

Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society

October 2004

3rd:
The First Moment in Time
Leo Swart

10th:
Tibetan Book of the Dead
Barry Cope

17th:
Family Karma:
Murray Stentiford,
HPB Lodge President, Auckland

24th :
Labour Weekend
No meeting

31st :
**Universal Consciousness: An
Exploration of Consciousness**
*John Vorstemans, National
President*

Join us for shared vegetarian
meal at 5.00pm, and John's
Workshop begins at 6.30pm.

7th November:
Annual General Meeting
*All members are encouraged to
come along*

14th November:
Founder's Day
Charles Sitwell

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**Meetings are weekly, 7.30pm,**  
**73 Anglesea Street**  
**Visitors – gold coin donation**  
**All welcome**

## October 2004

*September was productive, and with the warmer weather we've seen a few more people at our weekly meetings.*

*Last month we explored the role of the Goddess in myth and many faces of God; Charles gave us an overview of Zoroastrianism. Our ever-popular Strange Theories night led to discussion on New Zealand's Hidden Past; zero point gravity, string theory and occult chemistry; ancient Egyptian laser technology and pyramid machinery, and Huna philosophy. Great going all, keep up the imaginative thinking!*

October brings a new series of thought-provoking topics...

### **3<sup>rd</sup> – The First Moment in Time, Leo Swart**

Not the Big Bang, but a cerebral journey into the origins of the universe as seen from a spiritual viewpoint.

Students of Eastern philosophies will be on familiar ground. Others should enjoy it too.

Leo is one of our newest members, with a knowledgeable background, so come along and support him, in what I'm sure promises to be an exceptional discussion.

### **10<sup>th</sup> – Tibetan Book of the Dead, Barry Cope**

The book can be read in two ways, either as an allegory on the mystical journey we make through life, or as a description of the afterlife for those who want to see it as a scriptural text.

Barry is a long-standing member, and a fountain of untapped knowledge, join us for an introduction to this very absorbing topic.

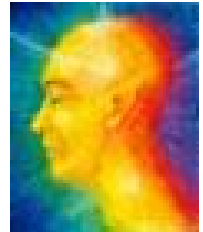
### **17<sup>th</sup> – Family Karma, Murray Stentiford**

Though the term Karma is familiar to all these days, the vast depths and nuances of its meaning are relatively little known.

Beginning with an introduction to the nature of Karma, this presentation shows how ideas on Karma from ancient universal wisdom relate to family life. We will look at how the threads of relationships in a family might reach back far in time and as far into the future, and how they interact at these deep levels. Ways of healing ongoing discord will be suggested and discussed.

Audience participation is encouraged.

As we traditionally provide a meal for our out of town guests, Murray will be joining us for a shared vegetarian meal at Little India at 6pm.



Members are invited to come along, and the cost is minimal as we usually order between us.

Murray is President of HPB lodge in Auckland, and a long standing and highly regarded student of the Ancient Wisdom.

### 31<sup>st</sup> – Universal Consciousness, John Vorstemans

John is our National President, and this is an opportunity to take part in some practical learning.

John will be looking at what we mean and understand by consciousness. We will spend time experiencing practical aspects of consciousness during this session as well as hear and explore what some of the modern contemporary, and wisdom tradition views are on this subject. A practical workshop.

Please note: times for John's presentation differ from our usual meeting times, as this is a short workshop. The workshop is from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, where we have a short supper break, before carrying on from 8.00pm to 9.00pm.

We'll have a **shared vegetarian meal** at 5.00pm, so members have a chance to meet John before the evening's programme.



### Snippets ...

**Newsletter ...** From time to time the newsletter is late getting out. Often this is because programme details are late coming in, or other priorities take precedence. It would make my day, if those people who are currently receiving a newsletter by post could have their newsletter emailed instead. Please let me (Sonia) know what your email address is; send a note to soleil\_ts@clear.net.nz.

**Convention ...** Remember you'll need to register to attend sessions at the National Convention, to be held in Hamilton between 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2005. Registration is \$25, and covers a week of talks, workshops, and discussions with likeminded people from across NZ and overseas. You will have received a registration form recently from Headquarters, or you can download one from [www.theosophy.org.nz](http://www.theosophy.org.nz), where the full programme will also be online shortly. The lodge may be able to assist with registration if you're available to help out.

*Sonia, Charles, Brian, Diane, Fiona, Tony, Patsy*

**Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society - Sunday 7th November, 7.30pm, 73 Anglesea Street, Hamilton**

Come and hear how things have been moving along, and join us in discussion of what you'd like to see over the coming year ... study topics, programme format, spending, education, projects for the coming year, priorities, people, and potentials. The committee for the year ahead will be elected on the night, and all members are encouraged to come along.

**Three of our committee will be retiring from their current positions, so at this stage we'll be looking to fill the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and one additional committee person, in addition to existing committee members who will be available again in a reorganisation of roles.**

Your support and input are always appreciated. *Supper will be provided*

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*I am always doing that  
which I cannot do, in  
order that I may learn  
how to do it.*

~ Pablo Picasso

