



# theosophical centre

## HPB Newsletter

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### From the President

By the time you read this we will be on our way to Yosemite National Park. I hope the Lodge and you all have a happy, safe and prosperous three months while I am away.

The Introduction to Theosophy Course is well underway and we have new and keen students who have made a commitment to the full seven weeks. I have attended the first three. We have tried to foster an atmosphere of safety and openness whereby anyone can speak out and voice their thoughts and opinions. 'Senior' members are welcome to attend, especially on the last evening on September 14th where we intend having a panel discussion. Darryl



## HPB LODGE AGM 15th October 2009

- **All Key Holders need to return or re-sign for their keys at the AGM.**

If you cannot attend, please contact Susan to make alternative arrangements,  
ph 846 -2179

- **Appeal for new Committee Members!**

Here's a thought.... Why not join the Committee for a year? A year is such a short space of time in relation to one's entire lifespan!

**What's in it for you?** Meeting once a month to share ideas related to your Lodge and theosophy in general, with a great bunch of like-minded people.

**What's in it for your Lodge?** The commitment of one member to the work of the Theosophical movement.

*This year has been quite a challenge, with low committee numbers compared with previous years plus the loss of our dear Dorothy. It is with this challenging year in mind that we appeal for workers! It would make things a lot easier to have one or two*

*more HPB committee members to lighten the load. Please give some thought to including a role as an HPB Committee member in your life experiences!*



## Programme Sub-Committee

As an alternative to becoming a full committee member, do you have ideas or thoughts about programmes for our

Lodge?

We are planning to form a group of 5 or so keen individuals (including President/any interested committee members) which will focus specifically on devising the programme, confirming booking requirements with the appropriate people, producing advertising/publicity... This group would meet regularly, but not necessarily monthly, and would furnish a report to the HPB Committee for their monthly meeting. First meeting in November. Would you like to be part of such a group?

*Nominations for the HPB committee and expressions of interest in the Programme Sub Committee to be directed to [hpbsec@theosophy.org](mailto:hpbsec@theosophy.org) ASAP – closing date for nominations: **5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009!***

## Missing Library Books

There are a large number of overdue books missing from the HPB library. Some of these are very old, some are even 1st editions and therefore valuable to us on a number of levels.

Books are issued from the Library for ONE MONTH only. Any extension on this needs to be processed as a renewal which we are happy to do. This can be done over the phone or in person.

We therefore declare an AMNESTY on all overdue books: no fines will be incurred on any books returned to the Library within one month from this newsletter. If you have had the book for over two months, we would like it back. We will issue a renewal if we see it in person.

If you think you may have a book from HPB and have forgotten to return it, please have a look around and let us know. The Library is HPB's most precious asset; help us to preserve it.



## MEMBERS MEETINGS

<p><b>Discussion &amp; Research Group – led by Val White</b> (in Darryl's absence)  <b>Monday evenings</b> at 7:30pm</p>	<p>Held in the HPB library</p>
<p><b>Members' Discussion Group</b>  <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> at 7.30pm</p>	<p>Members' Discussion Group will be resumed at the end of the Introduction to Theosophy. Topic, C.W. Leadbeater's '<b>Masters and the Path</b>', led by Ganesh.</p>
<p><b>Self Transformation Seminar for Beginners</b>  <b>Vic Hao Chin</b>  <b>September Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>9:00am to 5:00pm</b></p>	<p>Vic Hao Chin's Self Transformation Seminar, <b>for new attendees</b>. This is all all-day (9-5pm) event; numbers will be limited - we will keep you posted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For more information see below</b></p>
<p><b>Self Transformation Seminar for Facilitators</b>  <b>Vic Hao Chin</b>  <b>September Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>9:00am to 5:00pm</b></p>	<p>Vic Hao Chin's Self Transformation Seminar, <b>for facilitators</b> (those who have already completed the course).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For more information see below</b></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC MEETINGS</h2>	
<p><b>Introduction to Theosophy Series 'What is Theosophy?'</b>  <b>Mondays – (up to and including September 14<sup>th</sup>)</b> at 7.30pm</p>	<p>A series for beginners which will serve as a precursor to further development on a potential Theosophy 101 course to be offered next year. Held on Monday evenings, it will run for 6 weeks, with a discussion session on the 7th week for participants to offer up their questions and views. If you know of any interested seekers who are new to the T.S. we would like to see them.</p>

**NB] Venue is HPB Hall unless otherwise stated.**

## Vic Hao Chin

Vic Hao Chin, Jr. is the President of the Theosophical Society in the Philippines. He has also published a number of books, such as *The Process of Self-Transformation* and *Why Meditate?* He edited the chronological edition of the *Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*. He was the Associate Editor of the *Theosophical Encyclopedia*. He is also the President of Golden Link College, a theosophical school established in 2002. For more than ten years, he has been traveling to various parts of the world conducting the Self-Transformation Seminar, a workshop that seeks to integrate theosophical principles and ideals with daily behavior.

**The Transformation Program of the Philippine Theosophical Institute is a comprehensive process of personal and spiritual growth in accordance with Theosophical Principles.**

It is a process devoted to the integration of the personality with the inner or higher self of the individual, leading to self-mastery and the awakening of one's higher spiritual potential. It starts with a seminar and is followed with a life program that seeks to sustain in daily life the initial insights and learnings.

The programme aims to help individuals to:

- Review one's understanding of reality
- Clarify one's core and personal values
- Learn self-awareness
- Eliminate recurring emotional distress in one's life, such as fear, depression, anger, phobias, stress, trauma, hurt, etc.
- Be effective in one's interpersonal relationship through genuine listening and effective communication
- Be free of unwanted conditionings
- Take control over one's own destiny
- See beyond the surface appearance of things and events
- Strengthen the higher self and control the lower self
- Learn the art of meditation
- Systematically pursue the path of the spiritual life

The Self-Transformation Program is a non-commercial, non-profit service of the Philippine Theosophical Institute and has not only been conducted in various countries, such as Australia, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh. It has also been shared with the faculties, administrative officers, and students of many schools, colleges and universities.

### FAR MEMORY: *The Autobiography of Joan Grant* \$27

'Far memory' is the ability to recall one's earlier lifetimes with as much clarity and vividness as one might recall an episode from 20 years ago, in this lifetime. Joan Grant has an exceptional talent for far memory- a talent she nurtured and developed as a young adult. This led to the writing of seven novels which are, in fact, recollections of earlier lives she has led, from ancient Egypt to renaissance Italy, from thousands of years ago in America to Greece and Rome at the beginning of the Roman Empire.

In this book, her autobiography, Joan tells the story of her present life and how she came to develop her intuitive skills and write her novels. It is a fascinating, even breathtaking story to read as she recounts her adventures as a high-spirited child, the shock of losing her fiancé through a tragic accident, the discovery of deep, enduring friendships and, ultimately, the unfolding of her amazing talents.

This book is available from the book depot at 4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom or it can be posted to you at a cost of \$4. To order phone 5247994 or email [hpbooks@theosophy.org.nz](mailto:hpbooks@theosophy.org.nz)

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