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**THE PHILOSOPHICAL LIBRARY
A SPIRITUAL RESOURCE CENTER**



THE BEACON OF LIGHT

2091 East Valley Parkway, Suite D 760-745-2724
Escondido, California 92027

January

**Start your New Year at the Library!
Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1 p.m.
Add to the vision for 2008!**

Free!

**Jim Self presents
Mastering Alchemy**

Thursday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday through Friday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 1 p.m. – 5 pm.

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What's New.....

The New Year is upon us all. So many articles and stories shall be written for the current issue of periodicals; magazines and newspapers with intended heartfelt reminiscing of yesteryear and/or looking forward to what may lie ahead in the new year. Also to be found will be the usual clamorings of resolutions to be made, only to be broken with in a stone's throw of January 1st. A new diet will come and go quicker than the time it took to read the book explaining it. New behaviors crafted with good intention will revert to old reliabilities in the manner of a good stiff breeze blowing away a paper moon as one reaches for the stars. All too often great importance is placed on a single day as the focal point of great changes. Disaster ensues as expectations lie crumbled, trodden under the hooves of thundering formidables.

Not so for this one – this is a story of true hope, true vision, and living true to one's own self. Did you know that in the entertainment business those most often termed "overnight successes" have spent, on the average, 15 years honing their craft into the recognizable talent that resonates with the fickle public? In other words – there are no "overnight successes." In the field of sports the same can be said – should a young man or woman hit the "big time" at a comparably young age. Believe me when I tell you there are, from my perspective, a great many more comparably young people than there used to be. That aside, please take into consideration - they have been at the task of practice for many years, and more often than not have dedicated a great amount of time during those years in their chosen arena.

Change, even for the better can be most difficult, and at times an overwhelming undertaking. One of the greatest factors, the first in your set up to succeed, is to know if this new "thing" is truly what YOU want. Are you losing weight, a behavior, or a cherished procrastination to feel better, healthier, fit in to your old smile again, or because the love of your life; i.e. spouse, boy/girl friend, best "friend" has commented on how much better you would look, be, act if

The Philosophical Library is located next door to St. Clare's Home at 2411 E. Valley Pkwy. Our driveway is right next to the Amvets resale shop. The Philosophical Library is a non-profit organization. The Library is run by dedicated volunteers and has been a community asset in Escondido since 1964. With over 10,000 books, audio, video and reference materials it is the largest privately owned lending library open to the public in Southern California. Our selections cover an extremely wide range of spiritual topics – from Astrology to Zoroasterism - and everything in between! We have classes, seminars, and special events scheduled everyday. Come visit with us and relax with a book for a while. There's a new Gift Shop with a selection of gems and crystals, gifts, new and used books, and incense. The Philosophical Library and gift shop are open from 1pm to 5pm Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 pm Saturdays. Visit us on line at www.philosophicallibrary.org.

Our mission at The Philosophical Library is to create a conscious community by providing unique resources for those seeking meaning through diverse paths of wisdom.

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Readings with Joan Lascola

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.

Joan Lascola, M.A., Spiritual Healer, Counselor, Teacher, Writer and Reader will be available on Tuesdays. She has 17 years of medium experience and uses tarot cards and a pendulum to access spirit. Joan is teaching a special class this month. Contact her at (951) 698-9736 or (520) 360-9994.

Astrology Readings by Ed

Ed is available for astrology readings. You can contact him at (760) 644-5461.

Kaballah Readings

Thursdays, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Leslie Saunders will be at the Library on Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. Leslie does Kaballah readings utilizing Hebrew cards. You can phone for an appointment (760) 214-5681.

Newsletter Submissions and Scheduling

In order to serve our members, giving enough prior advance notice for events, classes, etc. we **MUST** have the newsletter ready to be mailed early enough in the month. This means that items for the newsletter need to be submitted by the 8th of the preceding month, allowing for creating, proofreading, revisions, printing, processing, etc. For booking new events, check with Ron Porter (760) 484-2743 or ron@philosophicallibrary.org, as to availability of dates. Once your date and time has been established, you need to write a description of the event (75 words or less). This “blurb” should be kept to a reasonable length (see current items) and include a contact person and number and/or e-mail address for further information. These descriptions need to go to Jan Burke at janieb@cox.net.

A meeting room is available for those looking for a facility to hold a class, workshop, speaker, etc. Room fee is \$15 per hour, with a two-hour minimum. Contact Trudy at (760) 419-2002 or trudy@philosophicallibrary.org.

only you would.... Fill in the behavior blank at your leisure. Personally, based on the experiences of relationships previous to my lovely wife Erika, there could be so many for me to choose from.

The choice is yours and yours alone. In making that choice, I can offer merely a weak pittance of proclivity. Let it be known to all, this is nothing I have come up with myself; nay, it has been gleaned from the Greats of the Ages themselves. Now platitudes abound. Do know I am not one to throw them about willy-nilly without a heaping helping of self admonition. Nevertheless, here we go: It's said all journeys start with a *single* step. (What they don't tell you is that all journeys are completed by *continuing* the follow-through in taking those small steps.) Plan for *success*. Be true to *yourself*. Don't do what you don't *want* to do. Be here, in this moment, *now*. Life is happening *only* right now. Regardless of whatever you have chosen to succeed in; it takes *practice*. You are *everything* you need to be, you know *everything* you need to know - right now. You *are* the special-ness you seek. Shop 'till ya drop. Wait; disclude that last one, non-applicable in this situation.

HOPE is up to you, but you may have to look for it. You'll have to take that dusty little container down off the high shelf where it was left so many “whatevers” ago; it's the one right next to jar labeled FAITH. Sprinkle it about liberally. TRUST can be used too. Trust is inherently generous in its recompensing properties. They are all there. Simply a part of one's tool box of unrepleatable treasures we're born with. There are so many more – LOVE, BEAUTY, SILENCE, TRUTH, and COMPASSION to name just a few. They're all right there where you left them. And they all still work. Please drop us a line at the Philosophical Library once you find your tool box. I'd like to know what tools YOU found, and what you're going to *practice* with them in this upcoming year.

Blessings ~ Ron

January Activities

For certain events, limited space is available. Phone 760-745-2724 to reserve a seat.

Monday Events

How to Create a Life of Peace and Freedom

All Mondays in January 6:30 –9:00 p.m.

Four metaphysical classes will be conducted through the month on Monday evenings with two follow-up classes in February (to be determined by participants). Content will cover: establishing peace and freedom in our lives, writing down what you really need and want your life to look like, going to a higher state to tap into a place to work from and receiving support from each other. A bibliography of suggested readings will be included. Donation taken to benefit the Library.

Joan Lascola will be your guide. She is a special education teacher, a marriage/family and child counselor, metaphysical minister, artist and medium. Over the last 18 years, she has taught empowerment classes and workshops in North Carolina, Monterey, CA, and Tucson, AZ. Joan has been a minister for 2 years and does healing work as well as readings on Tuesday afternoons at the Library. For more information, contact Joan at (951) 698-9736

Women of Wisdom Circle

Monday, January 14, 1:00 p.m.

(2nd Monday of each month)

Please join us for the *monthly* meeting of the Women of Wisdom (WOW) empowerment circle. We gather to create a sacred space for women to experience love, support, personal growth and spiritual enlightenment. This month we have a guest who will talk about preserving your photos digitally and in a storybook format...timely suggestion following our fires where many of us left memorabilia behind! Contribution to the library \$5. Jan Burke: (760) 579-2466 or e-mail: janieb@cox.net

We are proud to present a selection from “Paths: Notes from the Spiritual Journey”. Paths, an anthology in Poetry, Prose, and Visual Art was published in April 2007 by the Philosophical Library and was edited by our own Gwyn Henry. The limited first editions of Paths can be purchased at the Library for \$12. This month’s selection is an excerpt from the short story “The Kumal”, by Stephen D. Griffiths. Stephen’s stories have been published in The Literary Journal and The San Diego Reader.

Kama Kerpi again took up his flute and began a mournful tune, its clear notes echoing among the trees. After a few minutes he glimpsed a sudden flash of red out of the corner of his eye. He stopped playing and studied the trees. Then from the quiet he heard a strange sound- - “Heh Hohow!” Again the flashed moved, quickly flying from limb to limb among the trees. Again, the haunting and lonely sound- - “Heh Hohow!”

Soon its source appeared- - a most magnificent and extraordinary Kumal, or Great Bird of Paradise, dazzling and more beautiful than anything he had ever beheld. It moved among the high limbs, darting through the morning sunlight.

When the majestic Kumal came to a rare stop and perched on a high branch, Kama Kerpi observed that the back of the bird was a rust-reddish brown. In contrast to this, its head was a sunburst yellow, and its throat an emerald green. From either side there hung long tufts of golden-yellow feathers. The short, velvet-like feathers in its trailing plumes, and its beautiful collar, showed it to be a male. The females, in comparison, were rather plain.

More Saturday Events

DAY TRIPPIN'!

A Tour of Your Inner Worlds Via the Written Word

Saturday, January 26, 1:00 p.m.

(4th Saturday of each month)

Pack your baggage and bring it all along, as this workshop takes you day tripping through your inner landscapes in search of creative gems that lurk therein. How? By forgetting grammar, spelling, all the rules-- and learning to give voice and freedom to your creative psyche through the flow of words onto paper. Self-discovery, connection to muse energies, exploration of memory, maybe even channeling Shakespeare...all wait for you in this very cool monthly writing experience. You don't have to be a "writer" to enjoy this-- it's designed for novice to advanced levels, and everything in between. Bring writing materials and your sense of adventure. Leave inhibitions at home. Contact award-winning fiction writer and teacher, Gwyn Henry 760-233-0848.



Writing Project Support Group Forming

Currently taking names for the formation of a small group for serious writers who have a writing project in progress-- novel, short story collection, play, memoir. etc. This group is for writers who are determined to see a project to completion and are willing to make a commitment and in turn receive support, to that end. Meeting twice monthly, at the Library. \$30 per month Contact: Gwyn Henry, Facilitator (760) 233-0848.

Sunday Events

The Open Door"—A Spiritual Adventure

All Sundays, 11 a.m.

Psychic, Medium, Psychometrist, Spiritualist, and Police Consultant Reverend Rosemarie A. Kerr will be offering "The Open Door: A Spiritual Adventure". She can be reached in person at 760-746-0545, and can be e-mailed at therevseven@aol.com.

Tuesday Events



New Year's Day Celebration

Tuesday, January 1, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual New Year's Day gathering - creating a large collage of our intentions for the Library for the coming year. Bring your scissors, any special pictures or small items you want on the collage, and a snack to share.

La Entrada de la Luz

All Tuesdays 7-9:00 p.m.

Founded in 2003, "La Entrada" defines itself as a spiritualist society which promotes world peace, environmentalism, and spirit guidance. Our meetings are open to everyone. Each meeting includes a get-acquainted conversation time, a new topic and speaker, refreshments, and a message circle. A donation is taken to benefit the Library. For more information, call Rev. Leslie Saunders at (760) 214-5681.

eScrip

As you know, the Philosophical Library depends entirely on donations and membership to keep our doors open. Please take this time to help support the Philosophical Library by joining eScrip. eScrip is a fast and easy way to support the Philosophical Library with no out-of-pocket expense to you. By registering your Vonsclub card, ATM card, and/or credit cards with eScrip, the Philosophical Library will receive up to 4% of the purchase amount in donations. **There is no extra added cost to you.** The donation comes out of your total purchase price, **not** an additional amount added to your bill. It's easy to join! Just go to www.escrip.com to register your card or cards under our account name or group number. We are registered as The Philosophical & Religious Library but it is easier to find us through our Group ID number which is **150540844**. This small act of kindness will add greatly to

Wednesday Events

“The Secret” Law of Attraction into Action

All Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

In January, the "Secret" group will begin to explore Wayne Dyer's new book: CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS-CHANGE YOUR LIFE---Living the Wisdom of the Tao. We will be reading, discussing, and looking at how the Tao and how its message relates to the "Secret". We will start the first week in January and welcome any and all who are interested in the "Secret" as it pertains to life. We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We will meet the Wednesday after New Years Day. Any questions, please call Joan at (619)850-8690.

Alexander Speaks

Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

(3rd Wednesday of each month)

You are invited to have a 15-minute conversation with Alexander about your questions, beliefs and experiences regarding your Soul's purpose and intent in this lifetime. Discover the spiritual wisdom and the lost teachings of such great philosophers as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Donation to the library \$5. For more information, contact Jim Buchanan (858) 486-8390.

Metaphysical Singles of North County San Diego

Wednesday, January 23, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

(4th Wednesday of each month)

Meet like-minded singles that share your interest in Metaphysics. 2008 Psychics' Panel is the program. Know someone who would like to join our panel? Check the Website for latest news. More information and to reserve your space, contact **Celeste at (760) 294-4526**. Or sign up on website: <http://singles.meetup.com/674>

“When you do things from your soul, you feel
a river moving in you, a joy.”

Rumi

Saturday Events

Joel Goldsmith's “The Infinite Way” Tape Study

All Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

Hear Joel's direct teaching on mysticism, meditation and principals. Learn how to attain conscious union with God. Donations benefit the Library. For more information contact Waddy at (760) 439-2673.

Saturday Evening Film with Richard Dell'Orfano

Saturday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.

(1st Saturday of each month)

A Tale of Two Cities; Starring Ronald Coleman, 1935.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times... is one of the most famous lines in English Literature. This film received two Oscar Nominations. The story of two men who both fall deeply in love with the same woman. The title reflects the way in which the setting alternates between London and Paris. The story tells of the shameless corruption, abuse and inhumanity of the French nobles towards the peasantry. The masses, oppressed for centuries, rise up at last and destroy their masters, becoming themselves just as evil and corrupt. David O. Selznick, its producer, made "A Tale of Two Cities" with superb taste and craftsmanship. There's not a false note sounded among the literally hundreds of supporting performances. Truly one of the finest films of all time, the very definition of the term "film classic," and an honor to view whether it's the first or the hundred-and-first time you've seen it.

Free to all, but a \$5 Donation is suggested to support the Library. Seating is somewhat limited to the first 30 or 40, so arrive early to sign in. Refreshments are limited, but freshly popped free popcorn will be available. Lively group discussion follows every film giving everyone rare opportunity to share your interpretations.

Richard Dell'Orfano has been the discussion moderator for three years at the Escondido Public Library. His selection of dramatic films are chosen for their moral dilemma or socially controversial issue, which "... stimulates thought and consideration even after the discussions.." and "...hopefully plants seeds for spiritual growth," as described in a fan letter. It is a privilege to host Richard and his monthly "Saturday Evening Film" at the Philosophical Library.

Friday Events

Friday Evening Dialogue

All Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

Start the weekend right by joining the Friday Evening Dialogue. Join this unique discussion group and explore spirituality through dialogue and laughter. This get-together is for a discussion in which both differences and similarities are honored. Our goal is the deep inquiry which leads to self-awareness. We get there by examining our belief systems and concepts, sharing our own experiences and listening to others. The only thing you can count on is that every Friday is always different! Let the energy created by this group open you to laughter, to the joy of synchronicity, and the “Freedom to be!” Donation: \$5. More info: Amy at (760) 207-9062.

Why we need volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of The Philosophical Library. Do you have office, library, or retail skills, or no skills at all? If you have a weekday afternoon or just an hour or two, drop by or give us a call. On occasion we do have events or activities on the weekend that we need help with. We are very flexible and will work with your skills. Volunteers are critical to the success of the Library. The Philosophical Library has been serving Southern California and the community of Escondido for over 40 years. That’s where volunteers come in. Come and join us in a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference in people’s lives.

Please note that the Library does not ascribe to any of the material presented in the activities hosted. It is our purpose to offer a forum for the presentation of a wide variety of philosophical, spiritual, religious, and secular beliefs without endorsing those beliefs

Thursday Events

Toning

All Thursdays, 7:00 p.m

Note: No Class on January 24

Toning is a simple, esoteric vocal tool that affects your entire field – body, mind and emotions. It clears, aligns and balances your energy; and best of all, it feels great! Join us in this group work as we submerge ourselves in a sea of Love! Bring bottled water. Donation to Library requested. Call Genny Carr for more information (760) 743-3849

Astrology for Non-Astrologers

All Thursdays 7-9:30 p.m.

Starts again in January as class fills. Get your RSVP in for January 2008 www.astrology.meetup.com/156

Mastering Alchemy

Thursday, January 24, 7-9:30 p.m.

JIM SELF presents the Foundation to “MASTERING ALCHEMY” (Free seminar!) “Alchemy is accomplished by changing the frequency of thought, altering the harmonics of matter and applying the elements of Love to create a desired result”—and is easier than you think. Learn tools to become ONE with the Soul, not to be affected by noise and drama, experience Simultaneous Time, understand how the third, fourth, and fifth dimension work and dissolve the Veils of Forgetfulness. A teacher of spiritual tools for over 27 years, Jim Self conducts the Mastering Alchemy “Creating the Personal Power Field” seminar throughout the world. He will also be offering free teleclasses beginning January 15. For more information: www.MasteringAlchemy.com or Melissa Johnson at (858) 829-3339



Do you have any questions about the Library, the newsletter, or our website? Please feel free to call any of our volunteer staff at (760) 745-2724

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