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Transformation

One of the few things that don't change, is that everything is in a state of change! But there is change and change, and some is for the worse; some for the better.

The best and most positive change for a human being involves their whole self, bringing the healing and illuminating qualities of spirit into the arena of thought, feeling and behaviour, in true integration.

The theme of such transformation, begun last month with our meetings on energy therapies etc, will continue in September.

You Couldn't get to Tauhara?

Then come and hear:

- What happened there
- How the process works
- The possibilities
- Successes with the method

With some of those who
attended the NZ School of
Theosophy at Tauhara.

7:30pm Thursday 15 Sep 05

Apologies for the short notice.

Nature's Being

with



Bryan and Helen Pollock

(from New Plymouth)

Enter into a reflective state with
this visual meditation using
photographic artistry, music and
earth's harmonies.

7:30pm Monday 26 Sep 05

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4 Warborough Avenue
Epsom. All welcome.

A Study Class special event

School of Theosophy at Tauhara

The NZ School of Theosophy, held at the Tauhara
centre near Taupo, was a truly inspiring experience,
showing how simple methods using directed
awareness and deep mindful breathing could loosen
the shackles of fear, anxiety and trauma in the
gentlest possible way.



Guest leader Vic Hao Chin, president of the Theosophical Society in
the Philippines, showed how such transformation is an integral part
of the spiritual path, embedded totally in the world view and values
of Theosophy. Some of those present will continue to practise the
method, which is now being taught in schools and businesses in the
Philippines. There's more in the NZ TS newsletter, see link below.

Helping from Home

Have you been reaching out in your thoughts and prayers to the
massive numbers of people traumatised by recent events in the world
in the last few months? Would you like to link with others in this
healing work, especially as combined meditation is a powerful tool?

If so, you'll find a group meditation on the TS in New Zealand's web
site at www.theosophy.org.nz/Meditation. Follow the links, and
you'll find versions that you can print off and work from. The more
the better, in group work, and the effect goes up far more than in
proportion to the numbers doing it. There's more information about it
in the September issue of the NZ Section magazine which is on the
TS in NZ web site at:

www.theosophy.org.nz/SectionNewsLetter/0509-HQ-Newsletter.pdf

Looking Forward to It

A 5 year plan from the National Council of the Theosophical Society
in New Zealand is outlined in the Section magazine, see the link
above. Do you have any comments or additions? If so, please tell us.

What's Coming Up



Your Energy Field Helps

Picture this in the HPB hall: Scattered round the chairs are a few members of the public who have never been before, plus a few relatively new members. The space seems a lot to fill, the people wonder if this is all who are interested in Theosophy.

Now for a different scene: The same members of the public are there with the same newer members of the Society, but with them in the room are a dozen longer-term members who not only welcome them with warmth and the recognition of a fellow-seeker, but support the whole atmosphere and purpose of the meeting.

Would those newer people feel a difference in these two cases? What would that difference be?

If each of our longer-term members came to just 1 or 2 more of the public and members' meetings each year, it would make this difference. Would you please be one of them?

Growing Beauty

The life forms which populate the HPB grounds would really appreciate some more TLC and the removal of plants that are crowding them. We appreciate those who have volunteered before, but would everybody please consider being in touch with Alistair again? Phone (09) 827 3220. A little time from several people will make a big contribution.

Alistair has been working on a project to protect the garden by diverting the torrents of water that cascade down the slopes of Mount St John in heavy rain.

Healing our Planet

Mareva is a cheerful woman with twinkling eyes and a Hawaiian background. She is easy to talk with and listen to, yet has undergone the more esoteric training of several indigenous cultures. Visiting NZ, she will be our guest.

Mareva will share with us many insights and experiences in connection with the energies from human and other sources that have been embedded in our landscape, and how to clear them. Thursday 22 September, 7:30pm. Phone (09) 529 1743.

Details ph 09 529 1743.

Astrology and Soul Purpose

Lorraine Tyrell seems to have lived several incarnations in one, having been, at different times, a teacher, businesswoman, artist and astrologer, to mention only a few of her accomplishments. This talk will show how Astrology can help bring to conscious awareness the deeper currents of purpose and destiny at our core.

Thursday 6 October, 1pm lunch, 2pm for the meeting.

Prisoners Transformed

Nothing speaks louder than words from the "horse's mouth". In this video, we are privileged to see interviews with 2 men whose lives led them to spend extensive time in prison, but who have now been substantially freed from the inner prison of overwhelming negative emotion and patterning, by using an energy process called Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT).

NB: Special date – we couldn't use the hall on the usual Friday.

Thursday 6 October, 7:30pm.

Brotherhood of Man

Denis Burrow will share with us some unique inner insights about the reality of the kinship between not only humans but the other life forms on this planet. He means "man" in a species-wide sense! Denis has travelled the world, making significant contact with spiritual teachers in South America and elsewhere.

Thursday 20 October, 7:30pm.

White Madonnas and Black Madonnas

Black Madonnas have their origins in Isis and other ancient goddess figures. Aelred Edmunds, visiting from Dunedin and with a rich monastic experience, will link this sacred figure with the contemporary Goddess Movement throughout the world.

Thursday 3 November, 1pm lunch, 2pm for the meeting.

Founders in Study Group

Some special cameos and insights on the Founders of the TS with Renee and Richard Sell, at the Study Classes. Ph (09) 528-7373.

Monday 14 November, 7:30pm.

News and Notices

Annual General Meeting

Do you think it's a good thing to have a say in how the Theosophical Society runs and what it will do next year? A say in who's on the Committee, and who takes the different roles of Office?

If so, you'll find the Annual General Meeting an interesting and worthwhile experience. It's at 7:30pm on Thursday 27 October 2005 at the HPB Lodge building at 4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom.

It's always interesting, too, to hear what has been happening over the last year and meet other members.

Your membership dues must be up to date, to be able to vote.

Nominations

People become Committee members or office holders by being nominated, then standing for election at the AGM.

If you want to nominate somebody for office, ask them first, then fill in the nomination slip that came with this newsletter. Send it to the Secretary, HPB Lodge, 4 Warborough Avenue to arrive by 17th October 2005.

Library & Bookshop



Monday – Friday
11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Sat. 10 am – 12 noon

CLOSING DAY FOR 2005
SAT. 9th DECEMBER

Subscriptions Now Due

New Year's Day is on 1 September, at HPB Lodge – financially speaking, that is. We pay our yearly subscriptions in advance, ie as near to the beginning of the new financial year as possible.

And so it is that subscriptions are due again. To help you do that, we have included a payment slip with this Newsletter. Please fill it in and send with your payment. Unwaged people get a reduction.

Ways you can Help

There are several. One is to help with publicity. The present Committee are hard pressed to keep up with things like putting posters up in the local shops, and other worthwhile and low-cost publicity outlets go untapped. For more details, ring (09) 529-1743.

Another way is to help with clerical work. Our Secretary works hard, but there's a lot to do in running a TS branch the size of HPB, and a bit of voluntary help would make a big difference.

Convention

You can plan now; it's at Whangarei from 13 to 18 January 2006. Registration forms are available from TS Headquarters and in your September Theosophy in New Zealand magazine.

Phone TS Headquarters (09) 523 1797 for more details.

Mad Cowboy

This is a preview of a powerful film on the life of Howard Lyman, a Montana cattle rancher. He was one of the first whistle-blowers to show that Mad Cow Disease was a reality. This revealing examination of humanity's relationship with farm animals shows why Lyman devoted his life to agricultural and animal rights reforms, and became a vegan. At HPB hall, Friday 23rd Sep., 7pm.



World Vegetarian Day Celebration Dinner

We're invited to this special buffet dinner to be held at the Revive Vegetarian Café in Fort Street, central Auckland, on Saturday 1st October at 7pm. \$35 per person. There will be a guest speaker from the SPCA with colourful anecdotes. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. Book by sending your cheque to the NZ Vegetarian Society Inc., PO Box 26 664, Epsom, including your name, address and contact phone numbers. Mystery prize draw. Phone Judith (09) 849 3136.

Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive.

- Harold Thurman

For your diary



Christmas Party

Saturday 17th December 7:30pm

With a special drama treat. Put it in your calendar or diary now!

11-Sep-05	Sun	10:00am	Awareness Discovery Group	Murray Stentiford	Nature, music and art as doorways inward
12-Sep-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	MS, GL	Prayer, Rituals & Ceremonies, The Secret Doctrine Highlights 1 - the poem
15-Sep-05	Thur	7:30pm	Public	Students who were at Tauhara	The How and What of Vic Hao-Chin's Personal Transformation Programme
18-Sep-05	Sun	10:00am	Awareness D Group	Murray Stentiford	The relationship between the One & the Many
18-Sep-05	Sun	7:30pm	Meditation	Renee Sell	Service Meditation
19-Sep-05	Mon	6:30pm	Healing Group	Renee Sell	Healing Meditation for Service to Humanity
19-Sep-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	GK, GL	The Miracle of Birth, The Secret Doctrine Highlights 2 - the circle of necessity
22-Sep-05	Thur	7:30pm	Members	Mareva - a Hawaiian Kahuna priest	Healing our Planet - freeing the landscape from trapped energies of trauma
23-Sep-05	Fri	7:00pm	Special preview	Mad Cowboy – courtesy Veg. Society	NZ is one of the first countries to see this powerful and moving film. 100 min
25-Sep-05	Sun	10:00am	Awareness D Group	Murray Stentiford	Spiritual Healing
26-Sep-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	Bryan & Helen Pollock	Nature's Being - an inspiring visual presentation (A programme change)
2-Oct-05	Sun	9:30am	Round Table	Group members	Ceremonial
3-Oct-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	---	School Holidays (2nd week), no classes
6-Oct-05	Thur	1:00pm	Lunchtime Meeting	Lorraine Tyrrell	Astrology - guide to understanding your soul's purpose for this life
6-Oct-05	Thur	7:30pm	Video Evening	Prisoners Transformed	Inside stories of lives transformed by the use of EFT (energy therapies)
10-Oct-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	GK, JW	Living a Theosophical Life, Divine Incarnations of Avatars
17-Oct-05	Mon	6:30pm	Healing Group	Murray Stentiford	Meditation plus Healing group COMBINED
17-Oct-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	MS, HD	The Unity Connection, The Mystery of the Pyramids
20-Oct-05	Thur	7:30pm	Public	Denis Burrow	The Coming Brotherhood of Man! - familial inner links across the planet
24-Oct-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	---	Labour Day holiday - no Study Classes
27-Oct-05	Thur	7:30pm	AGM	All Members	Annual General Meeting
31-Oct-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	MS+, GL	Workshop: Self, not Self & the One, The Wonder of Atlantis
3-Nov-05	Thur	1:00pm	Lunchtime Meeting	Aelred Edmunds of Dunedin	White Madonnas and Black Madonnas – including history of these traditions
4-Nov-05	Fri	7:30pm	Video Evening	Spiritual Cinema movies	Flirting with Death brings a few pleasant surprises, and 2 other short movies
6-Nov-05	Sun	10:00am	Awareness D Group	Murray Stentiford	The Web of Connectedness, Integration
7-Nov-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	MJ, GL+MS	Leading a Vegetarian Life, Speaker Coaching
13-Nov-05	Sun	9:30am	Round Table	Group members	Ceremonial
13-Nov-05	Sun	10:00am	Awareness D Group	Murray Stentiford	Social needs and applications, children
14-Nov-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	ReS+RiS	Remarkable Lives - Founders' Day Celebrations

Note: Dates or Times in **bold lettering** are different from the normal ones for similar meetings.