

# THE HIGH COUNTRY NEWSLETTER



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These are the Newsletters of the High Country Theosophical Center.

Included here, beginning with April 2, 1986, are several newsletters issued before the group decided on the name "High Country".

In the summer of 1986, an application for status as a study center was filed with *The Theosophical Society in America* in Wheaton, Illinois. The requested charter was issued on August 11, 1986.

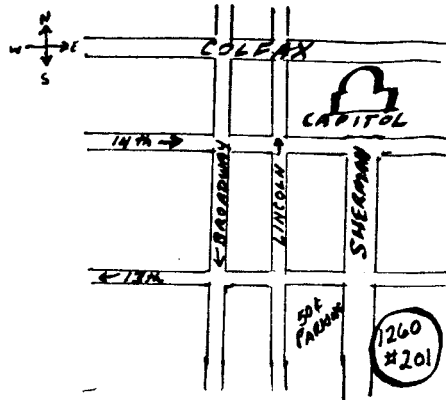
Dick Slusser served as Secretary from then until October 21, 1992, when the charter document was returned to T.S.A. headquarters in Wheaton. Simultaneously, a charter was issued for the T.S. in Denver Study Center with Judith Lorraine as Secretary.

During the interval stated, a widening divergence of doctrinal loyalty occurred. A new study center member, Al Skrobisch, offered to conduct study sessions on the three volume set, *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, by C.W. Leadbeater and Annie Besant. Concurrently, the Secretary offered studies in *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*.

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~~MARCH~~  
EARLY APRIL  
THEOSOPHICAL  
GATHERING



When : 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday

April 2, 1986

SIMPLE POTLUCK

Where: Rev Noia's place

1260 Sherman #201

831-1435

SUBJECT: THOUGHT FORMS

--slides, presentation, conversation

NEXT MEETING: MON. - APR. 28 - 6 p.m. - Terri Todd's.

SUBJECT: "Education for the Whole Person"

(Leaders on the Path... Montessori... + more!)

# THEOSOPHICAL STUDY GROUP: ANOTHER APRIL GET-TOGETHER

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## THOUGHT FORMS: PT. 2

WHEN: Tuesday, April 15

6:00: Gather in Bevs Buffet---welcome to come later if meditation isn't your thing this evening.

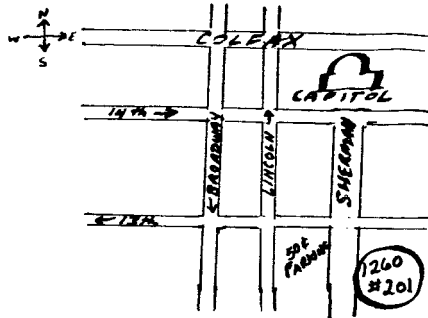
6:10-6:30: Group Meditation

6:30-8:30: Discussion on Thought Forms

WHERE: Bev Noia's Buffet  
1260 Sherman #201  
Denver CO 80203

831-1435 -- if you know your plans, please RSVP-nothing binding, but it tells me whether to increase square footage by shoving furniture back!

FOOD? In the interests of time, let's bring simple snacks or nothing---or a sack lunch if you're on the run---that way we can start right in with discussion at 6:30 p.m.



FOR PLANNING AHEAD: our next scheduled meeting after this newly-scheduled one is the Monday, April 28 one mentioned in our last mailing. Terri Todd will lead a discussion of Education for the Whole Person (Montessori and other 'Leaders on the Path') at her home in Lafayette. More details next letter!

# Theosophical Society of America

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Topic: Education for the Whole Person

Where: Terri Todd's, 710 Gooseberry Court, Lafayette, 665.2577 please RSVP

When: Monday, April 28th

6:00 p.m. Welcome

6:10-6:30 Group Meditation

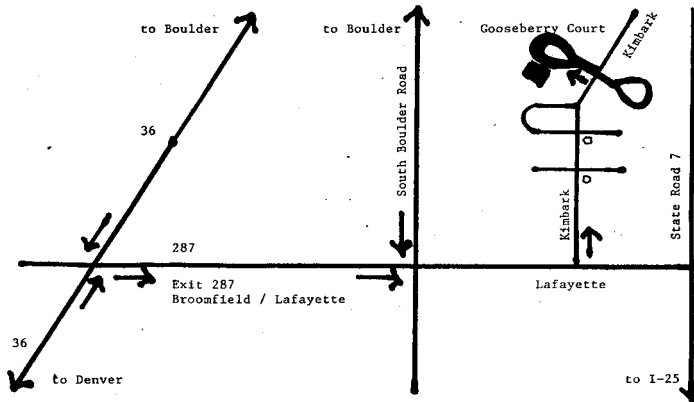
6:30-8:30 DISCUSSION ON "EDUCATION FOR THE WHOLE PERSON"

(Montessori and Other Leaders on the Path).

Come prepared to also discuss your spiritual/education teachers along your path.

Food: In the interest of time, let's bring simple snacks or nothing - or a sack lunch if you're on the run. This way we can start right in with discussion at 6:30.

**Directions:** Once you get to Gooseberry Court, we are the only burgundy house on the cul de sac, (the 2nd house on the left as you turn into it, park anywhere).



planning ahead May meeting at Dick Slusser's home, topic to be announced & date.

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DENVER AREA STUDY GROUP  
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MAY MEETING

WHERE: Dick Slusser's KIVA Co-op (494-5482)  
140 5. 33rd. St., Boulder (map on reverse)

WHEN: Tuesday, May 20  
6:00 PM : Welcome  
6:10 - 6:30 : Meditation  
6:30 - 8:30 Topics;

1. We will consider applying to Olcott Headquarters for study center status. A minimum of 3 members can do this. See discussion below.
2. SLIDE SHOWING AND DISCUSSION ON "MAN VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE", A STUDY OF MAN'S AURA AND ETHERIC BODIES, FROM THE BOOK BY C.W. LEADBEATER.

JUNE MEETING

WHERE: B Noia's apartment  
1260 Sherman Street, Denver (831-1435)

WHEN: Wed., June 25 at 6:30 PM, *Topic to be decided.*

DISCUSSION:

There has already been some discussion of the pros and cons of the desirability of forming our informal group into an official study center under the National By-Laws of the Theosophical Society in America.

Some benefits to our group would be:

The study center could receive visits from National and International representatives of the TS. (such as Bing Escudero) who would give lectures to the group and consult with members.

Discounts on the purchase of books from the Theosophical Publishing house.  
Loan of books from the Olcott Library and films, videotapes. slides and study materials from the Department of Education.

Listing in the Branch and Study Center Directory. We would then have inquiries coming to Headquarters from our local area referred to us.

Some objections to the idea have been raised on the basis that such "official affiliation" might tend to form an inner clique of members, thereby excluding non T.S. members. Also feared was the possibility that participants in the group might be pressured to join the T.S.

We plan to discuss these issues at the next meeting so that we can come to a decision. Please try to be there.

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**DENVER AREA GROUP**  
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JUNE MEETING

WHERE Bev Noia's Buffet  
1260 Sherman #201  
Denver 80203 - phone: 831-1435 (map on reverse)

WHEN: Wednesday, June 25  
6:10 PM Meditation or informal discussion  
6:30 - 8:30 PM Topics

TOPICS:

1. Beverly will be returning from the Krotona School of Theosophy at Ojai California after pursuing Independent studies in association with Joy Mills. She expects to have some interesting experiences to report on in connection with her studies there and her trip.
2. The question of applying for study center status was tabled at the May meeting owing to Insufficient attendance. This is an Important question and needs the consideration of the majority of our group. If attendance warrants, it will be considered at the June meeting.
3. Time and place for the next meeting (July?) will be decided, as well as the topic.

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Dick will be attending a week long workshop at Camp Indralaya, Orcas Island, Washington, presented by Harry Van Gelder. Harry Is the brother of Dora Kunz, our national president. Harry and Dora are perhaps the only two remaining that knew C.W. Leadbeater, a noted early Theosophist who had considerable influence on their early lives.

Dick will also be attending the centennial convention at Olcott headquarters In Wheaton, Illinois in mid July. He expects to have much of Interest to report on following these two events.

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Denver Area Study Group  
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July Meeting

Where: Terri Todd's, 710 Gooseberry Court,  
Lafayette, CO 80026. Phone 665.2577.  
When: Wednesday, July 9  
6:10 Meditation or informal discussion  
6:30-8:30 Topic discussion

Topics

1. Dick will be returning from a week long workshop at Orcas Island, Washington state, presented by Harry Van Gelder. We are excited to hear his experiences and share with us what he has learned.
2. WE ARE GOING AHEAD AND APPLYING FOR STUDY CENTER STATUS.

The study center will be a place where people can come together, be interested in each other and Theosophy. We will be able to share ideas and insights however diverse our backgrounds and interests and will welcome all who are seeking the truth.

The benefits of an official study center are several. Departments at Headquarters send helpful materials. Liberal discounts are allowed on the purchase of books from the Theosophical Publishing House. Also the group may receive visits from national or international representatives of the Society who will consult with the members about any problems they may have and give lectures for the group.

People do not have to join the National Society to attend the meetings. But, for people interested in memberships there are three types of memberships:

1. Member of a branch(lodge): This is a more structured group than a study center and may vary on extensive activities, including a regular program for the public. Seven members are required before a branch can be formed.
2. Member-at-large: Affiliated directly with Headquarters and not attached

to any local group. A member-at-large is eligible to attend meetings of any branch or study center subject to the rules of the local group. However, he may not vote in its election or other business transactions.

- 3, Study center member: Study center members pay the same amount of dues as branch members.
3. Various people will be on vacation, we discussed not having a meeting in August but will decide one way or the other at the July meeting.
4. We will be deciding a name for our group at July's meeting. These names have been suggested and we would welcome any others:

Colorado Front Range Theosophical Study Center  
Denver-Boulder Theosophical Study Center  
High Country T.S.C.  
Rocky Mountain T.S.C.  
Great Range T.S.C.  
Front Range Study Center of Ancient Wisdom

Bev attended the Krotona School of Theosophy at Ojai, Calif. for 2 weeks in June. She is studying with Joy Mills on a very exciting project. Joy has asked Bev to form a "fresh approach" to studying *The Secret Doctrine*.

Bev shared with us what she has come up with so far and we were greatly impressed. We wanted to start studying right then and there. Bev will be going back for the month of August and we will look forward in September to hear her additional insight and experiences.





# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## In America

Wheaton, Illinois

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*BE IT KNOWN that I, the undersigned National President, for and on behalf of THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY in AMERICA do hereby give to*

Richard Slusser Beverly B. Noia

Terry Jo Todd Martha Lyman

Virginia Adams Louise Morales

*full power to organize an Official Study Center of THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY at Denver-Boulder Metro Area*

*to be known as*

High Country Theosophical Study Center

*and to be subject to the Society's special rules governing such centers and its jurisdiction and by-laws.*

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have signed these presents and affixed the Society's*

*Seal at Olcott this eleventh day of August*

*in the year 1986.*



*Dora Kumar*

*National President*

140 S. 33rd St.  
Boulder, Colo 80303  
Tel 494-5482  
August 22, 1985

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Dear Theosophical brothers and sisters,

I must apologize for the lapse in setting the date for the planning meeting for forming a greater Denver area Theosophical group, due to my summer studies at the University of Colorado.

Nevertheless I think it is important that these plans materialize now that summer is over and fall is approaching.

Marty Lyman, fellow Theosophist and good friend, and I have decided to hold the planning meeting on Saturday September 28, 1986 at 3PM here at KIVA Cooperative in Boulder. A sketch map is enclosed for your information including a list of those invited so that you can coordinate ride pooling with those living nearby or coming from the same direction.

We would like the meeting to be an enjoyable social event with time to get acquainted with one another and are therefore planning a Potluck dinner at 4:30 PM. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert, preferably vegetarian.

We plan to have a group discussion beginning at 5:30 PM in order to share our individual expectations for the group and determine what each of us can contribute toward its success. I would ask each of you to devote some serious thought to;

- (a) what Theosophy means to you in your personal life
- (b) what expectations and hopes you have for a local study group or chapter in terms of ongoing agenda i.e.
  - (1) study groups
  - (2) guest lecturers
  - (3) service projects, etc.
- (c) what you can personally contribute in terms of:
  - (1) Past organizational experience in Theosophical groups
  - (2) Early experiences with and recollections of Theosophical history and events.
- (d) How frequently you would like the group to meet and where.

The success of this venture will depend on the energy, will and wisdom we each invest in it. May we all dedicate our efforts to the objectives of our founders and to the work of the Great Ones who inspired them in serving humanity in its evolution.

Please RSVP by mail or telephone.

In Brotherhood and Service,

Dick Slusser  
Marty Lyman

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BOULDER, COLORADO

SEPTEMBER, 1986

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

WHERE: Jinny Adams' mobile home (666-4092)  
254 Skylark Drive;  
Lafayette, Colo. (map on reverse)

WHEN: Thursday September 18, 6:30P.M.

TOPICS: Planning of programs for the coming season - : October - May  
Progress report on public outreach efforts.

NEWS: WE ARE NOW "THE HIGH COUNTRY THEOSOPHICAL STUDY CENTER"

As can you see by the heading, we are now "The High Country Theosophical Study Center", having received our charter from Olcott headquarters, dated August 11, 1986. Our members are Dick Slusser (Secretary), Beverley Noia, Terry Todd, Marty Lyman and Jinny Adams. The first *four* are the founding members, Jinny having joined the T.S. at the time of our founding.

Your secretary has been busy working to promote Theosophy locally.

Public radio stations KGNU and KCFR have been asked to consider airing the QUEST radio program series with the object of attracting potential new members to our group.

The Boulder County Hospice has been offered access to C.W. Leadbeater's excellent pamphlet for the bereaved - "To Those Who Mourn", which is available from T.P.H. under a Kern Foundation grant for 2.5c each.

A Radio Shack 1000-SX computer is being Purchased which will give us word-processing and 'Letter-quality' Printer facility and later possibly a computer link-up with other Theosophical and similarly motivated groups via electronic mail, which should be a great asset in networking efforts.

Speaking of Networking efforts, your secretary has written to T.O.S. and Plenty U.S.A. requesting that they reciprocally exchange their publications. Also contacted was the Southern Calif. Federation of Theosophical Lodges - we will be receiving their Newsletter. They are working to unite the efforts of various Theosophical organizations and are also a networking center.

In expectation of having future meetings open to the public as a result of outreach efforts, we are looking for a public meeting place. Terry, Marty and Dick are checking on potential locations in Lafayette, Denver and Boulder. So far, the Public Libraries seem most attractive. In Denver, small rooms accomodating up to 20 are available free and have access to VCR and Movie equipment at a nominal charge.

We understand that there are some who have attended our meetings who support our efforts and wish to be kept informed on our progress altho they are not able to attend regular meetings due to other priorities. At our last meeting we discussed this and the cost of producing and mailing this newsletter and we all! agreed to contribute to its cost. Considering postage and reproduction, the newsletter costs about 30c per issue. if you wish to continue receiving, the newsletter, we ask that you kindly mail a check for \$2.40 for the next 8 issues (Oct. 86 - May 87) to:

Dick Slusser Secretary  
*High Country* Theosophical Study Center  
140 S. 33rd St.  
Boulder, Colo. 80303



The course will begin by addressing the pressing concerns of everyday life -:  
The arms race, the environment, terrorism ... and proceed to explore the more  
fundamental questions of human existence such as:

“Is there hope for humanity?”,

“Does life have meaning beyond ‘the pursuit of happiness?’”

“Is the universe governed by pure chance or by law?”

If answers exist, where are they to be found:  
in Science, Philosophy or Religion?

At this point the Theosophical world view will be explored, beginning with a short  
overview of the fundamental teachings of the principal world religions to show  
their underlying unity.

A brief history of the founding of the Theosophical movement will also be covered.  
Other aspects of the Theosophical world view will be considered:

The unity of all of the manifested universe as aspects of the One Life in  
evolution,

The twin laws of Karma and Reincarnation and the Law of Cycles.

It is hoped that by means of this introductory offering that potential members and  
workers for Theosophy can be attracted to our Study Center.

It is the experience of your Secretary that the average educated adult has never heard  
of the Theosophical movement, a movement which was intended by its Occult founders to  
“arrest the attention of the finest minds” and “to be the cornerstone of the future religion of  
humanity.”

For a movement over 110 years old, having such lofty objectives and altruistic motives,  
it would appear that Theosophy deserves a more prominent shelf in the supermarket of  
ideas.

“THEOSOPHY is that ocean of knowledge which spreads from shore to shore of the  
evolution of sentient beings; unfathomable in its deepest parts, it gives the greatest minds  
their fullest scope, yet, shallow enough at its shores, it will not overwhelm the understanding  
of a child.” William Q. Judge.

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BOULDER, COLORADO

DECEMBER, 1986

## DECEMBER MEETING

WHERE: Beverley Noia's Buffet 1260 Sherman St., Apt. 201  
Denver, 80203 phone 831-1435

WHEN: Wednesday December 17 6:30 PM (Not before please)

## TOPICS:

We shall continue our study and discussion of the Masters and Their work, using as source material a 32 page Xeroxed handout, provided at the last meeting.

The handout includes material from "*The Masters and the Path*", "*Old Diary Leaves*", "*The Mahatma Letters*," and "*Letters from the Masters of Wisdom Series I*", and may suggest topics for further study and discussion on the topic.

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At the November meeting, Beverley Noia gave us her intuitive level approach to using the wisdom of the Masters for personal guidance, pointing out that H.P. Blavatsky has said that Theosophy can truly be understood only by an intuitive approach.

We were instructed to write down four "private questions" to be pondered upon, after which cards were passed out containing quotes from the Masters. Each person also contributed a favorite spiritual quote or maxim.

Each then kept two cards having the most meaningful quotes and discarded the rest. A book of quotes of the Masters was also passed around, with the instruction to meditate upon our questions and open the book at random for a 'relevant' quote. This procedure is similar, Beverley said, to consulting the I Ching in which a seemingly random choice is made to select a guidance quote or aphorism. The guidance I personally received to my problems was useful and encouraging.

The Theosophical course being offered thru Learning Unlimited is scheduled to run for seven weekly sessions of 1 1/2 hours and will be offered concurrently in Denver and Boulder. The course; "The Search for Truth, a Theosophical Quest", will be offered in Denver on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning January 19, 1987. The Boulder section will be offered on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm beginning on January 22, 1987.

The request to the department of education at Olcott for permission to use the Quest Radio series of program tapes has been approved and the tapes are being reviewed for their relevance to the course outline. It is anticipated that most of the series will be used. Presently it is planned to make use of them as pre - class study material to stimulate questions, to set the topic keynote and provide a point of departure for class discussion and study.

Bill Nicholson, at the Department of Education, has also put us in touch with Mrs. Diana Chapotin, for the purpose of enlisting her aid and advice in the preparation of the course content. Diana teaches Theosophy at Happy Valley School at Ojai, California nearby to Krotona Institute and presently offers private education from the theosophical viewpoint at grade levels 9 thru 12. A letter requesting her advice has been sent.

Bill has also informed me that Haydee Garcia, of the Theosophical Research study center in Miami is offering a Theosophical course in Spanish thru the 'continuing learning' section of the university of Miami and has also asked for help. Since Marty Lyman and I (Dick Slusser) plan to spend the Christmas holidays near Miami, we will plan to get in touch with her in order to exchange ideas and resources and perhaps visit the Miami Lodge while in Florida.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the new Learning Unlimited catalog should be available. All those interested will be welcome in the class. Learning Unlimited is located at the Capitol Hill Community Center, 1290 Williams St., Denver and can be reached at 393-6706.

Olcott Theosophical headquarters at Wheaton, Illinois now has a toll - free telephone number which is available for the use of members as also does the Theosophical Publishing house. The numbers are: Olcott; 1-800-654-9429 and T.P.H.; 1-800-654-9430.

Just received in the mail is a newsletter of the United Lodge of Theosophists, "*Theosophical Sparks*". The newsletter is offered FREE, with thanks for contributions. The current November issue will be available at the December meeting. It is indeed encouraging to see networking activity such as this aimed at uniting the efforts of all Theosophists in the movement the world over.

Subscriptions may be had on request to: THEOSOPHICAL SPARKS, P.O. BOX 6849, F.D.R. STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y.