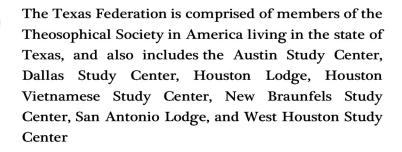
## The Theosophical Society in America Texas Federation

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Meditation, Compassion, and Ethics

May 17-19, 2024

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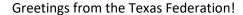


#### The Theosophical Society in America

#### **Texas Federation**

#### 88th Annual

#### Convention



Dear Fellow Theosophists and Friends of Theosophy,

We are pleased to announce the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of The Theosophical Society in America Texas Federation will take place in San Antonio, Texas on May 17-19, 2024 at the Hyatt Place-North West Medical Center. The title for the weekend is "**Meditation, Compassion, and Ethics**." It is based on Blavatsky's "Voice of Silence".

"Self knowledge is of loving deeds the child" - Helena Blavatsky



Kenneth Small is a third generation Theosophist who was raised in a Theosophical family from the Point Loma/Lomaland tradition. His background is in holistic modalities of complementary herbal and energetic healing. He has also published books on Theosophy and Perennial Wisdom. He also takes part in cooperative businesses and cohousing community developments. He currently teaches Zen, Vajrayana Buddhism, and Theosophical Meditation practices throughout San Diego, Mexico, and Europe.



As a courtesy to our friends with allergies, please refrain from wearing cologne, perfume, scented lotion, etc. during the conference. We appreciate your understanding and consideration.



#### Conference Schedule



#### Friday Evening, May 17, 2024

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration

7:00 pm - 7:15 pm Opening remarks.

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm **Overview- Meditation, Compassion, and Ethics** 

We will explore how ethics and compassion naturally arise from the practice of meditation, within the background overview of Helena Blavatsky's 'Transmural View' and First Fundamental Proposition in her 'Secret Doctrine' in relationship to the Paramitas, Transcendentvirtues, in her 'Voice of the Silence' that lead one to the 'other shore' of Inner Awakening.

#### Saturday, May 18, 2024

9:00 am - 9:30 am Registration 9:30 am - 9:45 am Meditation

9:45 am - 10:00 am Opening the 88th Annual Convention

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Meditation, Compassion, and Ethics- The Paramitas, Transcendent Virtues

that carry us to the 'Other Shore' of inner Awakening

With Blavatsky's 'Voice of the Silence' as a guide, we will explore her outline of

seven paramitas and their cultivation and practice.

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Free Time (Lunch on your own)

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Meditation, Compassion, and Ethics- Blavatsky's Diagram of Meditation

In this session, we will introduce Blavatsky's 'Diagram of Meditation' which

she gave as instructions to her 'Inner Group'; with some ways of

understanding how to apply its View.

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Free time

5:30 pm - 7:15 pm Dinner for those Attendees who Registered

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Open Q&A session about materials covered in last 2 days

#### Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:00 am - 10:00 am Texas Federation business meeting (For T.S. members only)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm The Lomaland Community (1897-1942): Theosophy in Contemplative Community ,

Education, and the Arts

We will give a visually illustrated powerpoint of the creative expression of Theosophy from the early 20th century community at Lomaland of literature, art, music, and drama; with an overview of its contemplative, ecological and

wholistic lifestyle.

12:00 pm Closing the 88th Annual Texas Federation Convention.

#### **Suggested Reading**



#### The Voice of the Silence by Helena Blavatsky

https://www.questbooks.com/product-page/voice-of-the-silence

#### The Voice of the Silence - comments by Nancy Reigle

http://www.easterntradition.org/article/Voice%20of%20the%20Silence%20-%20Bringing%20the%20the%20Heart%20Doctrine%20to%20the%20West.pdf

#### Poetry and Paradox in 'The Voice of the Silence'

http://www.theosophical.org/files/resources/articles/ParadoxAndPoetry.pdf

#### The Practice of Perfection by Robert Aitken

https://books.google.com/books/about/The\_Practice\_of\_Perfection.html?id=BU8zS9TyuUEC

#### The Way of the Bodhisattva by Shantideva

https://www.shambhala.com/the-way-of-the-bodhisattva-1660.html

#### Madame Blavatsky on How to Study Theosophy

https://fohatproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Bowen-Notes-HPB-on-How-to-Study.pdf

#### **2024 Texas Federation Registration Form**

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#### Registration options:

- 1. Click on link below to register via the web: https://forms.gle/NwueKe6GaJdsQze59, OR
- 2. Manually fill out the form below and:
  - a. Mail it back to Michael via USPS (see address below), or
  - b. Scan & Text Cell: 210-602-5735 or Email:

	theosophicalsocietysanantonio@gmail.com
	\$60.00 Early Registration fee (if postmarked by March 30, 2023)
	\$65.00 Registration fee (if postmarked after March 30, 2023)
	\$25.00 Saturday Evening Dinner, Vegetarian Options Available
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Please mail form (and o	check if paying by check) to:
·	Michael Schanzer
	6831 Breeden Street

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### **Hotel Information**





Address: 4303 Hyatt Place Drive,

San Antonio, TX 78230 **Phone:** (210) 561-0099

Cost: Valid until April 3, 2024:

 \$109 per day plus tax for King Bed Room OR Two-Queen Bed Room

To receive the above rates:

- Mention the **Texas Federation of the Theosophical Society in San Antonio**when booking by above phone number

-Or, Use Group code G-THEO if booking online via Hyatt web site.



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