

# NEW PLYMOUTH branch newsletter

## July - September 2011

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“Recognition of the unique value of every living being expresses itself in reverence for life, compassion for all, sympathy with the need of individuals to find truth for themselves, and respect for every religious tradition. The ways in which these ideals become realities in individual life are both the privileged choice and the responsible act of every human being.”

The quotation above is an excerpt from ‘The Theosophical World View’. It reflects a purpose in life that is not just a high ideal, unreachable by the many. It is a possibility for us all. That is, to be valued, loved, cared for and respected. The statement is describing kindness as a way to make positive and genuine changes that have a beneficial and lasting effect upon all on this planet.

As the statement says it is “both the privileged choice and the responsible act of every human being” to make these ideals become reality.

Such is the situation around the globe, both environmentally and in our human societies, that the need for beneficial change is urgent. The need to make that privileged choice and take responsible action is now. We can look around for others to fix the problems we experience in life. But, eventually our search comes back to ourselves. Because, it is the changes we make in ourselves that can change the world. If we want a happier, safer and more beneficial and prosperous way of life and environment, we can help make it happen. We are not helpless. If we don’t want



negative influences around us then we need to make the effort to generate a positive mental, emotional and physical environment. If we ourselves want to be happy, then we need to cease causing harm to any living creature. No one though, would expect this to happen overnight. It is a gradual progress.

However, once we definitely make that choice and begin to take that action, with perseverance, great things can happen. No one’s life is without that opportunity to do great things to help. We all have those choices to make and we all have the ability to take responsible action in our lives.

In this world, where money, technology and position are still producing an environment of mechanisation and severe detachment from our heart centre, the Phoenix is rising from the ashes. People are waking up to their true potential. The reality of the inner life is taking on greater significance as meditation, natural therapeutics and a more balanced way of living, develops through our own collective efforts. A wave of light is rising through this world, and it emanates from each of us as we take action from the heart, not just the mind.

# Programme for July - September 2011

HEALING GROUP at 7:30 before all members' meetings.

Date	Topic	Speaker	Venue	Time
<b>JULY</b>				
Thursday 7 July	How did you get to where you are now? - What brought you to Theosophy? Exploring our experiences.	Members	Bryan and Helen Pollock 25 Belt Road New Plymouth	7:45 pm
<b>Monday</b> 18 July	Reality of Angels - Beings of Living Flame	Public Murray Stentiford	RNZ Foundation for the Blind Hall 131 Vivian St New Plymouth	7:30 pm
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Thursday 4 August	Recognising Spiritual Guides	Members - contributions welcome	Bryan and Helen Pollock 25 Belt Road New Plymouth	7:45 pm
Thursday 18 August	Krishnamurti - Some aspects of his life and teachings.	Members Peter Vink	Bryan and Helen Pollock 25 Belt Road New Plymouth	7:45 pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Thursday 1 September	HP Blavatsky - Mother of the New Age. a brief discussion of her life.	Members Helen Pollock	Bryan and Helen Pollock 25 Belt Road New Plymouth	7:45 pm
Thursday 15 September	AGM	Members	Bryan and Helen Pollock 25 Belt Road New Plymouth	7:45 pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 28 September	Right Human Relationships	Public - Sandy Ravelli	RNZ Foundation for the Blind Hall 131 Vivian St New Plymouth	7:30 pm