



HAMILTON LODGE
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THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter for May 2009

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Greetings to all our Members

This month is devoted mainly to the conclusion of our Course on basic ideas in Theosophy. There is a notable exception to this.

Programme:

We have an **extra meeting** on **Thursday 7th** when we have a visit from **Victor McGill**, President of Dunedin Lodge. He is a very interesting but also an entertaining speaker. He gave a memorable series of presentations at our recent School of Theosophy, on Chaos Theory, and is highly recommended. His topic is **Fairy Stories and Archetypes** with reference to healing. Do try to come, although Thursday is not being our regular night.

We start the month (**Sunday 3rd**) as usual with a Committee Meeting at 5:00 pm which normally ends about 6:00 pm. It is followed by a Pot Luck meal, in which all members are welcome to participate. The presentation that evening will be given by **Aroon Parshotam** on **the Planes (or levels) of Consciousness**. This provides a helpful model of the Universe, way it is constructed, or as we experience it.

The following week (**Sunday 10th**) we have a visit from **Ganesh Kumar** from Auckland. As part of our Course, he is going to share some ideas on **Re-incarnation and the Law of Karma**.

The fifth part of the course (**Sunday 17th**) is being given by **Kavita Parshotam**, on **Meditation and our Latent Powers**. There will be some practical work involved, so come prepared to participate.

The final part of the course is a brief com-

parison of some of the **World Religions and Spiritual Thought**: prophetic, philosophic or otherwise. It will be given by Charles Sitwell, followed by an opportunity for general discussion on the course as a whole. This may take a little longer than our usual programme.

Note that there will be no meeting on Sunday 31st, as this is an early Queen's Birthday weekend. (Because the first Monday in June, this year, is on June 1st).

Library:

Our Librarian, Tim Sitwell, has been hard at work, trying to make the borrowing and returning of books an easier operation for everybody. He has also set up a function to request and recall books, (or other items) similar to that used in Public and University libraries. The system involves the use of a special library card with a barcode which is your Diploma Number. (Members who attended the meeting on 26th April were given their card then, otherwise yours is enclosed).

Scanning this will save you having to look up the reference on the Computer, as those of you who have been using our Computerised system have been doing. It also eliminates the need to write details in the book as an alternative.

This may all sound a bit "high Tech" and complicated, but it is really very easy and if you have any problems with it, feel free to ask Tim. He will be very willing to explain them.

Working Bee:

Our Lodge garden is in need of a little TLC again so if you are able to lend a hand please come along on Saturday 23rd starting about 10:00 am, even if only for a little while. There will be morning tea and a light lunch available.

Study Class:

It has been suggested that we should run a weekly study class lasting one to two hours as the group decides. To be held as a morning or afternoon session on Saturday or Sunday. Thursday evenings could be an alternative. At this stage, the proposed topic is the Secret Doctrine, in conjunction with relevant other material.

The format (which can be adjusted to the wishes of the group) could be: reading in turns a paragraph or two from HPB's the *Secret Doctrine* and parallel paragraphs from Sri Krishna Prem's *Man the Measure of All Things* and then discussing the ideas. And so on.

If there is sufficient interest then we could start in July, but it needs five or six people to make a worthwhile sized group and for the discussion to work well.

If you are interested in this idea then please let one of the Committee know. Indicate which time slot would suit you best

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

Autumn is a second Spring

With every leaf a flower.

- Albert Camus

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 May 2009

Sunday 3rd

5:00 pm Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Members Pot Luck Meal

7:30 pm Course Pt3: Planes of Consciousness
Aroon Parshotam

Thurs 7th (extra meeting)

7:30 pm Fairy Stories & Archetypes
Victor McGill

Sunday 10th

7:30 pm Course Pt4: Reincarnation & Karma

Sunday 17th

7:30 pm Course Pt5: Meditation
Kavita Parshotam

Sunday 24th

7:30 pm Course Pt6: World Religions
Charles Sitwell

Sunday 31st No meeting (Queen's Birthday W/E)

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