

PROGRAM OF LECTURES

Definition of meeting types and relevant guidelines:

- ◆ **Public Meetings** – All members and the public are welcome to attend.
- ◆ **General Meetings** – For Perth members, with interested members of the public welcome to attend up to 4 meetings, with the objective to explore and confirm an interest in becoming a member of the TS. If after attending 4 meetings the person is not interested in becoming a member they are requested to restrict their visits to other options open to the public.
- ◆ **Members Only Meetings** – Are strictly for current Perth and visiting TS members only. Non-members will not be admitted to the meeting.


All sessions, unless otherwise stated, start at 7:30 PM

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AUGUST

Tue 6 August General Meeting	Wireless Technologies and the Evolution of Consciousness , by James Kelly SMART phones – SMART homes – SMART cars. The Internet of Things allowing millions of wireless connections per square kilometre. The scene is set for a wirelessly connected future, full of convenience and entertainment. But what about consciousness? Join us in an exploration of the alarming effects of wireless radiation and technologies on human health, the environment, and ultimately, consciousness.
Tue 13 August General Meeting	Spiritual Optimism , by Merran Semple For the 21st century Theosophist seeking to answer questions about the deeper meaning of life, our interconnectedness, and the mysteries of existence, a spirit of optimism is both nurturing and essential.
Tue 20 August General Meeting	Rituals and Initiation: A Modern Perspective , by Angela Burchardt There have been many changes in how traditional ceremonies are expressed. Angela registered as a Marriage Celebrant in 2008 and for a similar time has been officiating at funerals and baby namings. These are the main Rites of Passage expressed in our society and there are many more. All communities and cultures have them as upholding social structures. The term initiation is often used for spiritual growth rituals. How are our Rites of Passage evolving in this rapidly changing world?
Tue 27 August General Meeting	Thought Forms and Thought Waves, how we create our destiny , by Simon O'Rourke and Dr. Wendy Dixon Heraclitus, the pre-Socratic philosopher, is attributed with the aphorism that "character makes destiny". We live in a sea of thought-forms and thought-waves endlessly peopling our current wherever we go, particularly in the age of Social influencers. And we are making ourselves from moment to moment with the same power with which the Solar Logos, the One Life All-in-All manifests a Solar System. We will begin this session with an overview of the idea of Thought Forms and Thought Waves, and discuss in dialogue how we may utilise this power in a positive way.

SEPTEMBER

<p>Tue 3 September General Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nomination Night for Executive Committee Positions – approx. 10 mins. Nominations are closing by 7:30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aurobindo and Auroville – Part 2, by Mary and Jean-Robert Hote</p> <p>In this second part, Jean-Robert will develop the teaching of this great Indian saint. Mary will continue to go through the expansion of Auroville which became an international gathering place for spiritually-minded people. Auroville is also concerned with practically researching into sustainable living and the future cultural, environmental, social and spiritual needs of mankind.</p>
<p>Tue 10 September Members Only</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <p>Note that a quorum of twenty members is required to proceed. Please make a special effort to attend so we do not need to reschedule this meeting.</p> <p>Members who wish to be elected for the next 12 months as a member of the Executive Committee must be in good standing. See the separate page for AGM.</p>
<p>Tue 17 September General Meeting</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Title TBC, by Stephen McDonald</p> <p>Stephen has been an active member of the Theosophical Society since 1976. He is currently the National President of the TS in Australia. He has had an enduring interest in the work of J Krishnamurti and Theosophical classics, such as Voice of the Silence and Light on the Path. For many years, Stephen ran a private clinic as a homeopath and later became a lecturer at Torrens University. He holds a Master of Health Science degree from Newcastle University and a post-graduate qualification in teaching.</p>
<p>Tue 24 September General Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Art and Theosophy – Some Close Readings, by Dr Janice Lally</p> <p>Dr Janice Lally is Curator of Academic and Public Programs at Lawrence Wilson at UWA. She has been an art museum and gallery director, curator, and independent consultant and writer in the arts, crafts, design, and cultural heritage sectors nationally and internationally for over twenty years. Join Dr. Janice Lally to reflect on some perspectives of creativity and art and their relationship to Theosophy.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</h2>	
<p>Tue 1 October General Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Let Food Be Thy Medicine and Medicine Be Thy Food, by Richard Glenk</p> <p>Hippocrates also said the greatest medicine of all is teaching how not to need it. This presentation will look at exploring the “Truths about Food” in a world of intensive farming, big pharma and processed food manufacturing.</p>
<p>Tue 8 October General Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Insights into Celtic Spirituality and its Timeless Wisdom, by Gerard Brennan</p> <p>Explore together the enduring truths contained in Celtic spirituality, which was based on a deep spiritual connection with the natural world. Having travelled widely in the Celtic lands, including those of my ancestors, it is evident that we still walk across an ancient landscape as pilgrims and not just tourists.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>— They with their wild music as of winds blowing in the reeds, seemed to me the very inmost voice of Celtic sadness and of Celtic longing for infinite things the world has never seen. — W.B. Yeats.</i></p>

OCTOBER

<p>Tue 15 October General Meeting</p>	<p>A Shared Pilgrimage to the Australian School of Theosophy in April 2024, by Kerry Holly and Hana O'Rourke</p> <p>A pictorial and personal account of a six-day interactive exploration of The Three Evolutions: physical, mental and spiritual, based on Madame Blavatsky's marvelous work, <i>The Secret Doctrine</i>, in the Glass House Mountains, Springbrook Theosophical Retreat Centre, Queensland. Under the excellent guidance of Simon O'Rourke (National Education Coordinator) and Dr Wendy Dixon (a student of Geoffrey Hodson during the latter part of his life), students from all around Australia spent each day focusing between: 1. The mental comprehension of the immutable principle, 2. The physical understanding of the septenary root-cycles in human development, and 3. The spiritual discussions based on the wisdom teachings of <i>The Secret Doctrine</i> concerning spiritual unfoldment.</p>
<p>Tue 22 October General Meeting</p>	<p>Harnessing the Power of the Chakras, by Virginia Milner</p> <p>"Your chakras" — the spiritual centres of our being. Join Virginia in an exploratory evening understanding the journey with your chakras.</p>
<p>Tue 29 October General Meeting</p>	<p>Forgiveness — The Golden Key of Spiritual Growth, by Deepak Singh</p> <p>Forgiveness is an essential aspect of our spiritual journeys. We are told to forgive, yet no proper technique is shown on what to do. In our session, we will cover the different aspects of forgiveness, the importance, the technique, and the outcome of the practice in our spiritual journeys.</p>

SCHOOL OF THEOSOPHY

A Mt. Helena Event 23-25/08/2024

Presented by Simon O'Rourke & Dr. Wendy Dixon

The Three Evolutions - Physical, Mental and Spiritual: Studies in the volumes of *The Secret Doctrine*

H. P. Blavatsky's marvelous work, *The Secret Doctrine*, will be the subject of the School. We will be looking into each volume, dividing our studies each day between: the mental — comprehension of the incomprehensible immutable principle; the physical — an understanding of the septenary root-cycles in human development; and the spiritual — discussions based on the wisdom teachings of *The Secret Doctrine* concerning spiritual unfoldment.

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