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Class location to be determined and will be announced in your registration packet. Schedule is subject to change.
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In the context of the evolution of science and technology, Tesla's contributions stand out for their innovative nature and profound impact on the world of electricity. His work on the alternating current and wireless transmission laid the groundwork for modern electric power systems. Tesla's vision of wireless power for ships and vehicles and his influence on the development of radio communication were ahead of their time. His legacy continues to shape the landscape of technology, with applications ranging from wireless power transfer to the internet of things.

**9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

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