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PASSED INTO HIGHER SERVICE

Joan Russell (nee Mulholland)

A former Leading Knight in the Round Table and a member of the Vegetarian Society, Joan was also an active member of the T.S., belonging to the sewing group and involved in the annual Fairs run by HQ for many, many years. As a child, Joan was also a pupil at Vasanta School as were her daughters.

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Charlottemarie: *'Fields of Joy'*

Thursday 7th Aug 7.30 HPB Hall

Charlottemarie is an International Chanter-Vocalist, Performance and Recording Artist. *'Fields of Joy'* is an awakening and transforming performance/presentation experience embodying music and information on how the impact of sound heals and elevates our physical, emotional, mental, energetic, and consciousness bodies through the human voice.

Charlottemarie integrates Universal principles in sound, chant, indigenous music, healing, yoga, meditation and mythology in her performances, compositions and recordings. Her 4.5 octave range covers a spectrum of sound that adds multi-dimensional, transcendental experience fusing chant, music and sound with traditional teachings and potent messages. Her recent works, "Fields of Joy" inspire and elevate magically blending sound, science and spirit that penetrates to the core. Charlottemarie has 7 CD's to her credit, she performs worldwide and has been awarded Grants and Fellowships for her unique composition and performance works.

Murray Stentiford

Thursday 21st August, HPB hall, 7.30pm

Report on the Australian Science Seminar at Springbrook in Queensland last May. Murray recently attended a seminar in Australia with a range of speakers - including Rosanne DeBats, the guest speaker at our next Convention. Speakers addressed vital issues involving the expansion of science into the field of consciousness with several lectures including views on the futility and emptiness of the skeptical materialist view. An interesting evening is promised.

Film Evening

Thursday 11th Sept 7.30

We will provide a selection of films on the evening to be voted on by the initial attendees of what we hope to become a regular meeting of a proposed film group! We will view & discuss the winning film on the night, discuss future possible showings. All members welcome.

Semester 2

STUDY CLASSES

Module 3

Monday nights from 4th August to 1st September

The Purpose of Man, the Spiritual Life, the Path, the Masters and the Devas

This module takes a look at the spiritual journey of man. Do we have a purpose in life and what is it? What are the different stages on the human journey? What is it about the spiritual life that attracts people and what does the spiritual life demand of us in terms of behaviour etc? What is the spiritual Path, how do you find it and what are its various stages? Who are the Masters, what are their functions and what evidence is there for their existence? Is there a spiritual body of humanity? We look at new developments in science, which support human kinship and oneness and we will look at the Devas (angels) and the ways that they interact with man.

LIBRARY & BOOKSHOP

ECHOES FROM THE GNOSIS

G.R.S. MEAD

A new definitive edition of an original collection of 11 volumes published in the early 20th century. These are translations by GRS Mead of ancient Gnostic texts. In this edition each text has added historical background, source information, literary comment and spiritual interpretation. Mead, who devoted his life to esoteric studies and was a pioneer in the Gnostic revival, uniquely understood the complex symbolism of his subject. The reader may be surprised to learn that some of these texts were initially not books but instead, initiatory mystery rituals. The editor of this edition, John Algeo, preserves Meads own inspired language.

To enhance the text for today's readers, the volume includes new explanatory essays by contemporary Gnostic Stephen Hoeller and a biography by Robert Gilbert, a world authority on Mead. Newcomers, as well as those familiar with Gnosticism, will treasure this definitive edition for its accessible, deep insights into the visionary religion that is once more attracting spiritual seekers.



CAN HUMANITY CHANGE?

J KRISHNAMURTI IN DIALOGUE WITH BUDDHISTS



What is happening in the world today is pointing to the need for a fundamental change in human consciousness, and is such a change possible? This is an issue at the heart of both Krishnamurti's and the Buddha's teachings and the subject of this book.

Many have considered Buddhism to be the religion closest in spirit to J.

Krishnamurti's spiritual teachings – even though the great teacher was famous for urging students to seek truth outside organized religion. This record of an historic encounter between Krishnamurti and a group of Buddhist scholars provides a unique opportunity to see what the great teacher himself has to say about Buddhist teachings. The conversation, which took place in London in the late 1970s, focused on human consciousness and its potential for transformation. Participants include Walpola Rahula, the renowned Sri Lankan Buddhist monk and scholar, author of the classic introductory text, 'What the Buddha Taught'.

What is one to make of this encounter? This seems like a question whose very nature demands that the answer, if there is one, be left solely to the reader.

HPB Building Woes

Bad news we're afraid!

While our building doesn't fall into the Leaky Syndrome category, unfortunately we DO have a problem with rotting weatherboards around the back of the library. Work is in hand to replace these and to sort the sealing on the edge of the roof, around the columns, which appears to be the source of the problem.

The roof covering will also need to be replaced in the next few years, having reached the end of its lifespan.

Over the last couple of months, many people have commented on the wonderful ambience in the hall and building, so it is well worth our while making the investment to keep our Lodge up to scratch...including the gardens and grounds which are, after all, visitors' first impressions of us as a Society.

Your help and donations, in money or "in kind", are vital to help preserve this precious asset. If you can spare a little time please ring: Ph. 09 524 7994 or email hpbsec@theosophy.org.nz



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