

The Theosophical Society in America

Texas Federation

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Meditation,
Compassion, and Ethics

May 17-19, 2024

Hyatt Place-North West Medical Center

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The Theosophical Society in America
Texas Federation
88th Annual
Convention



Greetings from the Texas Federation!

Dear Fellow Theosophists and Friends of Theosophy,

We are pleased to announce the 88th 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 co-housing 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, Transcendent virtues, 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%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

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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Name (1): _____

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Please mark one of the checkboxes below to indicate your method of payment:

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Please mail form (and check if paying by check) to:

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Hotel Information



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Address: 4303 Hyatt Place Drive,
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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
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-Or, Use Group code **G-THEO**
if booking online via Hyatt web site.



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