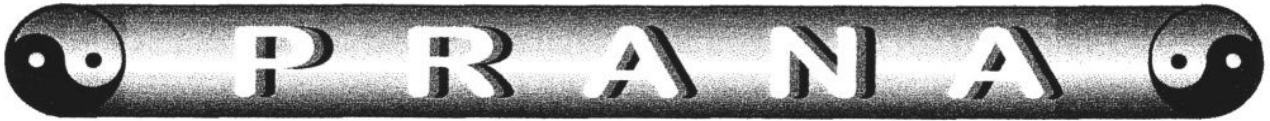


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WARM RECEPTION AWAITS IN THE WINTER TERM

Welcome to the mid-term for the Wellington Branch of the Theosophical Society. This, of course, covers the winter months – a time when we often think that maybe we won't go out but just stay warm inside on a cold, dark night. However, it is always so pleasing to see the number of people who do come to the TS Hall in Marion Street to take part in the programmes.

This term features 'Common Threads of Religion', a series of presentations to allow discussion on issues which cover religious belief, practice, concepts and scientific connections. The area of Quantum Physics has aroused considerable debate and conjecture and will come up in these sessions. Along with this is the insoluble topic of God. Perhaps it should not be described as insoluble because ultimately we will understand fully – but that may be a long way off!

The practice in Wellington, in keeping with the International Theosophical Society's freedom of thought allowed for all people, is to encourage discussion. This allows greater insights and increased understanding from participation in a group. Of course, there is no compulsion to discuss the subjects. You can take part equally by your presence. That is why it is so appreciated when people come out on sometimes cold or stormy nights.

And those unable to attend can also take part in the Wisdom Tradition's teachings by individual study and service. That is why we place an emphasis on the considerable collections of books, compact disks and DVDs available through our library. They can be invaluable studied alone or in groups.

This year we continued the study group discussions of The Mahatma Letters but for this term they are in recess. They will continue again in September. Also, the Wednesday healing service will take a recess during this term. Yoga is still being conducted weekly, the Tuesday lunchtime discussions continue, and mantra chanting continues between 6pm and 7pm on Tuesdays.

So although the weather may be cool, the reception at the TS Wellington Branch will be warm. For as many as can come along, as always, you are most welcome.

Clive Conland, president

Programme News from TSNZ National Centre in Auckland

The writer, workshop presenter and former professor of psychology, Nicky Hamid, will be in Wellington on Tuesday, 11th August. Dr Hamid was one of the presenters at the NZ School of Theosophy at Tauhara, Lake Taupo last year. His subject is Planetary Energy Changes, their meaning and effect on us.

Then we will host the researcher and presenter Victor MacGill, from Dunedin, the following week, on Tuesday 18th August. His subject is Integral Adventures in Quantum Consciousness – and will cover the work of the Hungarian scientist, author and philosopher, Ervin Laszlo. This writer of more than 60 books has fascinating insights on consciousness and Victor MacGill, whose specialties include the 'Chaos Theory', will also outline Dr Laszlo's suggestions for what we may need to survive through the 21st Century! Fascinating areas for exploration. Come along – and bring a friend!

INTERNATIONAL VISITING SPEAKER: Vic Hao Chin of the Philippines; at a regional seminar in Wanganui, with TS members from New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Dannevirke and Wellington, on the weekend of 12,13,14 September

A huge canvas is not more beautiful than a little one,
nor an orchestra of a hundred instruments necessarily better than a lone voice.
A life of simple labour can be far more beautiful than one which draws the attention of all the newspapers of the world. It is the innate quality which matters.

Radha Burnier