



Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society

March 2006

Greetings Members and Friends.

By the time you read this, our theosophical year will be well under way with our picnic at the Rose Garden and presidential address on the 26th February. (If you read this before then, Brian's talk is entitled "What is Truth?"). We have no less than three visiting speakers for March, and after Easter there will be a six-Sunday course "An Introduction to Theosophy" which we hope will interest some new people.

March Programme

5 March

Title: ***Pluto in Sagittarius: The Final Three Years***. Speaker: **Jan Lawson** (Tauranga).

At the end of November 2008 Pluto completes its transit of Sagittarius and moves into Capricorn until January 2024. This talk explores both Pluto's incredibly challenging role in humanity's journey of unfoldment, and why it is crucial that both collectively and individually we understand and learn to rise proactively to its challenges as we approach the finale of the Age of Pisces. Jan is well known to TS members and her talks are most stimulating.

12 March (Members meeting)

Title: ***Quest Magazine***

Several members have taken recent issues of *Quest*, the journal of the American Theosophical Society, and will review an article, or articles, which they particularly enjoyed. The evening will as usual be preceded by our pot-luck dinner at 6 o'clock.

19 March

Title: ***Maori Spirituality - Traditional and Contemporary***. Speaker: **Wiremu Puke**

Wiremu will speak both from his personal experiences and the stories handed down by the old people. He and his father Hare Puke are probably the most knowledgeable people alive about the early history of Kirikiriroa, their hapu Ngati Wairere having settled in this area for many hundreds of years. He is an ethnographer and advisor to the Hamilton City Council on matters of land, protocol and Maori beliefs. Wiremu has spoken at the Lodge before, and members found his talk stimulating and thought-provoking.

26 March

Title: ***The Magic Within - Ancient Wisdom in a Modern World***. Presentation by: **Gavin Laurie** (Auckland).

Gavin will discuss this magic human element that can bring about positive changes in our lives, together with some of the moral and spiritual guidelines to be found in the great religions

philosophies of the World. The timeless thread of theosophy will be traced and some of its Guardians noted. The Teachers of the World have held it in trust through the ages, always eager to pass their wisdom and knowledge to any of us who are willing to receive it. Gavin is a former President of the New Zealand Section.

“An Introduction to Theosophy”

This course of study, led by Charles and Brian, will bring to a wider public (we hope) the basic teachings of theosophy and the ideas of TS members. We believe that current members may well wish to join in - the course will be our sole offering for the six Sundays starting on 23 April. The programme is expected to cover the following topics: seven levels of consciousness, reincarnation, meditation and yoga, comparative religion and the ageless wisdom, healing, karma, science and our latent powers. The cost for non-members is just \$30, which includes membership if desired. If you know of anyone likely to be interested, we would be grateful if you could let one of us know. Look out for the *Continuing Education* brochure put out by the Waikato Times in March.

The NZ School of Theosophy

The School will be held at Tauhara 3 - 10 April 2006. Theme: *Foundations of the Ageless Wisdom*, Director of Studies: Ed Abdil from USA; To register or for further information please contact Brian, Vicki or Headquarters.

The Magic Pentagram

Your puzzle this month is to find how many triangles there are in the Logo at the top right of this newsletter.

Quote

“ John Grubby who was short and stout and covered with religious doubt
Refused about the age of three to sit upon the curate’s knee.” G K Chesterton

With kind regards from Brian, Charles, Christine, David, Fiona, John, Leo, Tony and Vicki.

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(Puzzle: there are 35 different triangles - true!)

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5th Pluto in Sagittarius
(Jan Lawson)

12th Members meeting: *Quest*
(Pot Luck dinner 6 pm)

19th Maori Spirituality
(Wiremu Puke)

26th The Magic Within
(Gavin Laurie)

The Lodge meets on Sundays
at 7.30 pm.
A light supper is provided.