



theosophical centre

HPB Newsletter

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From the President's Pen

Juddu Krishnamurti wrote "When you call yourself an Indian or a Muslim or a Christian or a European, or anything else, you are being violent. Do you see why it is violent? Because you are separating yourself from the rest of mankind. When you separate yourself by belief, by nationality, by tradition, it breeds violence. So a man who is seeking to understand violence does not belong to any country, to any religion, to any political party or partial system; he is concerned with the total understanding of mankind."

As theosophists, perhaps our first Object is the most prominent one; calling for the formation of a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity. But how far do we take this concept in our daily lives? We can of course feel empathy, respect, love and other positive traits that bind people together rather than separate, but by contemplating Krishnamurti's statement above we can see that the concept goes very deep indeed and our mind shift perhaps needs to be greater than we first realise. This is a topic well worth the trouble of meditating on and with all the strife in the world today, each one of us can be a beacon of light.

Namaste, Richard

"Your own Self-Realization is the greatest service you can render the world."

Ramana Maharshi



Our International President Tim Boyd Sunday 23 October at 7.30pm.

'The Solution to All Problems'

In a variety of disciplines there has been a search for some unifying theory which embraces all human knowledge, sometimes described as a unified field. In the realm of human living wise people have known and described this field for millennia. What if there was one root cause to our suffering that could be known and addressed? What could that mean for us as individuals and for our world?

Tim Boyd has been serving as international President of the Theosophical Society Adyar since April of 2014.

Tim grew up in New York City. He joined the Theosophical Society in America in 1974. Together with Bill Lawrence, a TS member and mentor, and others he founded a Theosophical spiritual community in Chicago's inner city. The group held classes on the Ageless Wisdom, meditation, and healing. They worked with at-risk and disadvantaged youth, transformed vacant lots into award-winning organic food gardens, and placed beehives on the roofs of local buildings..... this man has 'walked the talk' throughout his action- & thought-filled life!

We are expecting a full house as members will be coming from the northern region for this event. So make sure to arrive early to get a seat.

Dates for your Diaries!

HPB AGM 2016

This will be slightly later this year due to the timing of the Theosophical Indo Pacific Conference in Auckland. This year, the AGM is scheduled for:

THURSDAY 3rd November

7.30pm

HPB Hall

All welcome - in fact, we **encourage you** to come and hear what your hard working Committee has been doing in the last 12 months. Nomination forms attached for next year's committee members – please have completed forms to the secretary by 27 October.



17th December - 6.00pm - Christmas Celebrations - details to come.



Subscriptions



As you are aware, these have not changed in 4 years, despite the constant rise in the cost of living: electricity, insurance, cleaning, grounds maintenance, postage, internet etc. To cover this increasing outlay, the Committee has regretfully announced a minimum rise in the amount payable for the 2016-2017 year:

Unwaged : \$37 - Waged : \$60 - Family : \$80

As a member you are entitled to a number of privileges, including our extensive library, educational programme provided by your Committee, guest international speakers, the Theosophia Magazine, association with like-minded people, to name a few - make sure you grasp the wonderful opportunities to speak about and learn things of mutual interest with so many different perspectives and approaches on offer as a means to expand oneself on all levels!

TOS - Lara is still collecting for the Philippines

If you are able to donate something towards this very worthwhile project, please send a cheque or direct credit to: 03 0104 0088756-03 TOS Group New Zealand.

If you have any queries please contact Lara at: tos@theosophy.org.nz

'Self Discovery & Self Realization Series'

We're off to a great start for these in depth studies. However it is not too late if anyone still wants to come along. All are welcome.

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HPB Library

Library – CAN YOU HELP?

In our Library we have some historical books. However, some of these were taken out between 2012 and 2014 and never returned - and members are now lapsed.

Do any members have a copy of the books below, which they could donate to replace our missing copies?

Missing books:

The Stanzas of Dzyan by HP Blavatsky
Gnosticism by S Hoeller
Glimpses of Masonic History by CW Leadbeater
The Astrologer's Handbook by Sakoian and Acker
Success Signs by M Coleman
The Real World of Fairies by D Van Gelder
Illuminations of the Mystery Tradition compiled by S Hodson
The Marriage of East and West by B Griffiths
The Book of Ogham by E Thorsson
You are Gods by Aivanov
An Introduction to the Mahatma Letters by V Hanson



An Important Library Footnote to Members:

If you have an email address, PLEASE could you give it to the Librarians so they can send out reminders to people when books are falling due – or overdue!

If you currently have an overdue book/s, please would you return it/them ASAP?

The HPB library is a wonderful resource and by returning books we can maintain a valuable collection for all to borrow.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the library, contact Richard.

hpbpres@theosophy.org.nz

We would really love your help

A update on a couple of special National events:

1. Indo Pacific Federation Conference - this is now full, but a number of HPB branch members have booked for this event, they will enjoy the great line up....
2. National Science Conference being held at our branch is now full, speakers are coming from France, Australia and New Zealand for this event.

It is great to see members taking advantage of these excellent opportunities to hear both International and local speakers via these information-filled and thought-provoking events.

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Some Very Important News we overlooked back in April.....
 Our Treasurer, Darryl, and the lovely Nicole were married!



Congratulations!

We wish you every happiness together

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**Theosophical Centre
HPB Lodge, Auckland
PROGRAMME 2016**

SEPTEMBER 2016

Monday 19 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (3) The Stages of Knowledge, Wisdom and Realization
Tuesday 20 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Monday 26 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (4) The Nature of Devotion
Tuesday 27 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Wednesday 28 7.30pm	Members Discussion Meeting (members only) Stories to Awaken the Soul with Ian Rutherford Followed by supper
OCTOBER 2016	
Monday 03 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (5) The Means of Developing Devotion
Tuesday 04 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Monday 10 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (6) Samādhi - The Essential Technique of Yoga
Tuesday 11 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Friday 14 to Tuesday 18	13th Triennial Indo Pacific Federation Conference To be held at the Rose Park Hotel, Parnell Please note registrations are now closed – event full
Monday 17	Break
Tuesday 18 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Wednesday 19 to Friday 21	Theosophy & Science Seminar To be held at HPB Lodge, Auckland Please note registrations are now closed – event full
Sunday 23 7.30pm	SPECIAL NATIONAL EVENT INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TIM BOYD speaking on The Solutions to All Problems
Monday 24	Break

Tuesday 25 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Wednesday 26 7.30pm	Members Discussion Meeting (members only) Followed by supper
Monday 31 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (7) Preparation for Yoga
NOVEMBER 2016	
Tuesday 01 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Thursday 03 7.30pm	Annual General Meeting (AGM) Followed by supper
Monday 07 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (8) The Eight Sub-Divisions of Yogic Technique
Tuesday 08 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Monday 14 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (9) Self-Realization and the Quest for Happiness
Tuesday 15 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Thursday 17 7.30pm	FOUNDERS DAY A symposium of short talks followed by supper
Monday 21 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (10) The Question of Guidance
Tuesday 22 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
Wednesday 23 7.30pm	Members Discussion Meeting (members only) Followed by supper
Monday 28 7.30pm	Self Discovery & Self-Realization (Final) discussion evening
Tuesday 29 6.00pm	Yoga and Meditation
December 2016	
Saturday 17 6.00pm	Christmas Celebrations Details to be advised