

Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America, Inc.



# Theosophical Network of Florida

Winter 2012

You are invited to join us as we **Expand Our Horizons** on the Florida Federation's first  
**Convention at Sea, March, 8-12, 2012**

With Dr. Scott Olsen's on-shipboard presentations titled  
*Maya, 2012 & the Divine Proportion:  
Ancient Wisdom for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

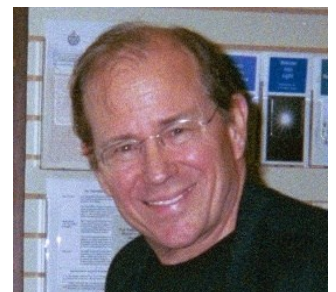
Enjoy three-days and Royal Caribbean Cruise departing Ft. Lauderdale. 8th and returning Monday, Call is Cozumel, Mexico on day in Cozumel we may hand the flavor of Dr. by taking shore excursions



four-nights on the Line Ship, Liberty at Sea, Florida, Thursday, March March 12th. The Port of March 10th. On our full choose to experience first-Olsen's Mayan information to visit Mayan ruins.

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Dr. Scott Olsen is a national speaker for the Theosophical Society in America. His topics include Theosophy, sacred geometry and divine proportion, world religion and mythology, the Pythagorean/Platonic tradition, ancient Mystery Schools, and transformative states of consciousness. Author of the widely acclaimed book, *The Golden Section: Nature's Greatest Secret*, he also assisted Alexey Stakhov in writing *The Mathematics Of Harmony*. His professional associates have included physicist David Bohm, world religion expert Huston Smith, sacred geometer Keith Critchlow, artist and author John Michell, NASA astronaut Edgar Mitchell and British esotericist Dr. Douglas Baker. Scott is Professor of Philosophy and Comparative Religion at the College of Central Florida and a life-long student of the Ageless Wisdom.



Presently on sabbatical, he is working on his next book,  
*Divine Proportion: the Mathematical Perfection of the Universe.*

## Daily Cruise Schedule

### Thursday, March 8

5:00 pm Ship Departs Ft. Lauderdale Port

6:00-8:00 pm Dinner Together

### Friday, March 9, Day at Sea

7:45-8:15 am Optional yoga /stretching

7:30-9:30 am Breakfast

10:00-11:30 am Dr. Scott Olsen

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch

2:30-3:45 pm Dr. Scott Olsen

6:00-8:00 pm Dinner Together

8:00 pm Ship's Entertainment

### Saturday, March 10

8:00 am arrival in Cozumel, Mexico.

Shore excursions are an additional cost.

Tulum Myan Ruins (CZ02), 6 1/2 hrs, \$89.

San Gervasio Ruins/Beach Break (CZK9) 4 hrs,\$49

6:00-8:00 pm Dinner Together

8:00 pm Ship's Entertainment

### Sunday, March 11, Day at Sea

7:30-9:30 am Breakfast

9:30-noon Free Time

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch

2:00-3:30 pm Group Fellowship; Singing,  
Dancing, 2012 Discussion

6:00-8:00 pm Dinner Together

8:00 pm Ship's Entertainment

### Monday, March 12

7:00 am Arrival in Ft. Lauderdale

## Dr. Olsen's Presentations

**Friday 10:00-11:30 am** In preparation for humanity's impending transformation of consciousness (2012), what clues can the Ancient Mystery Schools provide for us on our journey into this New Future? We will compare the ancients' purposeful transformations of



consciousness with what sometimes today occurs by accident in Near-Death Experiences (NDEs), and shamanic vision quests. As H.P.

Blavatsky pointed out, the

transformative mathematical secrets of ratio and proportion were revealed in the initiation experiences in these Ancient Mystery Schools.

**Friday, 2:30-3:45 pm** What great "cyclic" secret had the Maya and other ancient cultures discovered? What is the relationship to solar and lunar eclipses, the 8-year pattern of Venus, and the Platonic Great Year? We will consider the merits and wisdom (along with potential drawbacks) of re-cultivating these mystery traditions (or even a new one) that could provide us once again with a legitimate process whereby we "intentionally" induce transformative initiatory experiences.

To register for this cruise, enter the following URL into your browser address bar:

<https://secure.vacationstogo.com/vtg/group/home.cfm?g=16501&s=1643784>

This brings up a secure website for the Florida Federation cruise on which you can register. You may address questions to our travel agent Veronica by telephone 800-514-9986 or [www.vacationstogo.com](http://www.vacationstogo.com)

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## Spotlight on Carol Hurd

The Federation has a long history with many people giving their time and talents at the state and local level. Here we spotlight **Carol Hurd** who has given many years of service to the Florida Federation as well as to her local group, the Miami Lodge at Deerfield Beach. And her service continues today.

She has been Theosophical Society years, having joined in 1967. As we look at the Federation archives we find Carol's name mentioned often and in several capacities. And even though she doesn't hold any formal positions on the board, she still participates in all of our board meetings and conventions. If we have questions about past Federation activities or about the Federation by-laws, Carol knows the answers. Here is her spiritual story.



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“In my twenties I was trying to decide which religion was right. One day while sitting in church, I heard a voice inside my head that said, ‘Start with your own.’ I attributed that voice to God and so I began to get seriously involved with Christianity. I really internalized it. And I taught Sunday School and also led Bible Study. My late husband, Stanley Hurd, had grown up in a family with theosophical ideas. One Sunday in 1967 my mother-in-law invited us to a lecture at the Theosophical Society in Miami. It was on the topic of Reincarnation and it awakened something in me. I became consumed by the idea that if God was God, He must include everyone somehow. His message could not be limited to just those few who have experienced and were able to believe in Jesus. After a week I joined a class in Introductory Theosophy and then shortly became a member.

I feel, as do many others, that theosophy has become a way of life for me. It is really an extension of the Christianity that I knew, not a substitute for it. I am very grateful to all my theosophical teachers including Gertrude Sitt and Joy Mills, and also to H.P. Blavatsky and the Masters of the Wisdom for giving us the Teachings. I feel that it is my job to share, as well as I can, what has meant so much to me.”

### Florida Federation Lodges and Study Centers

#### Bradenton Study Center

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#### Jinarajadasa Lodge (Spanish)

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#### Miami Beach Study Center (Spanish)

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# Around the State

## Our Florida Lodges and Study Centers



**The Miami Beach Study Group (Spanish)** meets every Sunday at 1:00 pm at the home of Secretary Gustavo Rodriguez. The group is enthusiastically studying *The Science of Yoga* by Taimni.

**The Miami Lodge at Deerfield** has many classes on various days and times. President Lillian Mayer reports the following on-going classes and their leaders: Alternate Sundays Carol Hurd on the *Mahatma Letters* and *The Secret Doctrine*; every other Saturday Sy Ginsburg on the Teachings of Sri Madhava Ashish; Mondays Jurgen Kruppa on the study of the book *The Diamond Light* on the teachings of Alice Bailey.

**Miami-Dade Study Center** meets the first Friday of the month at the North Miami Beach Public Library. Contact person, Ricardo Basurto and Secretary Ram Kumar Singh report the group is studying *At The Feet of the Master* by J. Krishnamurti

**Jinarajadasa Lodge in Miami (Spanish)** meets twice a week and offers many topics including *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *Old Diary Leaves*, and Hermetism. President, Jose Gallo reports that this lodge was founded in 1974 and has been functioning non-stop for 37 years.

**The Ocala Study Center** meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday from 3-5 pm at the College of Central Florida. Secretary Jean Brown reports the group is studying *The Secret Gateway* by Ed Abdill. A seminar is being planned for 2/18/12 titled "The Mahatmas and Their Letters: A Look at the Guru/Disciple Tradition in the Theosophical Society." Presenters include Dr. Scott Olsen, Steve and Karen Schweizer and Patricia Kittlemen. For more info contact: jbrown203@cox.net.

**The Fort Myers Study Center** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6-8 pm at South County Regional Library in Estero, FL. The group is finishing *The Secret Gateway* and next will study *Keys to Theosophy* by HPB.

**The Bradenton Study Center** meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm, alternating between Sarasota and Bradenton Public Libraries. It is studying *The Process of Self-Transformation* by Vicente Hao Chin, Jr.

**The Gainesville Study Center** meets alternate Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at member's residences. Secretary Amubhai Raval reports the group is studying *Mysticism-A Bridge to Nowhere*.



Juan Bautista Rodríguez,  
Olga Donadio &  
Adalberto García

**Miami-Dade Blavatsky Lodge (Spanish)** meets at the Masonic Lodge. It is celebrating its 10th anniversary. President Juan Bautista Rodriguez reports an on-going class taught by Enrique Renard on the *The Mahatma Letters*.