



# The T.O.S. Village News

(The Theosophical Order of Service)

28 March 2014

## Coming Events

- \* **TS Easter Seminar** - 20 & 21 April, Ed Abdill presents "**Foundations of the Ancient Wisdom**" at the TS hall, 21 Glendower St, Perth. FREE event with optional TOS lunch \$10 per day.
- \* **TS Talk** - 22 April, 7:30 pm Mary Abdill presents "**Spirituality in the Comics**" at the TS hall, 21 Glendower St, Perth. FREE event.

We will send an email prior to the event giving details.

## Welcome to the Village

The TOS is catering for the lunches during the TS Easter Seminar presented by Ed Abdill. You will need to register for the lunch with the volunteers in the TS library or by email to [tosperth@gmail.com](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com) Please state whether you require 1 or 2 lunches at \$10 each.

In 2011, Harry and I had a holiday in New York. We were lucky enough to catch up with Ed and Mary Abdill. Ed took us on a spiritual walking tour of New York. I was surprised because I never thought of NY as a spiritual place. Rather as the place that never sleeps and is always in a state of hustle and bustle. However as a "local", Ed knew where to go. He took us to a series of beautiful churches and cathedrals. Two places are etched in my memory. We arrived at a very large cathedral and the door was locked. Ed was not deterred. He knew a side door that led us into its dark interior. It was April, just before Easter and a youth choir was rehearsing. Their pure, clear voices soared in the still atmosphere. We sat down and were mesmerized by the wonderful moment.

The other church was very humble and old. It was the church near ground zero that had survived the collapsing World Trade Centre. A line of mature trees down the side of the church held the rubble back. The First Responders used the church as a control centre and a place of respite. It was light, bright and airy inside.

A dusty pair of fireman's overalls sit in a back pew. The overall legs are tucked into dirty solid boots and a helmet rests near by. I found this silent tribute to the First Responders deeply moving.

The TS Easter Seminar program is in this newsletter.

### ♥ Best wishes

Rhonda Phillips,  
TOS Chairperson [tosperth@gmail.com](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com)

## The Meeting Place



**Ed Abdill**  
Presents

### "Foundations of the Ancient Wisdom" - Perth TS Easter Seminar

Ed Abdill is Vice President of the Theosophical Society in America and is a past President of the N.Y. TS. He has lectured for the Society throughout the United States and internationally.

Ed is also author of "The Secret Gateway: Modern Theosophy and the Ancient Wisdom Tradition" and is currently writing another book whose working title is "Masters of Wisdom - The Mahatmas, Their Letters, and The Path".

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**Mary Abdill**  
Presents

### "Spirituality in the Comics" - 22 April 14

It's amazing how many spiritual concepts appear in the comics! This talk is not about the superheroes that battle evil to save communities from disaster, although there is plenty of spiritual material there. This power-point presentation is about every day people with every day problems who face ethical decisions - decisions we ourselves might face - and who find some deep inner spiritual wisdom to help them solve these problems. All within the context of comic strips that are read by millions of people every day. Comic strips appeal to people of all ages. They often illustrate a spiritual principle, that we are more likely to remember because they are expressed simply and with humour. Comic strips can drive home a point that might be lost in a serious lecture.

## TOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

I \_\_\_\_\_ (first name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Surname)  
wish to join the Theosophical Order of Service – Western Australian Incorporated.

My address: \_\_\_\_\_

My email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

My Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fee: \$5.00

Cheque to: "The Theosophical Order of Service"  
Mail to: TOS, C/- 21 Glendower St, Perth, 6000

Or

EFT \$5.00 in to the TOS Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633-000 Account: 116559105  
Reference: Your full name

And send an email to [tosperth@gmail.com.au](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com.au) advising of the deposit including your name, address and phone number.

### *The Wings of the Soul*

*Love, make me an instrument of peace  
Where there is hatred let me sow love  
Where there is injury – Pardon  
Where there is doubt – Faith  
Where there is despair – Hope  
Where there is darkness – Light  
Where there is sadness – Joy  
Divine Master, grant that I may not  
so much seek to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life  
Thus by love we reach the heart of love itself*

*Written by St Francis (Kuthumi)*

Research by Carol Ann Webster

### *Calling all chocolate lovers \*did you know*

*Chocolate has been found to be one of the  
highest sources of chromium in the diet.*

*The fats in chocolate may also help protect  
against breast cancer.*

*Sourced from A chocolate a day  
John & Suzy Ashton*

Research by Carol Ann Webster

## **The Link of Hearts Healing Meditation**

Anne Bower is coordinating a team of Meditators who will provide long distance healing to people on our TOS healing list. The person's name will remain on the list for one month and during that time the team will regularly send healing energy.

Contact Anne on [tosperth@gmail.com](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com) or 0408 784 443



## **The Theosophical Order of Service - WA Inc.**

We are a humanitarian service group who work to help others, near and far, and in the process transform ourselves.

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New members are welcome, however it is not necessary to be a member to attend our functions.

**You are welcome.**

## Easter Weekend Seminar

“Foundations of the Ancient Wisdom”

Featuring

Ed Abdill

International Lecturer for the Theosophical Society in America

**DATE:** Sunday 20th & Monday 21st April 2014

**VENUE:** 21 Glendower Street, Perth  
**COST:** No charge for the seminar. BYO lunch

**MEALS:** If required a lunch can be provided at the cost of \$10.00.



**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE LUNCH IN THE LIBRARY BY 19 APRIL 2014**

SUNDAY 20th	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
10.00am	Identifying our roots in the Eternal.	Ed Abdill
11.00-11.30am	MORNING TEA	
11.30am	Discovering how our mind and emotions are modes of motion that we create and that we can change.	Ed Abdill
12.30-2.00pm	LUNCH	
2.00pm	Discovering by experience each of our seven principles, from the most spiritual to the physical	Ed Abdill
3.00-3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
MONDAY 21st	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
10.00am	What happens to those principles after the body dies?	Ed Abdill
11.00-11.30am	MORNING TEA	
11.30am	How our view affects our life.	Ed Abdill
12.30-2.00pm	LUNCH	
2.00pm	Who are the Masters and what do they teach about the spiritual life?	Ed Abdill
3.00-3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	