

Midwest Federation of The Theosophical Society of America

Esoteric Christianity ~The Inner teachings of a *Mystery Religion*~

Sulphur Springs, Arkansas

March 27 - 29, 2015



Some scholars claim that early Christianity was a mystery religion that possessed certain esoteric doctrines, or practices, of which the general public was unaware. This seems to be supported by Jesus' words to his disciples as found in the Gospels: "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand." (Luke 8:10)

In this program we will explore some of the inner meaning of the teaching found in the Gospels, as well as in other writings in the Bible.



Michele Shields is a member of the Theosophical Society in America. She has a degree in education, and is past president of the Wheaton-Olcott Branch of the Theosophical Society. Michele has given lectures, classes and seminars on spiritual parenting, Theosophy and Interfaith, and the Secret Doctrine.



Pablo Sender, Ph.D., became a member of the Theosophical Society in his native Argentina, in 1996. He has presented Theosophical lectures, seminars, and classes in India, Europe, and the three Americas. He has published articles in Spanish and English in several Theosophical journals, which can be found on his Web site: <https://pablosender.wordpress.com/>

Friday

Noon to 4 – Camp set up and preparation:

(The Camp is set up and run solely by volunteers. Please help by participating in setting up the camp. We look forward to hearing any ideas that may help the events run smoother so thank you in advance!)

(_____) Volunteers are always needed to ensure the success of any event. Please check the blank if you would like to participate in making this event a success by helping the other dedicated volunteers. Thank you!

4 to 6 – Registration will begin

6 to 6:45 – Potluck Dinner

7 to 7:10 – Introduction of our speaker

Friday Night

7:10 1. **Esoteric Christianity** (Michele and Pablo)

8:20 (Questions and discussion; followed by fellowship and free time.
There may be a spiritual/science film showing with enough interest.)

Saturday Morning

7:30 Yoga Exercises on the Deck, or Morning Walk around the scenery.

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Meditation

9:20 2. **The Book of Job** (Michele)

10:30 Break

10:40 3. **Initiation and the Life of Jesus** (Pablo)

11:50 Lunch

Saturday Afternoon:

1:00 4. **Esoteric Teachings in the Bible** (Michele and Pablo)

2:15 Stretch Time and Break

2:30 **Christian Mysticism** (Pablo)

3:40 Comments and Discussion

4:00 Afternoon Break, Dinner Preparation, Rest/Relaxation

5:00 Dinner

A Meeting open to members of the Midwest Federation of the Theosophical Society will be announced around 'dessert' time and held in the main entrance room of the newer building on Inspiration Point. Old and new business will be discussed, including a program in the works between the MWF and Ozark Theosophical Camp that will be scheduled in Edmond, OK. Points will be brought up about this that should be of interest to members regarding future trends.

Saturday Night:

7:00 **6. Spiritual, Science and/or Metaphysical Cinema**
MWF members will have a chance to offer interesting and timely selections to be viewed. Please send or call in ideas and offers in this regard to the communication information listed in registration. Discussions, socializing and free time to follow.

Sunday Morning:

7:45 Yoga Exercises on the Deck, or Morning Walk

8:15 Breakfast

9:15 Meditation

9:30 **7. Questions and Answers (Interactive with Michele and Pablo)**

10:40 Break

10:50 **8. Final Discussion, Contemplation and Comments (Including proposed ideas of a special interest program sponsored by MWF; with Michele and Pablo)**

12:00 Closing remarks and ending of these sessions.

12:15 Seva in closing down the camp. All visitors are asked to participate in closing down the camp. The Camp will be locked by 4:00 p.m. so if you plan to visit the caves, canoeing, anything off the premises, please be packed before leaving Camp. Thank you! Peace be with you!

REGISTRATION:

To RSVP via email: Gini Newcomb at new.art@juno.com; or register by mail: Gini Newcomb, 6807 Lakeshore Dr, Raytown MO 64133. Due to limited lodging, please RSVP to reserve a room.

Please make check to: "Midwest Federation TSA" (Please submit your registration payment of \$20.00, etc. to Gini at the above address when you send in your reservations.)

Directions: Sulphur Springs is located on Hwy. 59, 2 miles south of the Missouri State Line. Take Hwy 59 into Sulphur Springs and turn east on Colony Street which is located IMMEDIATELY on the north side of the Butler Creek bridge. Go about 200 feet and veer left. Go another 300 feet and go up the first driveway you see on the right, which is actually Skyline Drive. (There is no street sign but we'll have a TS sign at the entrance.

Airport Service: Fayetteville/Bentonville Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport serves this area, about 35 miles from Camp. Coordinate with Wilfred Berlin pathfynder@cox.net (918-638-8302) if you need a pick-up and return to the airport, or have ideas in regard to the Saturday Cinema.

Room reservations: *Bring your own sheets, towels and soap. Please leave your rooms in the same condition as you found them. Cleaning products are in each room.*

Program Registration: \$20.00 per person \$ _____

To Reserve a Room, please check the following:

Single ___ Couple ___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___

\$30/person per night for semi private room \$ _____

\$40/person per night for private room and

bath (**lower level only**) \$ _____

\$45/person plus \$10 for additional person

per night for queen bedrooms \$ _____

\$15.00/night for a cot (**can put a cot in one**

of the lower level rooms to share a room) \$ _____

\$15.00/night for RV w/electricity \$ _____

\$10.00/night for RV w/o electricity \$ _____

Donations requested from those using tents \$ _____

Love Donation to help with expenses \$ _____

FOOD \$25.00/person + **potluck** on Friday night \$ _____

This covers Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner-Saturday;

Breakfast on Sunday only.) *It does not cover any meals for those who come early Thurs.* There are a couple of restaurants with limited open time in Sulphur Springs and other restaurants in the nearby communities of Gravette, AR and Noel, MO.

For Friday evening potluck, please bring one prepared dish per person.

Note: Meals are lacto-ovo-vegetarian. As our kitchen is rather small, we will have a Food Committee who will be coordinating the meals. Some may decide to bring their own food or visit local venues. Meal Preparation and cleanup are a collaborative effort by those sharing the facilities. Also, we ask all those staying on site to participate in the cleanup. Cleaning Supplies should be in your room, or please notify Nancy Blott or Wilfred Berlin.

SCHOLARSHIP

If interested in a Scholarship-Stewardship Program for those needing financial help, please contact our President, Wilfred Berlin (918-638-8302) for further information. **Also, please let Wilfred know if you can assist with sponsorship or offer donations in this area.** pathfynder@cox.net

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