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# theosophical centre



## Christmas, Old and New

There's one thing about traditions – we all think they've been around a long time, and yet research shows that they can be created surprisingly quickly and recently. For example, the tendency to dress baby girls in pink and baby boys in blue, only originated during World War 2! That is food for thought...

But what this means for us is that we have a great big opportunity, right now, to create some NEW traditions; some that express the ever-fresh light and joy of Spirit in new ways. And we can just as freely access the light within the old traditions, too. Why not enjoy the best of both worlds, and join in the breathtaking transformation happening in our world right now?

## A Child's Art

One child who seems to embody all the characteristics of the Indigo Children in abundance, is Akiane, an 11 year old girl who has achieved an amazing level of skill and sheer beauty as a painter and writer of poetry.

A collection of her stunning images can be found on

[www.artakiane.com/akiane\\_art.htm#](http://www.artakiane.com/akiane_art.htm#)

(That's an underscore between "/akiane" and "art".)

Even at the age of 4, you can see a striking level of drawing talent beginning to appear. This web page shows works that she has created, grouped by each year of her life.

We won't show any images here because the newsletter reproduction process would spoil them, and they're copyrighted.

She also writes transparently beautiful poetry. Some kid! An old soul in our midst.

## Convention

Perhaps the major event in the Theosophical Society's year, the Annual Convention creates a space in which to meet stimulating people, join in determining the future of the Society, and take part in a programme planned to please.

Featured guests this year include Chongtul Rinpoche, a Bon monk of high order. He is a very cheerful person who is organising amazing programmes for children's welfare, amongst many other things. The Bon religion is the indigenous religion of Tibet, which includes many Theosophical concepts expressed in a unique and refreshing way, plus other fascinating ideas and practices.

Rinpoche is a title, not a surname, indicating that he is a high, incarnated teacher, ie has been recognised as the reincarnation of an earlier teacher or high lama. It is normal to call him by his title, but Chongtul Rinpoche is quite informal and doesn't mind being called by his name.

Sufi and other notable speakers will also be with us during the Convention programme.

A registration form is tucked into your September Theosophy in New Zealand magazine, and you will find lots of details about transport, cost and meals etc there.

To remind you, it is being held at Lupton House in Whangarei, from Friday 13 January 2006 afternoon, when you can arrive and get settled in, till Wednesday 18 January, when you can leave after breakfast.

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

# For your diary

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

17-Nov-05	Thur	7:30pm	Public	Charles Sitwell	The History & Philosophy of the Theosophical Society
21-Nov-05	Mon	6:30pm	Healing Group	Renee Sell	Healing Meditation for Service to Humanity
21-Nov-05	Mon	7:30pm	Study Classes	MS, GL	Theosophy & Science, Speaker Coaching
28-Nov-05	Mon	<b>6:30pm</b>	Study Classes	Several	Potluck dinner then Questions & Answers
1-Dec-05	Thur	1:00pm	Lunch and Meeting	Party Up	Good food at 1pm, music with experienced performers from Trinity College at 2pm
2-Dec-05	Fri	7:30pm	Video Evening	--	<u>Be the Change</u> event in the UK, with Deepak Chopra, Elisabeth Sahtouris & other top names
6-Dec-05	Tues	7:30pm	Lamp Trimmers Group	Gavin Laurie	Weekly study of classic Theosophical texts. Final for 2005
9-Dec-05	Sat	noon	Library	--	Library closes for 2005
15-Dec-05	Thur	7:30pm	Meditation	--	Service Meditation
17-Dec-05	Sat	7:30pm	Xmas Party	All of us	Krishna Nativity play, music, fun and food.
19-Dec-05	Mon	6:30pm	Healing Group	Renee Sell	Healing Meditation for Service to Humanity
<b>13-Jan-06</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>afternoon</b>	<b>Convention begins</b>	<b>In Whangarei</b>	<b>Arrive in afternoon. Official welcome is in the evening. Kindred spirits from around NZ!</b>
18-Jan-06	Wed	morning	Convention finishes	In Whangarei	Depart after breakfast
13-Feb-06	Mon	11:30am	Library	--	Library reopens for 2006
6-Mar-06	Mon		Study Classes		Reopening for 2006. Begins with a full-on theme block of 6 Mondays

## Library & Bookshop



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

**CLOSING DAY FOR 2005**  
**SAT. 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**



**Be The Change you would see in the world** – Mahatma Gandhi

Videos of leading speakers and participants in a big UK gathering to promote major transformation in the world. Friday 2 Dec 05, 7:30pm.



## HPB Christmas Party Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.,

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Come along and enjoy a good, old fashioned Christmas Party, with:

- short play on Nativity of Krishna, by SRF guests
- some carol singing, by us (Self Realisation Fellowship)
- a few items for your entertainment
- games and quizzes for teams and individuals
- fun \$2 pressies from the Christmas hamper

**To Bring:** - a fun \$2 present (wrapped)  
- a plate of “supper” to share