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HPB Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2009. It was interesting to see the (fairly extensive) Sunday Star Times article on Near Death Experience research in Auckland Anniversary weekend - wouldn't it be great if the T.S. in NZ could be seen as a place to further one's enquiries in areas such as this.... Something to think about as we head into an age where people become increasingly interested in issues beyond the physical realms - and perhaps increasingly confused in these times of great change.

Hopefully we can demonstrate that we at HPB can be of value to such seekers. In the meantime we'll be strengthening our nucleus with the start of our regular Members Meetings on Thursday, February 19th.

Donations for our inevitable roof replacement keep rolling in. These are very much appreciated as we may have to get this under way before the winter.

Special General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that a **Special General Meeting** of the HPB Lodge of the Theosophical Society will be held on **19th February 2008 at 7.30pm** at 4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom for the purpose of electing a Treasurer for the current year.

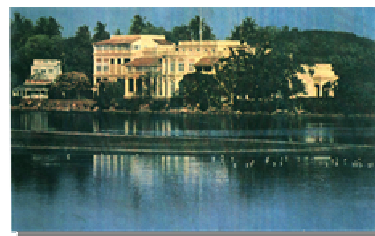
ADYAR DAY

Thursday 19th Feb 7.30pm HPB Hall (Members' Meeting)

- 7.30pm Special General Meeting to elect a Treasurer for HPB Lodge
- 7.40pm Short talk by President of HPB, Darryl Crofskey
- 7:45pm National President, Warwick Keys, will be speaking at this first Members' Meeting about his recent experiences at Adyar.
- 8:00pm Readings by Ganesh Kumar and Darryl, leading into inspirational and thought provoking contributions and comments from all present.

Supper, bring a small plate of your favourite vegetarian food to share.

Do come and participate in this first event on the HPB Calendar! We look forward to seeing you there.



MEMBERS' MEETINGS

This year, the Committee is hoping to hold regular members' meetings on the **4th Thursday of each month**....unless notified of a change in date for a particular month. The format for these meetings will be:

- ❖ Attunement
- ❖ Welcome to new members
- ❖ A range of topics/books studied and discussed via:
 1. A 10 minute talk by an individual followed by a general discussion amongst those present.
 - OR 2. Readings from a selected book, with those present each taking a turn to read a short passage followed by general discussion, before proceeding to the next passage.
- ❖ Attunement to close.

It is hoped that in-depth theosophical discussions will emerge from this format, with members at every stage of study and learning, able to participate and contribute their thoughts/questions.

Members will be notified through the Newsletter and at the conclusion of each meeting, as to which book will be focused on for the coming month. If you have a copy, please bring it. If not, there will be books available to share.

DATES **February Members' Meeting** will be combined with **Adyar Day**
 Thursday 19th Feb 7:30pm HPB Hall

March Members' Meeting Book: *'The Masters and the Path'*
 Thursday 26th March 7.30pm HPB Hall

RESEARCH GROUP

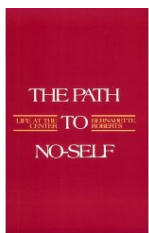
The purpose of this group is to delve into theosophical topics in even greater depth.
Beginning March 9th Mondays 7.30pm HPB Library

PUBLIC MEETINGS

These will be held on the **3rd Thursday of each month** where speakers are available. Changes to this format will be notified in the Newsletter.

LIBRARY & BOOKSHOP

'The Path to No-Self' by Bernadette Roberts \$52



In our major religious traditions, the outstanding milestone in the spiritual journey is the permanent, irreversible transcendence of the self-centre or ego. The fact that a great deal has been written about the journey to this point means that many people have come this far. But what, we might ask, comes next? Looking ahead, we see no path: even in the literature there seems to be nothing beyond an abiding awareness of a oneness with God. Had this path been mapped in the literature, then at least we would have known that one existed; but where no such account exists, we assume there is no

path and that union of self and God is the final goal to be achieved.

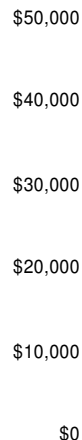
The main purpose of *The Path to No-Self* is to correct this assumption. It verifies that a path beyond union does indeed exist, that the eventual falling away of the unitive state happens as the culmination of a long experiential journey beyond this state. The author shows that a path exists between the transcendence of the ego[self-centre], which begins the unitive state, and the later falling away of all self, [the true self], which ends the unitive state.

As a first-hand account, *The Path of No-Self* will be of interest to those with similar experiences, or for those searching for a better understanding of their own spiritual journey.



ROOF REPAIR FUND

We are still well short of our target for this major and essential repair work.



Can **YOU** assist your Lodge?

Any amount no matter how small would be appreciated.

