



**HAMILTON LODGE**  
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Greetings to all our Members

This is the month when we know that Spring is really here at last. The Equinox is of course on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month and in theory that means we are half way through Spring (assuming Summer is Labour Weekend to Easter☺).

### **Programme for September**

We start, unfortunately in the absence of the President who has to be away, with our **Members meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** in which **Aroon** will share some ideas about the different **Paths of Meditation** and as we had a talk the previous week around one particular path, it will help to round out the subject, for indeed there are many Paths. A quote from Kipling comes to mind: "There are nine and sixty ways of constructing tribal lays and every single one of them is right!"

On the **13<sup>th</sup> Sept** we will have **Kathy Stokes** on "**Old writing, new science**" having a look at some of the ancient writings echoed in modern science, showing some interesting truths behind what was formally thought to be myth.

The following week, **20<sup>th</sup> Sept** we will have **Mardi O'Shea** who, although now living in Whangamata has agreed to come over and give us a talk on an intriguing topic of "**Very Dangerous Plants: Poisonings, Possessions and Prophecies**". As most of you know Mardi has practiced Naturopathy for a number of years, and will be well able to throw light on this subject.

The month closes on **27<sup>th</sup> Sept** with a very special visitor, **Jan Lawson**, who we have not had for a couple of years. Jan is going to talk

on "**Looking Ahead: What This Means for Each of Us**" and this of course will be one of our "not to be missed" evenings.

### **Study Group**

Our proposed Study group is now under way on Thursday evenings at 7:30 and we are reading and discussing Powell's compilation from some early theosophical books relating to the subtler "Bodies" or "vehicles" which go to make up our whole being, more particularly the "Etheric Double" or health aura. Will be working on Chapter Four and perhaps Chapter Five during the month.

As we only had two copies in our library, we have borrowed some extra copies from the Headquarters Library, so that we have one available for each member.

### **Vic Hao Chin in NZ**

Although probably too late for his Auckland courses, he will be talking on **3rd Sept in Tauranga 7:30** on "**The Moulding of Our Destiny**" and a weekend Seminar in **Wanganui, Sat 12th 10:30 to Sun 13<sup>th</sup>**, ends 4:00pm approx.

### **Web sites**

One aspect of theosophy is concerned with nature and the unity of all life. Living in harmony with nature and learning from nature are therefore relevant and one web site has a fascinating talk (about 20 minutes) on this topic. The address is a bit lengthy:

[http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/janine\\_benyus\\_shares\\_nature\\_s\\_designs.html](http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/janine_benyus_shares_nature_s_designs.html)

but if you can type it in or if you can use it from here you may find it is worth the effort. It is a video, so may not work on dial-up.

**In an email from Warwick Keys** on 27/8/09: **Good news.** The international protest from TS sections and individual members about the proposed elevated corridor (highway) which would have taken land from Adyar and completely changed the environment in the TS compound appears to be changed to take into account the international protest. Here is CVK Maithreya's message about the latest developments.

Dear friend,

The newspaper item in 'The Hindu' [given below] carries an interesting news item which seems to indicate that the land for the elevated corridor will not be acquired from The Theosophical Society's estate. The alternate plan will be implemented, according to the expert. We trust that this news item will be substantiated by an official confirmation from the Government soon. We need to keep our efforts on, until this is finally received.

Thank you for your letter recording your protest. Theosophists around the world like you would be happy to know that this collective effort of the Theosophical fraternity has proved successful.

Kind regards.

Chaganti V.K. Maithreya, President, Madras  
Theosophical Federation.

**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 Angelsea St, let us know and we will arrange to get you to and from the meeting.**

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

**IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE A COMBINATION OF HEARING, THINKING AND MEDITATION. WHEN YOU START PRACTISING, YOU SHOULD NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH. INNER DEVELOPMENT IS NOT EASY AND WILL TAKE TIME.**

~ 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  
Sept. 2009***

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	
5:00 pm	Committee Meeting
6:00 pm	Members Pot Luck Meal
7:30 pm	Paths of Meditation Aroon Parshotam
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30 pm	Ancient writing, modern science Kathy Stokes
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30 pm	Dangerous Plants: Poisonings, Possessions and Prophecies Mardi O'Shea
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30 pm	Looking Ahead: What that means for each of us Jan Lawson

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