



# *Hamilton Lodge Of the Theosophical Society Newsletter for 2010*

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Our Dear Theosophical Friends,

Sometimes the actions of Theosophists make it appear that Theosophy has been forgotten. The Society has faced and survived many crises in the past and the difficulties surrounding our own National Body at this time seem merely to mirror the difficulties faced at an International level — and indeed some might say at a truly global level also —, as we hurtle through the chaotic cusps and into a New Age of Aquarian Wisdom.

The Society is composed of a brotherhood of students. Students of what you ask? Theosophy is different for every individual member and we all have our own individual form of Theosophy. We cannot make formulas for others and each student must follow his own leads. Added to that we each see the world, our fellows, our situations and our studies — if indeed we have any studies — through the tiny windows of our own individual lives, cultures and upbringing. As we have many times said — the only real requirement for membership is a belief in our very first Object.

We all know that “Universal Brotherhood” and “The Ancient Wisdom” have not been clearly defined for us, so what is it that unites us? Why do we continue as members of this old and often fractious Society?

Whatever brought us to the Society in the first instant was possibly the start of our conscious journey, as we glimpsed mountains in the distance that stirred in us reminders of a better way of life. We sought to become co-workers with nature, servants and benefactors of humanity. To get knowledge of the Wise Ones, and to meet other travelers treading the same path. We read “The Voice of the Silence”.

Whatever it is that holds us I think we can agree that everything we read is second-hand knowledge and only becomes wisdom through experience and suffering. Literature — brilliant though it may be — merely provides us with signposts that point and put us in touch with ideas that cast a light on the road to be travelled. This effectually links the activities of this life with their consequences in others.

To become the best we are capable of being, we have promised to..... “Live a clean Life; Have an open Mind .....a courageous Endurance of personal Injustice, a Valiant defense of those who are unjustly attacked and a Constant Eye to the Ideal of Human Progression and perfection .....”(The Golden Stairs — H Blavatsky —)

Our Society is a resilient and wise old lady. She will survive through her time worn toils and sufferings, but what of her beloved children? Can we surround them all in Love and Compassion for the vulnerability that is the Human? We err, we fall, we are Brothers and are all deserving of love, tolerance and understanding. Surely most of us try to do our best.

**Please surround our vulnerable family with Light and Healing.**

## FRIDAY DVD EVENINGS

Every Friday at 7:30pm, watch documentaries, films, talks, or spiritual-cinema.

This month we examine some of the Biblical Archaeology films that seek out evidence supporting the Bible stories as actual Historical events. We end this month with a film that outlines a process in which we can all become the Hero.

## SATURDAY SOCIAL EVENINGS

Celebrations for Members, Friends and Families to enjoy.

Our Mid Winter Feast was well attended and a good night had by all.

Our next social gathering will be:  
18th September.

## Election of Theosophical Society National President

As per our National Constitution rule 14[b] members “who have been members in good standing for not less than twenty-four consecutive months immediately prior to the election”, will be receiving (as per the bylaws) “voting papers, short curriculum vitae and photo of each candidate, a candidate statement and a stamped return envelope.” The voting process is on a preferential basis, so voters will need to rank the candidates in order of preference. i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 up to the number of candidates. Each number can only be used once. You can choose not to put a number next to a candidate, but for best results of making your vote count, you should rank at least half of the candidates standing and the numbers are required to be consecutive rankings i.e. No skipping a number. There is no room for split voting or strategic voting in this system, your vote states your preference. Read through the materials supplied carefully before making your vote and be sure to return your voting papers before the end of July. Members of our branch have put forward immediate past president Charles Sitwell as a candidate for election.

With best wishes from your Committee: Natalie Alexandra-Browning, Carmel Levick, Vicki Pennington, Peter Marley, Suzanne Wood, Una Tasker, Bronwyn Llewellyn, Chris Galbreath, Barry Cope, and Tim Sitwell.

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### Programme Summary for July 2010

Sunday 4th 3:00 pm Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Pot Luck Meal 7:30 pm 2012 Prophecies surrounding the ending of the Mayan Calendar. — DVD	Sunday 18th 7:30 pm 'Jyoti & the great fish Beyond' - Samadhimurti Sunday 25th 6:00 pm Meal at the Satay House 7:30 pm 'Angels are Real' - Murray Stentiford
Sunday 11th 7:30 pm 'Denizens of the astral domain - Guan Yin & Mara: ancient & contemporary experience.' - Peter Calvert	All meetings are followed by a light supper. A gold coin donation in the box provided would be much appreciated.