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## Reflections on the Crux of Change

There are probably few times in human history when there has been as much change and transformation as are happening today. On a planetary scale, forces of Light are reaching into places of darkness, and long-hidden darkness is being shown up, as never before. Old forms reluctantly give up their once unchallenged hold, and the human Spirit stretches its wings, now bigger than the nest, for flight.

All of which is reflected in organisations and lives. The Theosophical Society, at an age when some organisations have floated off to the side of the currents of life, is in the process of finding a balance between stability and transformation. Aquarian ways of being are calling; more cooperative, fluid and creative.

For myself, 5 years as Lodge president are coming to an end; 5 years of incredible privilege and challenge. My love and thanks go to all the beautiful souls I have met along the way; I will always be interested in how your lives unfold. And I'll be around. – Murray

## Growing into Awareness

When life's "biggies" come, how can we move from overwhelm and pain to deeper awareness and calm?

A workshop of practical steps and understanding for the Journey, with

### Sandy Ravelli

29 September to 1 October

You need to Register  
Details inside



with

**Warwick Keys**  
and  
**Pamela Zane**

Esoteric students from Wanganui TS.

A facilitated exploration of the tremendous capacity we have to communicate, at all levels, with the Self and the Divine. The group will explore the dynamics of prayer, and the gift of Mind and its potential, emphasising self-healing and transformation.

**Thursday 28 September 7:30pm**  
**theosophical centre**

**4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom**

Donation

Info: (09) 524 7994 or 529 1743

## Energising HPB Lodge – the Aftermath

Remember how we asked for more people to make contributions to HPB, in the last newsletter? On page 2, on the left, under a picture of HPB Lodge. Well, just one member got in touch about it, that we're aware of. We are certainly grateful for the people who already do volunteer their time and energy.

So, if you were wavering and thinking there'd be plenty of others to help us out, please re-consider and be in touch. The areas are: Garden and Grounds, Computer System and Web Site, Newsletter, Publicity and Library. If you have something to offer in any of these, and a bit of time, we'd love to hear: 09 529 1743.

## Annual General Meeting



AGMs are boring, right? Well, this year, there's **more** at stake than usual. We want your feedback on the new proposed Constitution, to see if you can pick holes in it or suggest useful changes. And we'd like to hear from you how our new-format programme went down this year. You'll get to help elect the new Committee, too.

**The AGM is at 7:30pm on Thursday 19 October 2006 at the HPB Lodge building at 4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom.**

Your membership subscription must be up to date, to vote.

## Nominations

If you'd like to see somebody run for a position on the HPB Lodge Committee (including yourself!), check with 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 9th October 2006.

## Subscriptions Now Due

Why pay subscriptions? Because the TS is a cool organisation with the potential to do amazing things in the world! And doesn't the world need what we have to offer, these days?

You can help by paying your annual subscription now, because they're due again. (Our financial year starts on 1 September and subs are paid in advance.) Unwaged people get a reduction.

Please use the payment slip that came with this newsletter and send it in with your payment. If including a nomination form too, make sure to post it so as to arrive by 9 October.

## Remits In ASAP

Members can submit remits for discussion and decision at the Convention coming up in January 2007. If you have something you're passionate about, write it out as a short statement with a paragraph of explanation, and get it in to arrive by morning of 30 September. Phone 529 1743 to tell us you want to do that, so we can help you word it for maximum effect.

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*Knowledge dwells in a mind replete with the thoughts of others;  
Wisdom in minds attentive to their own.* – Prof. P. Krishna

## Mystery School?

Maybe it's a surprise to learn that so few replied to our requests for help in making the Branch work (story on left).

It certainly makes us pause for thought, and a lot of questions spring to mind, like: Why do only about 5% of members come to our meetings? Are meetings a dying breed, in these days of TV, internet and the iPod?

**The weird thing is, that out-of-towners frequently tell me they admire Auckland's TS programme and would love to be able to come to it.**

So, why are you in the TS? Is it the books? Is it the energy link? What could the TS do that would work better? What calls you into action? What excites you?

Are you too hard pressed by life's demands? (We resonate with that one!) Would you rather meet in each others' homes? Is it the Auckland traffic?

We'd love to know some of the answers to these!!! Please phone Murray at 529 1743 or email via [opt-mas@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:opt-mas@slingshot.co.nz).

The plain fact is that the Lodge is under stress and needs more participation if it is to continue its work. You can make a difference.

### Library & Bookshop



Monday – Friday:

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Sat: 10 am – 12:30pm

### BOOKS STILL MISSING

**Quite a lot of our "lost" books have been recovered, but there are still about 180 missing. Please phone 524 7994 if you find you have a book to return.**

## Growing into Awareness with Sandy Ravelli

This is a workshop designed to empower people when life's big challenges come along, whether they are your own or of those close to you. It offers a mix of concepts and experiential practices, to bring

Theosophy into our communities in new and relevant ways.

Sandy, Education Coordinator for the Theosophical Society in NZ, is an experienced facilitator who has enriched her work by delivering it in critical training environments.

Feedback from some who attended it in Wellington was very appreciative, with remarks like "People loved it", "She's done a really good job" and "The exercises were excellent".

**Weekend 29 September to 1 October 2006**

**4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom, Auckland**

**Registration & Enquiries: 09 522 1287**

**14 limit, so book now. Donation \$15 for the lot.**

Friday 7pm-9pm	Listening Skills
Saturday 9:30am - 8pm	Conflict resolution Thought Power Grief  <i>Morning &amp; aft. teas provided Lunch: we provide some basics, you bring what you like Dinner: Cafe close-by</i>
Sunday 9:30 am - 3 pm	The Law of Karma Conclusions  <i>Morning &amp; aft. teas provided Lunch: As above</i>

Sandy would like to contact people who register, to ensure they are aware of the content of the weekend. See the flyer, if you can get into HPB Lodge.

## A Clean Start

Swiss cheese – full of holes – is what our present legal Constitution is like – a sign of burgeoning legal complexity since it was last altered in 1987, including the Charities Act and Inland Revenue requirements.

So we have started afresh, adapting a template provided by TS Headquarters. It will be presented to HPB members at the AGM as a well-reviewed draft, and again with whatever further changes it might need, at a Special General Meeting on 23 November.

## What Is Holistic Living?



with

### Professor P. Krishna

who says "The question, 'What is holistic living?' is a fundamental question, and fundamental questions don't have any answers; but we learnt from Krishnamurti that it is important to investigate such questions. He said we must ask the impossible question, and investigate it; that the answer does not lie outside the question but within it."

Professor Krishna is a long time TS member and a physicist, visiting Auckland briefly. He speaks often for the Theosophical Society, and is a trustee and active member of the Krishnamurti Foundation India.

### Tuesday 24 October 7:30pm theosophical centre

**4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom**

Donation. (09) 524 7994 or 529 1743

## Convention, New Plymouth

We are fortunate to have not only Vic Hao Chin of the Philippines TS, but New Zealander Jeanette Wilson as guest speakers.

From: Friday 5 Jan 2007 (dinner)  
To: Wednesday 10 Jan (breakfast)

Further details are on the sheet enclosed with your latest Theosophy in NZ magazine.

## Barry Brailsford at Orewa

Wednesday 4 October 2006,  
7:30pm at the Theosophical Society hall, 488 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa. (North end.)  
More info: (09) 426 7021.

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## For your diary

The Lamprimmers Group has been temporarily suspended. Members of the group will be advised of any further meetings, as and when they are possible.

Date	Day	Start	Type	Who	Title / Description
25-Sep-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives		Open discussion on recent topics
28-Sep-06	Thur	7:30pm	Public	Warwick Keys & Pamela Zane	Mind Power and Prayer - the Divine Media. Warwick & Pamela are from Wanganui TS.
29-Sep-06	Fri	7:00pm	Workshop	Sandy Ravelli	Growing into Awareness – finish at 9pm
30-Sep-06	Sat	9:30am	Workshop	Sandy Ravelli	Growing into Awareness – finish at 8pm
1-Oct-06	Sun	9:30am	Workshop	Sandy Ravelli	Growing into Awareness – finish at 3pm
1-Oct-06	Sun	10am	Till 4pm	NZ Vegetarian Society	Auckland Vegetarian Food & Lifestyle Festival, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall Programme on <a href="http://www.vegetarian.org.nz/page/World-Vegetarian-Day-NZ-events">www.vegetarian.org.nz/page/World-Vegetarian-Day-NZ-events</a>
2-Oct-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives		Open discussion on recent topics
5-Oct-06	Thur	1:00pm	Lunchtime Meeting	Loveday Kingsford	Gnosticism and the Renewal of Ritual. Sparks of spiritual fire as these two rub together
6-Oct-06	Fri	5pm	Deadline	Committee Candidates	Nominations must be in at HPB by 5pm
6-Oct-06	Fri	7:30pm	Video Evening	Spiritual Cinema	Kumbh Mela: Sons of the River. The biggest spiritual pilgrimage in the world, Ganges.
9-Oct-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives	Llewellyn Vaughan-Jones	The Light of the Self and the Anima Mundi. Audio CD by an international Sufi teacher.
15-Oct-06	Sun	7:30pm	Public	Robert Anderson	The Search for Consciousness. Robert, scientist, is a TS member of Tauranga.
15-Oct-06	Sun	9:30am	Round Table	Group members	Ceremonial for the Young of Heart of all ages
16-Oct-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives		Spontaneous Studies and Sharing
19-Oct-06	Thur	7:30pm	AGM	All Members	Annual General Meeting – new Committee, new Constitution, meet nice people :-)
23-Oct-06	Mon		Holiday	No Meeting	Labour Day
24-Oct-06	Tues	7:30pm	Public	Prof. Krishna	What is Holistic Living?
30-Oct-06	Mon	7:30pm	Theosophical Perspectives		Spontaneous Studies and Sharing
2-Nov-06	Thur	1:00pm	Lunchtime Meeting	The Group	Where to from Now? (for these meetings)
3-Nov-06	Fri	7:30pm	Video Evening	Eckhart Tolle	<u>The Power of Now</u> - a video talk by this impish dweller in the Now
4-Nov-06	Sat	9:30am	Working Bee	Lots of Us	Working Bee – please bring cloths, a garden tool or two and lunch. Finish by 2pm.

**Christmas Party, 2<sup>nd</sup> December!**