



THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
 ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020, INDIA

November 2014–February 2015

The Purpose of the School of the Wisdom

The aim of the School of the Wisdom is to enable the individual to cease from being one who gives his intellectual adherence to a particular school of philosophy, and become one who learns to survey the problem of life directly by himself or herself. The essential search is to discover life as it is, life being inseparable from consciousness.

The School of the Wisdom aims at bringing each student to survey things ‘from the centre’ which is intuitive awareness. An intense sense of Life must always accompany every true student. There can be no Wisdom without an ever increasing sense of Wonder.

The aim of all studies in the School of the Wisdom is not the perfection of the individual but to enable the individual to use every faculty of his or her being for ‘lifting a little of the heavy Karma of the world’.

Essential in the progress towards Wisdom is a growing intimacy with all aspects of Nature. The message which each tree, flower, animal, meadow, sea, sky and cloud has, must be listened to and understood.

3 to 14 November 2014

Theme: *The Voice of the Silence*

Director: **Prof. R. C. Tampi**

This is the 125th year of publication of H. P. Blavatsky's priceless book on mysticism, *The Voice of the Silence*. She hoped that it would answer the need of 'the few real mystics in the Theosophical Society'. The course will be an attempt to bring home to the participants some of the mystical meanings and experiences conveyed by this mystical treatise in poetic prose with its profound appeal to the heart and intuition.

Recommended reading:

The Voice of the Silence — H. P. Blavatsky, *Talks on the Path of Occultism, Vol. II* — C. W. Leadbeater, *The Creative Silence* — Rohit Mehta, *The Fullness of the Void (The Yoga of Theosophy)* — Rohit Mehta, *The Way of Wisdom* — N. Sri Ram

Mr R. C. Tampi, is a retired Professor of English. He joined the Theosophical Society in 1959. As the Director of The School of the Wisdom he has conducted a number of courses on various theosophical subjects.

17 to 28 November 2014

Theme: **The Psychology of Yoga**

Director: **Mr P. K. Jayaswal**

Topics for study will include Consciousness — its nature, involution, obscuration, fusion, expansion, release, and its four States; Ideation — cosmic, divine and individual; The Mind — its nature, mental perception, the 'I' and its attenuation; Matter — gunas, bhuta, indriyas, tanmatras; The relationship of Life and Consciousness; and Samadhi.

Recommended reading:

The Science of Yoga, and *Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga* by I. K. Taimni

Mr P. K. Jayaswal, is a retired Chief General Manager of the State Bank of India. He joined the TS in 1952 and has served as National Secretary of the TOS, Treasurer BEF, General Secretary of the Indian Section, and is a National Lecturer. He is deeply interested in Theosophy and in J. Krishnamurti's teaching.

1 to 12 December 2014

Theme: **Self-Transformation and the Spiritual Life**

Director: Mr Vincente Hao Chin Jr.

The course covers an approach to self-transformation that serves as a foundation for an integrated and effective life, as well as an essential

preparation for living the spiritual life. It includes exercises in self-awareness and a detailed study of meditation. Other facets of the course are, approaches to daily awareness, the exploration of transcendence, nurturing essential life-skills, probing into the nature of intuition, and the integration of impersonal values into our lives.

Recommended reading:

The Process of Self-Transformation by Vincente Hao Chin Jr., *The First and Last Freedom* by J. Krishnamurti, *The Key to Theosophy* by H. P. Blavatsky, *Mysticism* by William James (The chapter on *Varieties of Religious Experience*), *Understanding Mysticism* by Richard Woods, *The Science of Yoga* by I. K. Taimni

Mr Vincente Hao Chin Jr., is a former president of the TS in the Philippines, and a former president of the Indo-Pacific Federation of the TS. He is the author of *The Process of Self-Transformation*, *Why Meditate?*, *On Education*, and other works. He compiled and edited the chronological edition of *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnet*, and is the Associate Editor of the *Theosophical Encyclopedia*.

5 to 16 January 2015

Theme: **The Science of Theosophy: Foundation and Practice**

Director: Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu

Theosophy is often criticized as a syncretism because it is difficult to be defined. The sessions of the School of the Wisdom will prove that Theosophy is a science based on a foundation and proven by experimentation. The two series of courses include:

For the first week: A presentation of the concepts of Spirit, Matter, and Consciousness, an exploration into the capacities of Mind such as Intuition and Intelligence, resulting in Universal Ethics, Meditation and Silence;

For the second week: A deeper exploration into the matter of Meditation and its practice, the understanding of Feeling and Thinking and the application of Ethics which is the principal condition for discovering one's own Dharma; all this implies a Change of Paradigm which precludes Happiness.

Recommended reading

The Round of Experience, by Hugh Shearman, *Life's Deeper Aspects* by N. Sri Ram, *Yama & Niyama* by S. S. Varma, HPB's Meditation Diagram, *Meditation: its Practice and Results* by Clara Codd.

Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu, post-graduated in pharmaceutical technology. She has been exploring Eastern philosophies and religions in parallel with scientific ideas. She is most drawn to the philosophy of Nagarjuna

and Krishnamurti. She is a member of the TS since 1972 and has been the General Secretary of TS France since 2009. She is also the Chairperson of the European Federation since 1995. She has travelled and lectured all over the world and regularly conducts meditation retreats in Europe.

Classes and Timings

Monday to Friday

Meditation: 8.00 to 8.30 a.m.

Classes: 8.30 to 11.00 a.m. and 3.30 to 5.00 p.m.

Some afternoons will be reserved for presentations by the students, who may spend free afternoons doing research on their own or at the Adyar Library and Research Centre. Applications for Library reading/borrowing cards are available.

Additional Information

- ◆ All sessions are held in Blavatsky Bungalow.
- ◆ Applications, providing membership details and a recommendation from the General Secretary or main Officer in the applicant's country of residence, may be sent to:

The International Secretary,
The Theosophical Society,
Adyar, Chennai 600 020, India
Tel: (+91 44) 2491 Email: study.hq@ts-adyar.org
- ◆ The Application form may be downloaded from the TS website.
- ◆ If you need accommodation, please specifically say so in your application.
- ◆ Students may register for all or some of the sessions and are expected to attend all the classes in the session chosen.
- ◆ Scholarships, full or partial, may be provided for some deserving TS workers. Applications should be made well in advance, providing full details and suitable recommendation.
- ◆ Those members who wish to stay for the International Convention (26-31 December 2014) are requested to register separately at the Convention Office, and book accommodation separately.