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NEWSLETTER

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This Spring term we have two visiting speakers from Auckland, Sandy Ravelli, our National President on the topic '**Relating to Change**', and Murray Stentiford, the Education Coordinator, on '**Can Our Thoughts Really Affect the Weather?**'.



Annie Besant, our second international President was born in October and Katie Harris will be giving a presentation on Besant's work as a social reformer.

The **Foundation Day** is on 17 November, a time to remember the founders of the Theosophical

Society (TS), Col. H. S. Olcott and H. P. Blavatsky, and reflect on their work to establish the TS.

Rachel Scholes will be taking a look at the Life and Teachings of **J. Krishnamurti**, one of the world's greatest thinkers of the 20th century.

Mark Simpson from **Project Jonah** will be giving a presentation on protecting and rescuing marine mammals such as whales, dolphins and seals.

RELATING TO CHANGE

Sandy Ravelli, National President

Sandy Ravelli is the National President of the New Zealand Section of the TS. She will explore our response to change, and how to maintain our spiritual focus in these changing times. It will be a time to discuss how the work of the Theosophical Society, and our own personal spiritual quest, fits into today's world.

THURSDAYS - MEMBERS' MEETINGS

The meetings have been moved to **Third Thursdays** of the month. There will be a vegetarian potluck dinner at 6.00 p.m., before the meeting. It is a time for members to come together in a spirit of service, meditation and study.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES — A Vision for New Zealand and the Planet

James Shaw

James Shaw, a member of the Green Party, is coming to speak to us about environmental issues.

It is an opportunity to learn more about the challenges particular to New Zealand and our responsibility to the planet.



NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

The TS Library has acquired new books over the last year and members can borrow them on the days the Library is open. The new titles are:

- **The Snake and the Rope** — Edi Bilimoria
- **Natural Theosophy** — Ernest Wood
- **The Wisdom of the Yoga-sutras** — Ravi Ravindra
- **I am That** — Nisargadatta Maharaj
- **A Short History of the Theosophical Society** — Josephine Ransom

Books on Theosophy can be purchased online from www.adyarbooks.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Wellington Branch of The Theosophical Society will be holding its Annual General Body Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, **18 October 2011**, at 19 Marion Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011.

Members are welcome to send in nominations for the Office holders and the other Committee members on or before 1 October 2011 addressed to the Secretary. Please contact Sushma Webber on 4791924 or 021403389 if you have any questions. There will be an opportunity for discussion at the members's meeting on 22 September 2011.

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Programme

September - December 2011

All Meetings and Activities are held at the Theosophical Society Hall at
19 Marion Street, Te Aro, Wellington

Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. (unless otherwise shown)

DATE	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
September		
6 TUE	DVD/Video Night: The Secret Life of Sir Francis Bacon	Bill Keidan
13 TUE	Environmental Policies	James Shaw
20 TUE	Healing Service	Simon Webber
22 THUR	Applied Theosophy: Questions and Answers — <i>Members Only Meeting (6.00 p.m.)</i>	Panel
27 TUE	Relating to Change	Sandy Ravelli
October		
4 TUE	DVD/Video Night: What is Meditation?	Eckhart Tolle
11 TUE	Can Our Thoughts Really Affect the Weather?	Murray Stentiford
18 TUE	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
20 THUR	Annie Besant as a Social Reformer — <i>Members Only Meeting (6.00 p.m.)</i>	Katie Harris
25 TUE	Healing Service	Simon Webber
November		
1 TUE	DVD/Video Night: Freedom from Fear	J. Krishnamurti
8 TUE	Project Jonah — Caring for Whales, Dolphins and Seals	Mark Simpson
15 TUE	J. Krishnamurti: His Life and Teachings	Rachel Scholes
17 THUR	Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society — <i>Members Only Meeting (6.00 p.m.)</i>	Sushma Webber
22 TUE	A Not So Well-known Mystic — SRDLF	Silvia Soto-bussard
29 TUE	Healing Service	Simon Webber
December		
6 TUE	END OF YEAR PARTY !	

TUESDAYS:

- (12 noon - 2.00 p.m.): Lunchtime Discussion and Fellowship at the Hall. All are Welcome.
- (6.00 - 7.00 p.m.): Mantra Yoga (Chanting) sessions with Richard Holmes.
- (7.00 - 9.00 p.m.): Library is open before and after meetings.

WEDNESDAYS (6.30 - 8.00 p.m.):

Satyananda Yoga classes with Adhyatma.
E-mail: adhyatma108@gmail.com

FRIDAYS:

- (6.00 - 9.00 p.m.): Library Evenings.
- (7.30 - 9.00 p.m.): **Second Friday:**
Dances for Universal Peace.

SUNDAYS:

(10.30 a.m.): **Third Sunday:**
The Liberal Catholic Church Service.
Rev. Ross Conland (04 971 4071)
or Clive Conland (04 2330406).
All are Welcome.