

The Theosophical Society in England and Wales

# Summer Convention 2026

Monday 10th - Thursday 13th August



Hillscourt, Rose Hill, Lickey, Birmingham

# Spiritual Voyage: *Navigating Your Inner World*

## Programme

The Hayes Conference Centre  
Swanwick Derbyshire

## MONDAY 10th AUGUST

14.30 onwards. **Arrivals and registration.**

19.30 **Welcome** and introduction of speakers, study group leaders, and workshop leaders.

20.45-21.15 Meditation

## TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

07.00-08.00 **Qigong with Terri King**

The practice of Qigong consists of exercises that connect us to our Divine Nature through our life force energy known as 'Chi'. It is known as 'The Moving meditation'.

09.15-09.25 **Meditation**

09.30-10.30 Talk: **Voyaging to the Land of Enlightenment** **Richard Barker**

Using the voyage metaphor, this talk will consider aspects such as: Why would we want to embark on the voyage? Who'll be the Captain? What charts and compass headings should we use? What rocks, storms and 'sirens' should we beware of? What about our fellow travellers? And finally, how will we know when we've arrived?

11.00-12.30 **Study Groups**

**(A) Light on the Path [1]**

**Neville & Elizabeth Crofts**

The original text of this work only contains thirty lines. Fortunately, some helpful notes have been added. However, understanding the important message contained in this brief work may take lifetimes. We will explore the text and hope that by studying together, we might increase our level of understanding. *'There is no more precious gem in our Theosophical literature —No book which will better repay the most careful and detailed study'* (from the introduction in the Light on the Path).

## **(B) Gratitude and Forgiveness - Keys of the Evolutionary Journey [1]**

**Patrizia Calvi**

Theosophy teaches us that human beings are on a journey and recognizing their evolutionary potential means radically shifting the paradigms of individual and social vision, reaffirming a unity also made of gratitude — a powerful positive experience that broadens our perception of the divine — and forgiveness — a process that brings peace and serenity.

## **(D) Making Theosophy Living, Practical and Transformative [1]**

**Wayne Gatfield**

In this modern world, it is clear that we need some Spiritual guidance to bring us all together as Brothers and Sisters, and to help to bring peace to a troubled world. I hope this study course will result in some enlightening discussions on the subject, and that we will enjoy our time together, as well as creating some positive energy.

**14.30-15.30 Free time or choice of a Workshop or a Walk**

### **(1) The Theosophical Society Emblem [1]**

**Terri King**

In this workshop, we will examine the symbolic meanings that make up the Society's famous Emblem, and then each of us will make a copy of the Emblem, using colours of our own choice.

### **(2) A Walk to the Lickey Hills**

**16.00-17.15 Talk: THE BLAVATSKY LECTURE - Spiritual Voyage: Navigating Your Inner World**

**Patrizia Calvi**

The modern human being, having greatly increased his knowledge of the external world by probing with marvellous instruments the mysteries of the infinitely small and the infinitely big, then finds himself lost when faced with the enigma of his own being.

Beginning to discover the realities and value of our inner world leads to rebuilding our life and its perspective on new foundations. However, to do this, the salvific wisdom and liberating power of Theosophy are necessary.

**19.30- 20.30 A Musical Voyage**

**Terri King**

Journey with Terri and discover the wondrous world of sound and music.

**20.45-21.15 Meditation**

07.00-08.00 **Qigong with Terri King**

09.15-09.25 **Meditation**

09.30-10.30 Talk: **The Proem to The Secret Doctrine** **Elizabeth Crofts**

According to H P Blavatsky, all Theosophy students should be familiar with the contents of the Proem to the Secret Doctrine, in particular with the Three Fundamental Propositions. This talk will examine these three and other important elements of the Proem, including the dull black ground, the immaculate Disk and the point in it, and the dark mystery of non-Being.

11.00-12 30 **Study Groups**

**(B) Gratitude and Forgiveness - Keys of the Evolutionary Journey [2]**  
**Patrizia Calvi**

**(C) Navigating the Inner World through the Mahatma Letters [1]**  
**Andrew Swaffield & Peter Brierley**

These two study courses explore selected passages from the Mahatma Letters as guides for the inner journey. Rather than treating the Letters as abstract teachings, we will consider their practical insights into self-knowledge, illusion, responsibility, and spiritual discernment.

**(C) Making Theosophy Living, Practical and Transformative [2]**  
**Wayne Gatfield**

14.30-15.30 **Free time or choice of a Workshop or a Walk**

**(1) The Theosophical Society Emblem [2]** **Terri King**

**(2) A Walk to the Lickey Hills**

16.00-17.00 Talk: **HP Blavatsky and the Journey Within - Theosophy as a Path of Inner Awakening** **Peter Brierley**

Studying Theosophy, especially The Secret Doctrine, is not an intellectual test but a journey of inner transformation. Its truths are veiled and symbolic, inviting a quiet, receptive state of consciousness. Stilling the lower mind gently calls us to awaken the higher mind, and then study becomes a living process of spiritual self-discovery rather than mere reading.

19.30-20.30 **Fun quiz**

**Damon Scothern**

20.45-21.15 **Meditation**

07.00-08.00 **Qigong with Terri King**

09.15-9.25 **Meditation**

9.30-10.30 Talk: **Life as an Inside Job: Navigating the Inner World**

**Andrew Swaffield**

This talk asks a simple question: if life is an inside job, how do we navigate it? Drawing on Theosophy's sevenfold human constitution, cyclic cosmology, karma and reincarnation, alongside psychology, panpsychism and quantum ideas, we explore inner development as the quiet engine of ethical action, meaning and service in daily life.

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**(D) Making Theosophy Living, Practical and Transformative [3]**

**Wayne Gatfield**

12.45 **Closing of the convention. Departure after lunch**

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## MEAL AND BREAK TIMES

Breakfast	08.00-09.00
Coffee break	10.30-11.00
Lunch	13.00-14.00
Tea break	15.30-16.00
Dinner	18.00-19.00

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