

DISCUSSION GROUPS *cont.*

Stoic School of Life

2nd and 4th Mondays, 6 – 8 pm

Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci

The School is inspired by the ancient Greco-Roman schools of philosophy. We will examine the theory and practice of Stoicism as a modern applied philosophy that aids us in navigating a world in some ways just as confusing and uncertain as that of ancient Athens and Rome.

Meeting dates subject to change.

Members: Free

Guests: \$5 per session

Tuesdays with TED – TALKS That Is

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2– 3:30 pm

Moderators: Anne Klaeyens, Maggie Determann

Everyone Loves TED! It's even better when you can discuss the talks with other people. Together we will view selections with contemporary ethical themes and engage in a lively discussion. Links to the talks will be published on our website after each session.

Moderators will alternate weeks.

Members: Free

Guests: \$5 per session

Wisdom and World Affairs

1st and 4th Tuesdays, 6 – 8 pm

Moderator: Ken Gans

A philosophical discussion group with varied subjects: the fate of humanity, world affairs, humanism, etc.

Free

WORKSHOPS

The Joy of Personal Writing

NINE sessions, select ONE series:

Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30 pm starting Oct 10

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm starting Oct 12

(no class Thanksgiving week – Nov 21 and 23)

Instructor: Elaine Berman-Gurney

Get started writing, find your writing impulse and work on basic and more complex writing skills. You can belong to a supportive group of writers, some just starting and others with more experience. All are welcome. Fee includes all sessions.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED

Members: \$150

Guests: \$250

Please note that all programs are subject to schedule changes due to inclement weather or various other reasons. Please visit our website for the most updated information.

The Ethical Enrichment Committee seeks to create a wide range of offerings focusing on the mind, body and spirit. All programs are intended to reflect the philosophy of Ethical Culture. We sponsor programs leading to personal growth and development throughout all of life within the context of a caring and committed community. The committee is comprised of Ethical Culture members and a Leader advisor. Programs are open to our members and the public.

To confirm dates and times and to see new program offerings, please visit our website: www.ETHICAL.org.

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“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

– John Dewey

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Ethical Enrichment

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Camaraderie and Good Conversation on Issues Philosophical and Newsworthy **3rd Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 pm, Jan-June**

Moderator: Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

This is a monthly discussion group focusing on contemporary issues and occasionally classical writings relating Ethical Culture and Humanism. We will primarily make use of articles from journals of opinion and book chapters when relevant. Rather than taking a merely journalistic approach, the discussions will aim to illuminate the philosophical concepts and values which underlie the issues being discussed.

Free (Register to receive readings.)

Ethical Death Café

2nd Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Ongoing
4th Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson

A relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea and eat cake. The objective is to increase awareness of death and help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Topics include health care proxy, ethical will, and green burial.

\$5 donation includes refreshments

Ethics and the Theater

2nd Fridays*, Ongoing
6:30 pm Welcome Reception
7 – 9 pm Play Reading and Discussion

Producer: Pat Debrovner

Members of the Society and theater professionals read plays dealing with ethical and moral issues before a live audience. Readings are followed by discussions of the ethical issues raised by the play.

Sep 8: *People of the Book*, Adam Kraar

***Oct 12: *The Revisionist*, Jesse Eisenberg**

Nov 10: *Breaking Bad*, Eddie Antar

Dec 8: *The Cocktail Party*, A. R. Gurney

Jan 5: *On Golden Pond*, D. L. Coburn

Members: \$5 per session

Guests: \$10 per session

Ethics in Film

1st Fridays, 7 – 9:15 pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Chris Everett

Monthly film screening, each followed by a lively discussion of the ethical issues explored.

Oct 6: *Westworld*

Nov 3: *Lost in Translation*

Dec 1: *The Station Agent*

\$5 admission includes snacks and beverages

Forging Forgiveness in an Unforgiving World **2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 – 8 pm, starting Sept 14** **(No meeting Nov. 23, Dec. 28)**

Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeynsen, Leader

Forgiveness lies at the heart of loving relationships. We all harm, and are harmed by others. There's no escaping this human condition. The better we understand the process of forgiveness, the better we are able to repair broken connections.

This 6-session course will explore the process of forgiveness in both the personal and public spheres.
(Register to receive readings.)

Members: Free

Guests: \$5 per session

Great Literature Discussion

1st Wednesdays, 7 – 9 pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Gunther Tielmans

Read the novella in advance and be prepared to discuss the aspects of interest to you by referring to specific related text and reading it to the group. Visit www.meetup.com/Great-Literature-Discussions/ to learn more about us.

Sep 6: *Dom Casmurro*, Machado de Assis

Oct 4: *Death in Venice*, Thomas Mann

Nov 1: *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, Oscar Wilde

Dec 6: *The Little Prince*, Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Jan 3: *The Royal Game (aka Chess Story)*, Stefan Zweig

Members: Free

Guests: \$5 per session

Leader Lunch Discussion

Thursdays, Noon – 1:30 pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeynsen, Leader

Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion of contemporary ethical issues. Folders with printed copies of the assigned articles are available from the Membership Office, room 501. You may also see a full list of the readings at www.ETHICAL.nyc, which includes links to the articles online.

Free

Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesdays, 6 – 8 pm

SIX Sessions starting Sept 13

Moderator: Rob Hofman

Mindfulness Meditation is a tool to help us relax, be more focused and overall feel better. Practiced for thousands of years in the East, it is scientifically to work on the brain in a positive way. For someone who follows the beliefs of Buddhism, it is an essential part of the Buddhist belief system. But for most of us, meditation can be a way to better know ourselves. Everybody can meditate. It gives us pause and a moment to sit, relax and focus on the breath.

Members: Free

Guests: \$5 per session

Massimo's Philosophy Café

3rd Wednesdays, 6 – 8 pm

Moderator: Massimo Pigliucci, Professor of Philosophy
Based on the principle of the Socratic dialogue, every meeting has a simple theme (e.g., Should we be afraid of death? What are the ethics of eating?), introduced through a suggested reading with open discussions aimed at sharpening our thinking about the subject matter being examined during that session. *Meeting dates subject to change.*

Members: Free

Guests: \$5 per session

Race, Systems and Society

2nd Tuesdays, 6 – 7:30pm, starting Sept 12

Moderator: Dr. Richard Koral

Even among those who are mindful of the subtle racial, ethnic, and class distinctions that persist in society, we are all participants in a larger societal structure that perpetuates injustices. We will read and discuss books and articles that explore the features of systemic racism and classism in America to better understand the ways in which society can recreate itself to permit all people to flourish and thrive.

Members: Free

Guests: \$5 per session

Speaking of Science...

4th Mondays, 6:30 – 8 pm, Ongoing

Coordinators: Bill Baker, Joe Fashing, Jesus Torres-Vazquez

These monthly sessions feature guest speakers who share their expertise on the many aspects of the scientific process. Scientists, engineers, doctors, writers, and educators enlighten us on the way science works. Refreshments provided.

Members: \$5 per session

Guests: \$10 per session