



# Midwest Federation of The Theosophical Society of America

## A Unique Theosophical Worldview: The Case for The Masters

Sulphur Springs, Arkansas April 19-21, 2013

Belief in the Masters is not a dogma within the Society, but HPB and the early authorities of the TS clearly believed in their role in the Great Work of spiritual and physical evolution, and offered the TS as a doorway to greater knowledge of Them and ourselves. At the same time, the world-view of some Theosophists doesn't include Them. Regardless of your view of the Masters, this program promises to be both informative and intellectually challenging. We seek attendees who want to avoid cliché-driven programs, and are actually willing to stretch their world-view to better understand why the Masters are necessary in HPB's Theosophy.

### Biography:

**Brant Jackson** is an attorney who has practiced law in Atlanta, Georgia for over 30 years, doing trial work. He is the co-author of a book on Georgia Probate Law and several magazine articles in legal periodicals in his field. He is a life member of the TS, was very active in the Atlanta Lodge and the Mid-South Federation, and has been a longtime member of the National Judiciary Committee, and has several articles or comments published in the Quest Magazine. He has been a national lecturer for the TS for a number of years, and served on the TS National Board as a district director for two terms. Brant has spoken over the years at many TS lodges and study groups, and at the meetings of several TS Federations, including several times at the Mid-West Federation.

At this program, Brant will put on his "lawyer-hat" and make the case for us that the Masters exist, and are in fact necessary in the Theosophical world view. Agree with him or not, he promises that you will not be bored, and that you will come away from the program looking at life differently.

## **Friday**

Noon to 4:00 - Camp set up and preparation

4:00 to 6:00 - Registration will begin

6:00 to 6:45 - Potluck Dinner

7:00 to 7:10 - Introduction of our speaker

## **Friday Night**

7:10

### **1. We Are Not Alone: Other Masters, Other Teachings**

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

8:00 – Breakfast

9:00 – Meditation

9:20

### **2. HPB's Hierarchy: We need to update our "worldview" to a "universe-view"**

10:30 - Break

10:40

### **3. The "Great Work" of the Masters and Devas and Theosophical Worldview**

11:50 - Lunch

### **Saturday Afternoon:**

1:00

**4. The Masters at Work** (There will be a short break midway through this time.)

4:00 - Stretch Break

4:10

**5. The Opposers**

5:10 – Break for dinner preparation.

5:45 – Dinner

### **Saturday Night:**

7:00

Brant has an excellent film in regard to one of the more profound NDE experiences that he has studied and will show a segment of this that he has saved. If you have the time to spend after the regular sessions on Saturday, this will be well worth the viewing. This may be followed by questions and discussion relating to any of the subject matter that has come up. Discussions, socializing and free time to follow.

### **Sunday Morning:**

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

8:00 - Breakfast

9:00 – Meditation

9:20

**6. Your God is too Small - When Bad Things Happen to Good People**

10:30 – Break

10:40

## 7. The Central Question: How Can We Develop the Christ Within Us?

11:50 - Closing remarks and ending of these sessions.

12:15 - Seva in closing down the camp - Volunteers needed. Food leftover is for the taking. Enjoy on site before final clean ups, or take some with you after some time of helping.

\*Note: A Midwest Federation meeting of the elected officials will take place and a time to be determined will be announced Friday eve.

For those who come early-- Some may wish to assist with setting up Camp or work on one of the ongoing projects, as well as enjoy nature, sightseeing, hiking the grounds, visit a cave nearby, canoeing, or just hang out. Anyone staying late will be greatly appreciated if they assist in closing down the Camp.

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### REGISTRATION:

To RSVP via email: Gini Newcomb at [new.art@juno.com](mailto:new.art@juno.com); or register by mail: Gini Newcomb, 5817 Ralston Ave, Raytown, MO 64133-3447. 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 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 Nancy Blott ([405-412-1971](tel:405-412-1971)) if you need a pick-up and return to the airport.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
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\$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 \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please bring your own bedding and towels

One (1) Year Individual Membership \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Love Donation to help with expenses \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD – Meals are lacto-ovo-vegetarian.

\$25.00/person plus potluck on Friday night. \_\_\_\_\_

(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.

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

As our kitchen is rather small, we will have a Food Committee, who will collaborate in coordinating meals. Some may decide to bring their own food or visit local venues.

Meal Preparation and clean-up are a collaborative effort by those sharing the facilities.

Also, we ask all those staying on site to clean their own rooms or facilities you are using at camp. We also ask for your help in cleaning the common areas. Cleaning supplies should be in your room, or please notify Carol Holleyman, 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](tel: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](mailto:pathfynder@cox.net)