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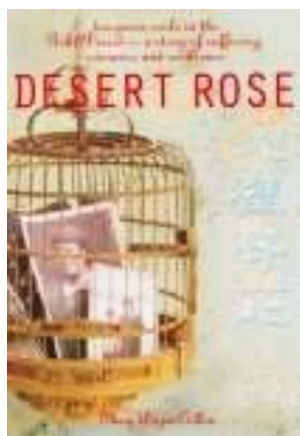
Evolution into Being

It may seem as if there's a lot of organisational stuff in this newsletter, but the primary purposes of the TS are powerfully present throughout. After all, the flow of spiritual energy is only complete when grounded in matter and expressed in action.

So we invite people to step forward and feed some of their time and energy into the process; there are many ways. Not only do we offer more participation, but there are moves towards more openness. New speakers and group leaders are beginning to come online. For HPB Lodge, no less than for the whole planet, we might say:

"This is not an end time but a new beginning. What is being born is a new kind of human, played out dramatically in each of our lives. Freed from the limitations of the ego, free to see and hear and touch the magic we've been missing all our lives, we're becoming at last who we really are."

--from *The Gift of Change* – Marianne Williamson



Weijun Collins

Author of the internationally
selling book

Desert Rose

Hear for yourself how this courageous woman found the inner resources to endure and transcend ten years of hardship and misery in the Gobi Desert, to build a new life in New Zealand. Orewa TS people were delighted with her presentation last year.

Thursday 20 July, 7:30pm

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Enquiries phone 529 1743

New Blood

The first "graduates" of our Speaker Coaching series will share more than just information on 27 July.

Enquiries phone 529 1743

Adam and Eve Today

Maybe they started it all, but what does Theosophy have to say about the spiritual aspects of relationship and gender?

Find out in our 3rd 6-week Theosophical Perspectives series starting Monday 7 August. Enrol at 7pm.

Enrolment 620 8976. Subject queries 522 1287 or 529 1743.

A Warm Hall!

We've realised we didn't always have the heaters on in the hall for our meetings. Sorry! We're now turning the under-floor heating on well before each meeting.



Judas, Favourite Apostle of Jesus

lecture & discussion with

Gavin Laurie

A Theosophical perspective on The Gospel of Judas and the early Christians, often now referred to as Gnostics, to distinguish them from those who became the orthodox Christians so familiar today.

Judas, the star that leads the way, is your star. ... It is possible for you to reach the kingdom of heaven. Your star's brilliance will eclipse all the others. - The Gospel of Judas

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Energising HPB Lodge

We need more people who'd like to make a difference and contribute to this centre of Theosophical thought and discovery. Like us humans, it has a physical body as well as subtler energy levels and they all thrive on a bit of TLC.

The HPB building seen in Summer, nestled into the slopes of Mt St John.



Maintenance Coordinator

Someone who can organise small maintenance projects when required. Trade contacts and experience important.

Capable Handyperson

With a range of skills for small repairs and improvements. Living within 1 or 2 km of HPB would help.

Information Technology Devotee

To take our programme schedule, hall bookings, membership system and web pages to a new level of workability and attractiveness.

Grounds and Garden Guru

With experience and dedication to living things and beauty. Able to enthuse and work with volunteers.

Newsletter Layout or Graphics Designer

Somebody who would enjoy creating visually attractive newsletters and posters from text and ideas. Used to deadlines.

Publicity People

To help with distributing posters, submitting advertisements to newspapers etc. We need people in several different parts of Auckland.

Library Helpers

Lots of new books to integrate into the Library, meet a variety of people

If you'd like to assist the TS, with its vision of spiritual awakening and healing for humanity, by helping in any of these ways, please contact Murray at (09) 529 1743. Every contribution is welcome, no matter how apparently small.

Alistair Retiring

Alistair McArthur, Committee member and long-time worker on, and developer of, the HPB site has decided to withdraw from active involvement with it.

He has put a huge amount of time and energy into landscaping, planting, water management and many other aspects of the work.

Thank you, Alistair. We acknowledge that, apart from a willing few, you often had to work alone in this. We wish you well.

National Council Meeting

The National Council of the TS in NZ will meet on 5th August (9am – 4pm) and the 6th (9am-1pm). Members welcome as observers. Phone 09 523 1797 for more info.

National Vice President Election

This is a once-in-3-years opportunity, and your voting form needs to be in before the end of July. For forms or info, ph (09) 523 1797.

Council of All Beings

Ritual with practical work, grounded in the Deep Ecology movement. They plan to do some voluntary work on the HPB grounds. More info in Diary Notes. Register at totemtalks@yahoo.co.nz. Koha entry.

Library & Bookshop



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

THE AMNESTY HAS ENDED!
Overdue books will start attracting fines, so please get them in, or phone 524-7994 to renew them ASAP.

For your diary

17-Jul-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Joan Wilson & Ganesh Kumar	The Journey of the Soul, Meditation, Ritual & Prayer. Searching for Soul in Life , #6 of 6
18-Jul-06	Tues	7:30pm	Lamp Trimmers Group	Gavin Laurie	Study classic Theosophical texts (Continues Weekly). In the Library.
18-Jul-06	Tues	7:30pm	Coaching/Training	Murray Stentiford	Speakers' Coaching #5 of 6. In the main hall.
20-Jul-06	Thur	7:30pm	Public	Weijun Collins	An Inspiring Story of Courage & Endurance from the author of Desert Rose
22-Jul-06	Sat	10am	Workshop	Daniel Nepia etc	Council of All Beings. While not a part of the HPB Lodge programme, this is a spiritually-focused ritual and journey in consciousness arising out of the Deep Ecology movement.
23-Jul-06	Sun	10am	Workshop	Daniel Nepia etc	Council of All Beings. The participants and facilitators have offered to do some work on the HPB garden today. To register for the Council of All Beings, email totemtalks@yahoo.co.nz
24-Jul-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	TS Facilitators	Exploring questions raised by the latest series, on Soul in Life
25-Jul-06	Tues	7:30pm	Coaching/Training	Murray Stentiford	Speakers' Coaching #6 of 6
27-Jul-06	Thur	7:30pm	Members	HPB Members	Speakers Coaching people take a plunge. Come & support them; some fascinating demo's.
31-Jul-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Betty Bland	A video describing her own near-death experience. Betty is president of the TS in America
3-Aug-06	Thur	1:00pm	Lunchtime Meeting	Spiritual Cinema	Sidewalk Astronomer - John Dobson. A fascinating, beautiful & witty documentary movie. Awesome pictures of galaxies etc from space. Lunch is at 1pm, the video at 2pm
6-Aug-06	Sun	9:30am	Round Table	Group members	Ceremonial for the Young of Heart of all ages
7-Aug-06	Mon	7:00pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Valerie White & Murray Stentiford	The Spirituality of Adam & Eve Today What's happening to the old roles? New series #1 of 6
10-Aug-06	Thur	7:30pm	Committee Meeting	2 nd Thurs. of month	Members are welcome as observers, but please give 7 days' notice if making a submission
14-Aug-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Valerie White & Murray Stentiford	The emergence of polarity in the Universe, and the ancient separation of the sexes. #2 of 6
17-Aug-06	Thur	7:30pm	Public	Gavin Laurie	Judas, Favourite Apostle of Jesus
21-Aug-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Valerie White & Murray Stentiford	The Feminine aspect of Divinity & its reflection in humanity. Restoring its recognition. #3 of 6
24-Aug-06	Thur	7:30pm	Members	John Algeo	As interviewed by Kim Hill on radio, January 2003
28-Aug-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Valerie White & Murray Stentiford	The Soul's cyclic journey through the genders – Reincarnation, Karma & Dharma. #4 of 6
1-Sep-06	Fri	7:30pm	Video Evening	Spiritual Cinema	Indigo Evolution - Documentary on "the new children" and how it all began
3-Sep-06	Sun	9:30am	Round Table	Group members	Ceremonial for the Young of Heart of all ages
4-Sep-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Valerie White & Murray Stentiford	How does gender operate at the different levels of our Energy System? Attraction. #5 of 6
7-Sep-06	Thur	1:00pm	Lunchtime Meeting	Valerie White	"The Way of Man" - stories from the Hassidic tradition. Lunch is at 1pm, the talk at 2pm
11-Sep-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Valerie White & Murray Stentiford	Awakening through the experience of roles, the mirror of Relationship. The Shadow. #6 of 6