



## *Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society*

September 2006

Greetings, members and friends,

Hopefully the coldest part of Winter will soon be over and we shall be able to enjoy the burgeoning of Nature without a shiver. Our August meetings have been as worthwhile as we had hoped they would be, with Kayla's talk on the power of the Chakras giving us much on which to reflect. Charles brought some great quotes from his time with some very erudite theosophists in the United States, and David Bailey from the Tauranga lodge made us work, think and consider deeply with his workshop on Nature Spirits and how we must cherish them. Deborah Fraser talks on the 27th August about spirituality in State schools.

### **Members' news**

It is with sadness that we must record the loss of two loved ones, Chris Galbreath's father at a great age and Fiona Craig's mother all too soon. As we write this we have just heard of the sad death after a severe illness of (Alexander) Will Goodall one of our most creative, insightful and certainly well-travelled members. May they rest in peace, and their families and friends remember the joyful times as they move on.

We are delighted to welcome a number of new members:

Wim de Jong      Hywel Green      Mary Ellen      Jenny Pevreal

May you enjoy the programmes; your contributions will be much appreciated.

### **September Programme**

#### **3 September (Note the time: 2.30 p.m.)**

Title: **Your Life Path Through Numerology**      Presenter: **Sylvia Shanti Vowless QSM**

An afternoon overview of this ancient Pythagorean science that accurately uncovers our life blueprint and answers "Why am I here?" "What am I here to do?" Sylvia has been a leading NZ International Master Teacher and Numerologist for over 25 years.

#### **10 September** (Members meeting - pot luck vegetarian meal 6 p.m.)

Title: **The Spiritual Cinema Circle - Kumbhe Mela**

The film tells the story of what is probably the biggest festival ever held; about 70 million people arrived in Allahabad over a period of a week and the film is a visual treat. Come and see for yourself.

## 17 September

Title: **Gnostic Spirituality** Presenter: **Margaret Coldham-Fussell** (University of Waikato)  
Gnosticism is a mystical form of spirituality whose roots extend back some 2000 years. It has made significant appearances throughout history and is still a path embraced by many today. While many contemporary Gnostics retain the more formalised aspects of traditional Gnosticism, it is also evident that the essence of Gnostic spirituality has filtered into much of "New Age" philosophy as well. Marg will present a brief phenomenological and historical overview of Gnostic tradition, followed by an exploration into its significance within the milieu of contemporary spiritual philosophy.

## 24 September

Title: **Ethics and Logic as a Basis of Spirituality** Presenter: **Leo Swart**  
There is a great deal of confusion about the meaning of these terms. Leo simplifies them and outlines their essential place in our spiritual growth.

## Time for Elevenses

Three numbers A, B and C are placed at the corners of a triangle as shown in the diagram at the top of this newsletter. The sums (A+B), (A+C) and (B+C) are shown along the sides. Can you find A, B and C?

I know I'm not seeing things as they are. I'm seeing things as I am.
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Laurie Lee
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With kind regards from Brian, Charles, Christine, David, Fiona, John, Leo, Tony and Vicki.

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Time for Elevenses Since  $2A + 2B + 2C = 55 + 66 + 77$ ,  $A + B + C = 99$ . Subtracting the 3 pairs given,  $A = 22$ ,  $B = 33$  and  $C = 44$ .

