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HPB Newsletter

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From the President's Pen

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Dear Members,

In light of some recent events in the TS it might be fitting for our members to explore some of the aims of the Theosophical Society and why we were formed; and also to understand that being a member places certain obligations on us. These obligations are not onerous and should quite naturally be part of our personal make-up. We might start by understanding that a primary object of the Society was to become a nucleus where right relationship is formed within our lives, in the understanding that 'Universal Kinship' is more than just words, it is a call to action in recognising the Unity of all life, and respect for each on their own journey of life.


Helena Blavatsky spoke about theosophy becoming a living power in our lives and that right thought is a good thing, but that thought alone does not count for much unless it is translated into action. This action is the application of the ancient wisdom to our everyday lives. These actions are informed by the values we hold dear, such as HPB's Golden Stairs and our Objects, particularly the first one '*to form a nucleus of the Universal Kinship of Humanity, without distinction...*' (see page 4). Our branch has a code of conduct which has been articulated into a set of values adopted by our branch and set within the constitutions of our organisation. A copy of the **Code of Conduct** is on the message board in our hall and I will state **Our Values** here:



Altruism
Respect
Diversity



Recognising of the Oneness of All Life
Co-operation
Integrity

These values are a basis for how we interact with each other in Lodge life, and of course beyond the TS in interactions with all sentient beings. We may add to this list some standards of conduct also found in our Constitution: honesty, good faith, trust, fairness and responsibility. All of this provides food for thought on how we engage with others, and the many attributes of right conduct for us to ponder upon. No-one would deny that these are important and of value, and living up to them can be quite natural. Yet there are times when personal agendas are strong and can blind us to the basic respect towards others. The **Saturday morning discussion group**, coming up on 15 June, has topics centred around 'good conduct' this year, from that little theosophical gem: *At the Feet of the Master*, a really wonderful exposition of attributes to work on in the spiritual life. The Society in NZ has a vision of *An Harmonious World of Enlightened Beings*; now wouldn't that be magical! 

Our second series on **Monday evenings** begins again on Monday 27 May at 7.30 pm. I hope you are able to attend some of these studies that are on offer. For further details, please check the programme attached to this newsletter. I would like to highlight a special winter offering from the NZ Section of the TS - an **Online Zoom Series Theosophical Sundays Exploring Consciousness** 9 June – 7 July 2024.

The **Theosophical Library** is open regularly on a Saturday from 10 am – 12 noon over June/July 2024.

Long-time member, **Arthur Goodall**, passed to higher service on 25 February 2024. Arthur had been a member of our branch for 56 years, and served within the Society in many capacities, including HPB Lodge President and the National President of the New Zealand Section. Theosophy was very close to Arthur's heart and he always enjoyed catching up with friends, having a good laugh when he could. We wish Arthur well on the next part of his journey ahead with love from us all.

We have had a number of new members join recently - a special welcome to you all, we look forward to getting to know you as we explore theosophy. With winter now upon us, I hope you will venture out to the lodge to catch up with friends and like minded people in our studies. If you have any questions or queries, please reach out to me,

With warmest wishes, Renée





Important upcoming dates:

Monday Evenings new series begins on Monday 27 May

Exploring theosophy together, love to see you at the branch starting 7.30 pm with the library opening at 7.00 pm

See programme for further details.

Theosophical Sundays online series: *Exploring Consciousness*

This is a National sponsored series for all of NZ, held online over 5 consecutive Sundays 09 June – 07 July (see attached poster)

Please note: must register for this event online: theosophy.nz

2025 National Convention, Auckland 16 – 21 January.

mark your calendars.

Library, open 10 am – 12 noon on Saturdays throughout June and July including the long weekends.

All welcome as we discuss some very interesting topics:

**Monday Evenings ~ 7.30 pm
Exploring the Ancient Wisdom**

Come join us beginning again on:

Monday 27 May

Details in the attached programme

Short presentations followed by discussion
and enquiry

National Zoom Online Event:

Theosophical Sundays

Exploring Consciousness 09 June – 07 July 2024

An online series over five consecutive Sundays in June and July 2024, we'll be joined via Zoom by five International guest speakers from across the globe: Jude Currivan, our own Murray Stentiford, Pablo Sender, Edi Bilimoria and Ravi Ravindra, each taking us on a unique journey in Exploring Consciousness.

For further information see the National website for details:

<https://theosophy.nz/events/theosophical-sundays-exploring-consciousness>

Must register online for this event (please note Sunday times vary)



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:

15 June	Living Theosophy –what is Good Conduct Part II
13 July	Living Theosophy – what is Good Conduct Part III
August	Break
13 September	Living Theosophy – what is Good Conduct Part IV?

THE GOLDEN STAIRS

A clean life, an open mind,
A pure heart, an eager intellect,
An unveiled spiritual perception,
A brotherliness for all,

A readiness to give and receive advice and instruction,
A loyal sense of duty to the Teacher,
A willing obedience to the behests of TRUTH,
Once we have placed our confidence in,
And believe that Teacher to be in possession of it;

A courageous endurance of personal injustice,
A brave declaration of principles,
A valiant defense of those who are unjustly attacked,
And a constant eye to the ideal of human progression,
And perfection which the secret science depicts—

These are the golden stairs
Up the steps of which the learner may climb
To the Temple of Divine Wisdom.

—H. P. Blavatsky

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.



Upcoming National online Zoom Theosophical Sundays Event:



THEOSOPHY NZ ONLINE SERIES

Exploring Consciousness

Join us for our Theosophical Sundays Online Series. Over five consecutive Sundays in June and July 2024, we'll be joined via Zoom by five different presenters from across the globe, each taking us on a unique journey in **Exploring Consciousness**.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday 9 June	Jude Currian	Our Conscious (R)evolution: Why Here & Why Now	7.00PM
Sunday 16 June	Murray Stentiford	Consciousness & the Crucial Role of Meaning	3.00PM
Sunday 23 June	Pablo Sender	Scientific Validation of Theosophical Clairvoyance	3.00PM
Sunday 30 June	Dr Edi Bilimoria	Consciousness Came First	7.30PM
Sunday 7 July	Ravi Ravindra	Spiritual Search: East & West	11.00AM

**MORE INFO AND REGISTER FOR FREE AT
THEOSOPHY.NZ/EVENTS**

Happenings at HPB, Auckland

Pictures from Autumn Season in Auckland...

Members and friends having a great time!



Truly lovely evening with members and friends and International guest speaker Barry Bowden. (above)



TOS evening collage from the recent School of Theosophy with Barry Bowden



Oh WOW... our feathered theosophists come to say Hi!



On Friday 24 May this picture was taken behind our lodge building ~ beautiful autumn leaves reminding us of the transitory nature of life itself



Auckland Theosophical Centre 4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom, Auckland PROGRAMME 2024	
May 2024	
Monday 27 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <i>Living in Wisdom</i> (1) John Vorstermans
June 2024	
01 – 03 June	King's Birthday Weekend Please note the library is open
Sunday 09 7.00 pm	National Theosophical Sundays Online Zoom Series Our Conscious (R)evolution Jude Currivan
Monday 10 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <i>Unfolding our True Nature: The Pilgrim's Journey</i> (2) Richard Sell
Saturday 15 10.30 am – 12 noon	Saturday Morning Discussion Group <i>Living Theosophy – what is Good Conduct Part II</i>
Sunday 16 3.00 pm	National Theosophical Sundays Online Zoom Series Consciousness and the Crucial Role of Meaning Murray Stentiford
Monday 17 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <i>Principles, Practice, Perception</i> (3) Renée Sell
Sunday 23 3.00 pm	National Theosophical Sundays Online Zoom Series Scientific Validation of Theosophical Clairvoyance Pablo Sender
Monday 24 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <i>The Unfolding Spiritual Journey</i> (4) Carole van Weede
Sunday 30 7.30 pm	National Theosophical Sundays Online Zoom Series Consciousness Came First Dr. Edi Bilimoria
July 2024	
Monday 01 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <i>Finding your Soul's Purpose</i> (5) Carole van Weede
Sunday 07 11.00 am	National Theosophical Sundays Online Zoom Series Spiritual Search: East & West Ravi Ravindra
Monday 08 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <i>The Parables of the Lotus Sutra & the Mystery of the Soul Journey</i> (6) Wendy Rapp

Saturday 13 10.30 am – 12 noon	Saturday Morning Discussion Group <i>Living Theosophy – what is Good Conduct Part III</i>
Monday 15 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <i>The Mystery of Our Being</i> (7) Renée Sell
Monday 22 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy Discussion evening (8)
Monday 29 7.30 pm	Film evening at the TS (final Monday evening before winter break)
August 2024	
03 - 04 August	National Section Event: Immersion Weekend: Theosophy, Exploring the Peaks and Valleys of Spiritual Life With various speakers <u>Must register event:</u> Details in magazine or online at: theosophy.nz
05 – 26 August	Winter break

Thoughts to ponder...



True simplicity springs not from ignorance,
but from maturity of wisdom.

N. Sri Ram

Having been a member of the TS for many years now, and having seen my share of misunderstandings, I still find myself saying that the Theosophical Society is perfect in every way. It was founded by the Masters for their work. It is a repository for sublime teachings. The only problem with the TS, now and in the past, is the people – you and me. The fact is that all of us are undeveloped and imbalanced in countless ways. The beauty of it is that we are trying. In the Theosophical teachings we have the highest quality guidelines and intimations for this process of self-unfoldment. We are all attempting to perfect our imperfect natures.

Tim Boyd, International President