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HPB Newsletter

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From the President's Pen

Date: 01 September 2024



Dear Members,

Warmest greetings to you all after our winter break this past month from our programme. What changeable weather we've had from freezing our toes off yesterday on the last day of winter to beautiful sunny spring today. The cycles of nature with its four glorious seasons reminds me of the cyclical nature of all things, this being one of the fundamental tenets of theosophy, nature's cyclicity, demonstrated in large and small, from solar systems manifesting and dissolving to the many incarnations in human form of the Soul, and the seasons of our lives that we all experience. The many ideas and teachings of theosophy offered for consideration are helpful in

understanding the world we live in and, on a more intimate level, through the inevitable ups and downs that we encounter on this precious journey we call life.

Our **Monday evenings** will begin again on Monday 09 September at 7.30 pm, we will be exploring The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett. These most fascinating literature form a major part of the theosophical body of teachings that have come through the modern theosophical movement since 1875. These teachings are both inspirational and practical, covering a huge range, from the mundane to the magnificent! If you are interested in finding out more about this series, I would recommend attending the introductory session to see both a clip on the Mahatmas and how these letters came about, where they came from, and an overview of what we will be studying in this series. I would recommend having a copy of the letters if you are able, either from the library or we have copies for sale in the book shop. The library and bookshop will be open from 7.00 pm on 09 September.

Our **Theosophical Library** is open regularly on a Saturday morning from 10 am – 12 noon, all are welcome! 

The **Saturday morning discussion group** dates are 14 September, 19 October and 09 November. Topics centre around living theosophy, good conduct, love and how long do we live? Full details are in the programme.

Long-time member, **Val White**, has passed to higher service on 16 August 2024. Valerie had been a member of our branch for many years and loved theosophy and everything it stood for. She was a past national speaker in the society, served in our library and in the caretaker role at the branch up until a few years ago. Many will remember Val, always chatty and ready to share theosophy to whomever she spoke. We wish Val well, sending her love as she enters the next part of her journey.

We have a number of **Important Dates** coming up including for our **AGM**, **Governance Board update**, **Founders Day**, **Christmas Gathering** and the **National Convention** being held in Auckland. Please see page 2 of this newsletter, for details of dates.

Now that spring has arrived, I hope to see you at the lodge soon, and look forward to catching up with friends and like-minded people through our studies.. If you have any questions or queries, please reach out to me.

With warmest regards

Renée





Important Dates:

Monday Evenings new series: Monday 09 Sep 2024, 7.30 pm
Studying theosophy together, Exploring THE MAHATMA LETTERS!
library opens at 7.00 pm. See programme for details.

Saturday Morning Discussion Group, 14 Sep 2024, 10.30 am - 12 noon
A monthly daytime offering starting at 10.30 am. Library open from 10.00 am. See programme for details.

TSNZ Governance Board Update for members, Thursday 10 Oct 2024,
Starting at 7.30 pm, followed by supper.

AGM for members: Wednesday 23 October 7.30 pm
This is our Annual General Meeting for the branch. I encourage all members of HPB Lodge to come along and join us for this meeting and the voting in of officers for the coming year. Shared supper afterwards. (Nomination forms enclosed for committee)

2025 National Convention, Auckland 16 - 21 January.

Mark your calendars. Please note, you must register for this event, Registrations open online 01 September: theosophy.nz

Founders Day: Monday 18 November 7.30 pm

Come join us as we celebrate founders day (17 November 1875), the official birthdate of the TS which is the day the TS burst onto the world stage and brought the Ancient Wisdom teachings into the world again.

Library open on Saturdays 10 am - 12 noon

(N.B. Labour weekend, library is closed)

Christmas Gathering: Sunday 08 December starting at 7.00 pm

Mark your calendar with details to come through closer the time.

All welcome as we discuss some very interesting topics exploring theosophy on our Monday evenings and Saturday morning discussion groups!

Exploring THE MAHATMA LETTERS Mon 9 Sep - 25 Nov 2024

An 8 week series delving into these core ideas
and theosophical tenets.

Short presentations followed by discussion
and enquiry





Saturday Morning Discussion Group 10.30 am - 12 noon

Come join us for morning tea 🍰☕📖 Library open 10 - 12

All welcome as we discuss some very interesting topics:



14 September

Living Theosophy – Good Conduct Part IV



19 October

Living Theosophy – The fourth qualification – What is Love?

09 November

How long do we live? – Who decides?



Visiting National speaker Jim Scrivener

Monday 14 October 2024, 7.30 pm 🌸📖☕

A powerpoint presentation and discussion

Hildegard of Bingen

A look at the life and work of this remarkable 12th century Abbess, mystic, author and composer.

We are looking forward to hosting Jim from New Plymouth

A National sponsored event, ALL WELCOME!



National Event:

2025 Convention, Auckland

16 - 21 JANUARY

Embracing Wholeness ~

Awakening of the Human Heart

with international guest speaker, Jude Currivan from the U.K.



Details are in *TheoSophia* magazine (September & December issues)

Further information online: <https://theosophy.nz/events/convention-2025>

This is a must register event and early bird prices

The Three Objects of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand are:



- To form a nucleus of the Universal Kinship of Humanity, without distinction of race, ethnicity, creed, gender, sexual orientation, caste or colour.
- To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.
- To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in the human being.



Happenings at HPB, Auckland

Spring Season!



Studying *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*

Why study the Mahatma Letters?

Many of the core teachings of Theosophy are found in the letters written by two Masters of Wisdom to one of the early and prominent members of the Theosophical Society, Alfred P. Sinnett. These letters, which were held for many years in the British Museum are today housed in the British Library. They are significant to Theosophists for two reasons: their metaphysical and philosophical content and the extraordinary methods used in their production.

It is very exciting to be delving into this literature from the inner founders of the T.S.

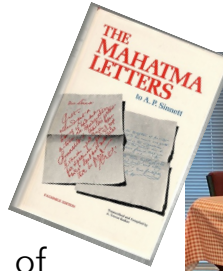
October 23 AGM

Nominations for the committee are on the next page. You are welcome to apply or nominate a fellow member. These must reach the secretary by 4pm on 18 October 2024.

(conditions apply)



BEAUTIFUL pheasants
Often visit the grounds of HPB Lodge!



Winter break...with the branch waiting to welcome everyone back in Spring!



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Member, Wendy Rapp speaking at the recent National Immersion weekend



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Trish Lynch introducing speakers at the Immersion weekend



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Auckland Theosophical Centre
4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom, Auckland
PROGRAMME 2024

September 2024

Monday 09 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy Introduction to the Mahatmas and their Letters (1)
Saturday 14 10.30 am – 12 noon	Saturday Morning Discussion Group <i>Living Theosophy – Good Conduct Part IV</i>
Monday 16 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett (2)
Monday 23 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett (3)
Monday 30 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett (4)

October 2024

Monday 07 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett (5)
Thursday 10 7.30 pm	Governance Board Update All members welcome
Monday 14 7.30 pm	National sponsored speaker Jim Scrivener Hildegard of Bingen a powerpoint presentation
Saturday 19 10.30 am – 12 noon	Saturday Morning Discussion Group <i>Living Theosophy – The fourth qualification – What is Love?</i>
Monday 21	Break
Wednesday 23 7.30 pm	Member's Evening Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by supper
26 – 28 October	Labour Day Weekend Break Please note library is closed over this weekend

November 2024

Monday 04 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett (6)
Saturday 09 10.30 am – 12 noon	Saturday Morning Discussion Group <i>How long do we live? – Who decides?</i>
Monday 11 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett (7)
Monday 18 7.30 pm	Founders Day Celebration Official T.S. Birthday Join us today to find out more about the founding of the T.S.
Monday 25 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett (8)

December 2024	
Monday 02 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy Discussion evening Final for the year
Sunday 08 7.00 pm	Christmas Celebration Evening Come and enjoy Music, Stories & Poetry followed by a shared supper afterward (Bring a plate to share)
	Summer break
January 2025	
16 - 21 January	National Section Event: NZ Convention 2025 Embracing Wholeness – Awakening of the Human Heart With various guest speakers <u>Must register event:</u> Details in magazine or online at: theosophy.nz

Thoughts to ponder...

Our immediate aim is not that which is best in itself, but that which is best for us in our present stage, and carries us one step forward.

Annie Besant

Have patience, Candidate, as one who fears no failure, courts no success. Fix thy Soul's gaze upon the star whose ray thou art, the flaming star that shines within the lightless depths of ever-being, the boundless fields of the Unknown.

H. P. Blavatsky