



# theosophical centre

## HPB Newsletter

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### From the President

The first Members' meeting was well attended and I thank all of you who were there for a pleasant evening. Part of the meeting was spent discussing the format for our members meetings. We came to a group agreement on the format. We will begin with an attunement at 7.30 to kick start the collective energy of the meeting. The front doors to the hall will be closed at 7.25 so as to protect the attunement from any disturbances. Anyone arriving after this time will be able to come in though the dining area and will be shown to an available seat. I have been studying members' meetings and the hidden side through works by Annie Besant, CWL and Hugh Shearman and have grown to appreciate their importance, so I would like to encourage participation from as many HPB members as possible. Our programme is flexible and we welcome contributions and suggestions from HPB members. This can take the form of a short presentation or discussion on a particular topic at our monthly members' meeting or something for our spare slot on Tuesday evenings in the hall at 7.30pm. So, if you want to run a book review group for a few weeks, a single evening presentation, or a course in Tarot or the I-Ching for example please make your suggestions to the Programme Committee via myself: [hpbpres@theosophy.org.nz](mailto:hpbpres@theosophy.org.nz) or directly : [crofskey@ihug.co.nz](mailto:crofskey@ihug.co.nz).

Namaste

MEMBERS MEETINGS
<p><b>Film Evenings</b> - followed by group discussion.            First Friday of each month            @ 7:00pm</p>
<p><b>Discussion Group</b>            Monday evenings            March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm  <b>The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali</b></p> <p>May 3<sup>rd</sup> - TBA @ 7:30pm  <b>Living Wisdom by Joy Mills ...Secret Doctrine studies</b></p>
<p><b>Special Members' Meeting</b>  <b>Warwick Keys – Transcendence; Theosophy in NZ</b>            Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Members' Meeting</b>            Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30pm  <b>Education and Social Transformation model of TS in the Philippines</b></p> <p><b>Members' Meeting</b>  <b>A Discussion on the Changes Implied by 2012</b>            Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm</p>
<p><b>New Spirit Festival (Albany Stadium)</b>            Sat 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> May            8:30am – 5:00pm</p>
<p><b>White Lotus Day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 – 8.30pm</b>            featuring supper, displays and talks</p>
PUBLIC MEETINGS
<p><b>'2012 – A Theosophical Perspective' – June Vallyon</b>            Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>NB] venue - HPB Hall unless otherwise stated</b></p>

## LIBRARY & BOOKSHOP

The library re-opened for the year on 1st March.  
The opening hours are the same as last year:  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11.30am to 2:00pm  
and Saturday from 10:00am to 12:30pm.



### BOOK REVIEW 'How the World Can Be the Way It Is'

by Steve Hagen                      \$27.20

In this wise and original book, Steve Hagen, former science researcher, now a Zen priest and meditation teacher - helps us to see the world and ourselves as they really are. Using a provocative mix of humour, Zen stories and contemporary science, Hagen teaches us to stop trying to define everything we encounter and to simply experience it! His off-beat philosophical tour through the mysteries of perception will amaze and delight seekers and thinkers of every persuasion. In crisp no-nonsense prose, he demonstrates that Reality is not to be found in complex philosophical or religious formulations, but is immediately available to those with eyes to see, as plain as the nose on your face. Hagen, as cosmic ophthalmologist, retrains our eyes to see again the Original Vision and shows how to use the power of bare attention to experience how consciousness recreates the world moment by moment. Read this book: it will change how you look at things.

### ROOF REPAIR PROGRESS

Photos of the old and new roof were shared at the Adyar Day meeting, and an update given to those present.

**In Summary** – The new materials being used are more durable than when the roof was first built, and will last a good 15 – 20 years (guaranteed for 15 minimum). BUT... as the old roof has been uncovered, more damage has been discovered and attended to, which has escalated the costs a further 12% on top of the original \$70,000 estimate! However, the work has to be done and we will have a sturdy, leak-proof building at the end, with new guttering in addition to the new roof.

### GARAGE SALE

**WHEN:** Morning of Saturday, April 10th

**WHERE:** 76 Margot Street

After the expense of the roof repairs, HPB Lodge is in need of a few more fund raising activities. Therefore we are holding a garage sale.

We will be advertising in the Leader community newspapers. So, if you have anything at all you think would work well in a garage sale, now's the perfect time to get rid of it! We will be taking items right up until April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Darryl, Sharn Laurie or Valerie White will be able to help receiving items.

Please call the Lodge or email Darryl ([crofskey@ihug.co.nz](mailto:crofskey@ihug.co.nz)) before bringing it all in.

**Polite Request: No junk – our aim is to make money from reasonable quality goods.**



## NZ SCHOOL OF THEOSOPHY 2010

ॐ April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> ॐ

**Arrive** – Thursday afternoon 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Depart** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April after lunch **includes Easter**

**Theme:** SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND SPIRITUAL SEARCH

**Principal Speaker:** RAVI RAVINDRA

Ravi Ravindra received his early education in India before moving to Canada. He has been a Member of the Institute of Advanced Study in Princeton, and a Fellow of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study in Shimla. At present Dr. Ravindra is Professor Emeritus at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, where he was Professor and Chair of Comparative Religion and Adjunct Professor of Physics.

In addition to a profound study of the great traditions, Ravi Ravindra has had a longstanding and serious engagement with spiritual search. He has been nourished by his close association with Krishnamurti, with Zen and with the Gurdjieff Work. The approach taken in this course is not “philosophical” or “historical” or “scientific”; it is above all “spiritual”

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Or go to: <http://www.theosophy.org.nz/SchoolOfTheosophy/SoT2010.html>



For those interested, **His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar**, head of the *Art of Living Foundation*, will be giving a public talk at the Waitakere Trusts Stadium, 6pm on April 5th. His talk is entitled *Ancient Wisdom for Today's Challenges*. The Art of Living Foundation is based on the universal human values of compassion, love, caring and sharing, regardless of culture, caste or creed. Tickets for the talk can be obtained from [www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz) or by phoning ☎ 0800-4-ticket and cost \$25 for a general seat or \$50 (VIP area).