



**HAMILTON LODGE**  
*OF THE*  
**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**  
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*Newsletter for April 2009*

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Greetings to all our Members

There three important things happening this month. One is Easter (the first Full Moon after the equinox is on the 10<sup>th</sup>), so **there will be no meeting on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** (Easter Day).

The second is that we are starting our six weeks course "Introducing Theosophy" the following week Easter.

The third is the "School of Theosophy" being run at Tauhara which this year will be featuring Dara Tatray as the principal presenter. Full details and registration forms are available on our national web site [www.theosophy.org.nz](http://www.theosophy.org.nz) and there a few places still available

**Programme for April:**

The month starts on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** with our usual combination of Committee Meeting followed by a Pot Luck dinner and an evening mainly for members. As we considered some meanings of the Tarot Major Arcana in March, we are going to experience a Meditation based on Stephan Hoeller's book *The Royal Road*, illustrated with a powerpoint presentation.

The course, which starts **on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**, is designed, as in previous years, mainly for the public, but it is hoped to be of interest also to newer members, who may not have had a cohesive presentation of the basic theosophical ideas. Hopefully, longer term members will feel able to contribute by sharing their understanding. So there should be something for everyone!

As in previous years, there will be a charge to non-members, which is equal to and can be

converted into a year's subscription, should they decide, at the end of the course, to become members.

**The Presenters will be:** Aroon Parshotam, Kavita Parshotam, (both now Hamilton Members), Ganesh Kumar from HPB Lodge Auckland and Charles Sitwell

The first evening will deal with the first of the "Four Fundamental Proposition", as stated by H P Blavatsky in *The Secret Doctrine*, that there is one Absolute from which all things proceed, and all that this concept implies.

The second evening will be an overview of the seven traditional "schools" or "paths" of Yoga and their interaction. Hatha is the best known in the Western world, but the other six are also of considerable interest in seeking an understanding of the Ageless Wisdom; some perhaps more.

In May we will introduce the topics of the "planes" or "levels" of consciousness, Reincarnation, Karma, Meditation, and an overview of the religions of the world, and seek the truths which are said to underlie them. There is a separate leaflet which details the Course in more detail.

**Preview:**

Next month we will be having a visit from Victor MacGill, currently the President of the Dunedin Lodge. He gave a very entertaining as well as thought provoking talk to our Convention in January, and he is going to talk about faeries and archetypes. This will be on a Thursday, not our usual Sunday, because of his touring schedule and will be in addition to our Course programme.

**Some thoughts about Easter:**

As mentioned above, Easter is linked to the March equinox (Spring for the Northern hemisphere of our planet and Autumn for our Southern hemisphere) that occurs when the Sun is observed vertically above the equator at noon, with the result that we experience equal length of day and night — hence equi (equal) and nox (night).

Easter Sunday is observed on the first Sunday **after** the first full moon **after** the vernal (spring) equinox.

Easter is thus traditionally a Spring festival of fertility in the natural world and was celebrated as such in the pre-Christian era. Many of its symbols are still known: Easter Eggs, the Easter bunny (once the Easter hare). The cross on the Hot cross buns is equal-armed and thus can symbolise the cross formed by the joining of the solstice and equinoctial points on the imaginary surface bounded by the earth’s orbit around the Sun.

**Transport:**

**There is lighted parking available at the back of the building, as well as at the front.**

**If you need transport to get to 73 Anglesea St, let us know and we will arrange to get you to and from the meeting.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

*It is necessary to help others, not only in our prayers, but in our daily lives.*

*If we find we cannot help others, the least we can do is to desist from harming them.*

The Dalai Lama

With best wishes from your Committee: Charles Sitwell, Carmel Levick, Peter Marley, Aroon Parshotam, Tim Sitwell, Una Tasker, Vicki Pennington, Suzanne Wood.

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***Programme summary for  
April 2009***

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	
5:00 pm	Committee Meeting
6:00 pm	Members Pot Luck Meal
7:30 pm	Meditation on Tarot & Kabbalah Charles Sitwell
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	
	Easter No meeting
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30 pm	Course 1: Introduction Charles Sitwell
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30 pm	Course 2: Schools of Yoga Charles Sitwell

All Lodge meetings are followed by light supper. Members of the Public are encouraged to make a gold coin donation in the box provided.