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Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society

October 2008

Greetings, members and friends,

In September we have been stimulated by Warwick Keys' "Fire in the Spirit", Mardi O'Shea's challenges to the way we think and Bill Willaimson's mapping of the Soul's irresistible quest towards the Divine. The month is completed by Theresa Grainger on Language with Purpose. We are now coming in to a very busy period for the Lodge, as you see below.

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the 100th Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society to be held on Sunday 2 November 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Agenda will include Annual Reports and Balance Sheet,, Election of Officers and Life Members, Appointment of Auditor and Delegates to Convention, and General Business.

(Note: Last year's A.G.M. was billed as the 97th. Research has shown that it was the 99th, but two had been omitted from the count even though the meetings had taken place. There has thus been an A.G.M. every year since the first in 1909.)

Centennial Celebration Day

Don't forget to keep free our Centennial Celebration Day (30 November). Invitations should arrive in mid-October, and the \$20 Registration fee (to cover meal costs etc.) will be discounted for early payment. - it is important to get numbers for catering purposes. We would like to call a few Working Bees to clean up and improve the Lodge before the day. If you are willing to give up an hour or two your help will be appreciated - just tell one of the Committee members.

Teaser

This one is a classic. Richard is looking at a picture of a man and says truthfully "Brothers and sisters have I none, but this man's father is my father's son". Who is in the picture?

October Programme

Sunday 5 October (members meeting - potluck meal 6 p.m.)

Title: **Strange Theories and Experiences** Presented by: **You**

This is our annual opportunity to share our pet theories, ideas, experiences or readings from some extraordinary source. It will be a fascinating evening if previous similar sessions are anything to go by.

Sunday 12 October

Title: **Education of the Soul - Wisdom in the University Context**

Presented by: **Kathryn Pavlovich**

We live in surprising times when the 'inner technologies' are now taking their rightful place in our education system. Topics covered include mindfulness, neurotheology, quantum physics, inner leadership and spirit-based organisations. Kathryn describes her experiences of teaching and research in this field at the University of Waikato Management School. She discusses her approach to teaching, the methods being used, and the outcomes be realised through the impacts on students.

Sunday 19 October

2 p.m. Murray Stentiford (National Vice-President of the New Zealand Section of the TS.) will lead two Workshops for members on "Working With What Works" divided by afternoon tea:

1. **Compassionate Communication:** turning the rocks in our path into friends.
2. **Practical and Spiritual Aspects of the First Object:** how to be in the kitchen and enjoy the heat!

7.30 p.m. : Global Consciousness Presented by: **Murray Stentiford**

There is growing evidence for the subtle energy fields linking all life. Hear how Distance Healing, the new field of Energy Psychology and the Global Consciousness Project itself all support this amazing realisation. Science and the transcendent possibilities of Unity are interwoven throughout this presentation.

Sunday 26 October (Labour weekend) **No meeting.**

Subscriptions

These are now due for the 2008-9 year and the form is enclosed. In the case of hardship, please don't hesitate to contact any Committee member in confidence. This year we are making a special request for your email address if you have one.

Invocation

Warwick Keys, our National President, has reminded us of the daily invocation that all TS members in New Zealand are encouraged to use during meditation. Originally written by Geoffrey Hodson and revised by our previous President, John Vorstermans, it can be modified to suit your circumstances. As you begin, be one with the other members, releasing the power of many working to one end.

*O divine Lord of light and love, teacher of all beings,
We invoke Your divine power in all its splendour,
Your unconditional love with all its healing empowerment,
Your infinite wisdom in all its perfection and fulfilment,
That they may flow in a resistless flood into New Zealand.
Before the living stream of your power and love all darkness shall melt away;
The hearts of all shall change and they shall seek and find the way of light
So let it be!*

Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the wise. Seek what they sought.
Matsuo Basho, Japanese poet 1644-94.

With kind regards from your Committee: Brian, Carmel, Charles, Peter, Tim, Una and Vicki.

Summary: 5th: Strange Theories, 12th Education of the Soul, 19th Global Consciousness
Meetings are normally held on Sundays at 7.30 p.m. followed by a light supper.

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Solution: Richard's son. (Richard is his father's son.)

