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HPB Newsletter

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From the President

Since taking up this role as President of HPB Lodge I have become increasingly aware of our need to contemporise our message. To continue to update our language and presentation so that an interest for exploring the Ageless Wisdom continues to be created amongst the younger generations and also, among those new to Theosophy. To actually find theosophy in expressions within the modern world of science and art, in modern philosophies and psychology is the key to effective communication of theosophy.

A terrific opportunity to help develop a contemporary understanding is available this September 25th-26th as we host the Integral Theosophy workshop at HPB. The integral philosophy developed by Ken Wilber and others is an example where certain elements of the ageless wisdom can be expressed through a modern system. More details can be found at <http://www.integraltheosophy.net/>. Following in October we have two workshop weekends on the Self Transformation method developed by Vic Hao Chin - one way to start putting theosophy into practice. I hope the winter is treating you all well.

Namaste, Darryl



*Congratulations to our President Darryl
and his beautiful new fiancée Nicole!!*



We at HPB Lodge wish them much happiness

FOLLOW UP TO RECENT LETTER TO HPB MEMBERS REGARDING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

In light of the urgent issues outlined in the recent letter sent to HPB members, a group of concerned members have produced a discussion document proposing a restructuring of the governance bodies of our national TSNZ organisation. It is felt that the current structure is outdated and is no longer able to function to the benefit of the Society as a whole. This document will be posted to you all shortly after this newsletter is published. Your committee will be inviting feedback from as many of you as possible, as an issue as important as this cannot simply be dealt with by a select few via the National Council. We feel it must be canvassed via the membership, in a true spirit of democracy and transparency. Watch this space!

REINCARNATION: The Phoenix Fire Mystery compiled and edited by Susan Cranston \$39

This book presents writing from people as different as J D Salinger, Paul Tillich, G B Shaw and St Augustine on the subject of reincarnation. It places the concept of reincarnation in historical and cultural context showing quite clearly how it is not just a fad or an oriental fantasy. This anthology is so comprehensive that it should stand for many years as the standard book on the subject and the quotations themselves carry the weight of deep convictions from minds of great calibre. It is also fascinating and moving to read, filled with encouragement and with the extraordinary eloquence of poetry, myth and religion. Such a massive encyclopaedic gathering from the religions of both East and West, from science, psychology and philosophy will open the eyes of many people who have hitherto dismissed the rebirth theory.



MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Discussion group

Living Wisdom by Joy Mills - Secret Doctrine Studies
Mondays 7.30pm

Film Group

1st Friday of EVERY MONTH.

Doors open @ 7:00pm (7:30pm start)

Kymatica (Duality of Nature) AUGUST 5th

Following the lines of the very popular & informative Zeitgeist series of current global themes. Includes the sub themes of :

- Evolution of the Self & Personal Responsibility .
- Psychological Mass Consciousness manipulation , Cults
- Ancient Philosophy

For the open minded & forward looking!

The Secret Meaning of the Vedic Fire Sacrifice by Alex

Melrose Thursday AUGUST 19th 7:30pm

As an exercise in meeting the 2nd Objective of the TS, in religious reasoning and to briefly introduce the methods of modern religious studies (including Comparative Religion), Alex will guide us through the Vedic fire sacrifice as outlined in the oldest Vedic scripture, the Rigveda. Friends welcome ☺

Our first 'Open Mic' Evening

Thursday AUGUST 26th 7:30pm

The first (of many we hope!) of your contributions to our open member's presentation evenings. Three-four short presentations followed by discussion on each. We want these meetings to continue as a safe environment for members to air their ideas.

NB: venue - HPB Hall unless otherwise stated

Early Heads Up

① **September 25-26 - Integral Theosophy Workshop with Victor MacGill and Linda Watts**

All day Saturday/Sunday will wind up around 1pm. (A koha for lunches and refreshments will be requested)

Why Integral Theosophy? Can it add to our current understanding and perhaps more importantly, can it contribute to consciousness? In the past, theosophy has been labelled, 'pseudo spiritual' and criticised for being syncretic rather than offering a genuine synthesis of knowledge and spiritual understanding. We'll explore the evolution of spirituality and theosophy's place in that evolution. Most importantly, we'll look at what theosophy can offer seekers of knowledge and wisdom 'here/now'.

We'll look at integration on both the horizontal and vertical plane as understood in Integral Thought and Practice and learn about the difference between states and structures of consciousness.

We'll also look at ILP (Integral Life Practice) and how it can enable us to harmonise our lifestyles and even 'build skills for thriving in an environment of accelerating complexity'... to borrow a phrase from Peter Senge.

We need to be mindful that this is a work in process. Our workshops are intended to be co-creative forums within which to explore how an integral approach might contribute to an effective shift in the way we view our political, spiritual and educational systems.....including the development of Unique Self with a capital S.

Please register your interest with Darryl: hpbpres@theosophy.org and he will pass you onto Victor and Linda.

② **October 9-10 and 16-17 - Process of Self Transformation Workshop**

- Book Early to reserve your place - phone Margarita or John (09) 815-1627.

Contact hpbpres@theosophy.org for more info or see Newsletter issued between now and October.

New group for interested individuals - UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE

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Light - local interfaith group hohonga tika

Light is a local interfaith Group formed in Howick in June 2010 which provides a monthly meeting place for Interfaith Dialogue – where local people, of any faith, religion, spiritual expression and indigenous tradition may come together to both hear and share each other's understandings

Light meets every second Thursday

Venue: Miss Nixon's Homestead (Snr Citizens House)
Garden of Memories, Uxbridge Road, Howick

Upcoming meeting: August 12th 2010 @ 5:45pm (6:00pm start) - Expected finish time 7:30 approx

If you are interested in attending a 'Light' meeting or wish to know more information, feel free to contact Zan Iqbal – mobile: 0212150077, email: zan_in_nz@yahoo.co.nz



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