place of feeling, thinking, and intuition. These aspects of our being must be included in the economic equation. We will explore how vital energies, meaning and values can be restored to economics, and how quantum economics and deep ecology go hand-in-hand in sustainability. They can inspire positive social transformation, protect the planet, and provide a spiritual grounding which gives meaning and dignity to life and to work.

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