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From the President's Pen

04 October 2023



Dear Members,

Happy Spring time 'to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven' – Spring brings up longer days and new beginnings for us all. Nature gives us clues in many forms, and assists us in finding that inner connection so very much required in our lives. Spring draws us to her, away from our patterns and into the call of the world within.

*May the precious flowers of devotion,
blossom in the garden of the human heart,
and spiritual unfoldment grow within each one of us,
like the budding petals of a flower!*

Spring conjures up delightful images of the season we are in with renewal being all around us, from beautiful cherry blossoms, to newly born creatures frolicking around. This sense of renewal is something that we each experience in our lives at different times and in different capacities, including our relationships, our work, our home and our spirituality.

Our time together as members of this theosophical centre is also one of these important moments, as our journey of seeking and enquiry is made lighter by the company we keep. This too, becomes joyous like spring, and human regeneration takes on a new meaning. We have been studying *The Key to Theosophy* by HPB this year and it has been quite a rejuvenating experience for our group as we explored together various teachings, often read before, but always finding the 'new' arising from a shared experience. The unfolding of our understanding is always moving and progressing, from Winter to Spring to Summer, much as the seasons do and the turning of the wheel of time. Summer will be on our doorstep soon enough, and then turning the corner of another year once again.

We have a special programme planned for the coming months, with discussion and video evenings on Monday evenings, and our monthly Saturday morning discussion group. These are opportunities for us to mix with like minds, share and discuss some of life's big questions and explore what light the theosophical teachings shed on these matters.

On 18 October at 7.30 pm we have the HPB Lodge AGM and I encourage you all to attend if possible. A sumptuous supper will follow the meeting. Nominations are open for committee, and if you are interested, nomination forms are enclosed.

The National Convention is to be held in Christchurch next January from 11th to 16th 2024 and I encourage you to consider attending if you feel like a break and wish to explore the ancient wisdom further.

I hope you are able to join us at the branch some time soon and we welcome all those who might be interested. For any queries at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email: hpbpres@theosophy.org.nz or text on 021 1755 170.

Warmest spring wishes to you and your family,

Renée



Monday Evenings ~ 7.30 pm Exploring the Ancient Wisdom

Come join us on
Monday 02 Oct - Monday 04 Dec 2023
Details in the attached programme

Exploring the Ancient Wisdom continues with presentations and video evenings

2, 9, 30 October, 6, 13, 20, 27 November, & 4 December 🌸📖☕

In the upcoming months we have some exciting presentations to share, followed by discussion and enquiry. We will finish the Monday evening studies for the year with a facilitated *discussion night* on 04 December 2023.

The library opens at 7.00 pm before our 7.30 pm start.. ALL WELCOME!



Important upcoming events & dates:

HPB Lodge Annual General Meeting

Love to see you there, on Wednesday 18 October at 7.30 pm

Christmas Celebration Evening - Music~Poetry~Stories~Supper
Sunday 10 December starting at 7.00 pm

The National TSNZ Convention to be held in Christchurch
11 - 16 January 2024, details in the September and December
issues of TheoSophia magazine.

National Event: 2024 Convention, Christchurch

11 - 16 JANUARY - OUR MYSTERY, Exploring the Journey of the Soul
with international guest speaker: Barbara Hebert from the USA

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

Further information online: <https://theosophy.nz/events/convention-2024>

This is a must register event and places are limited so book early.



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 October Critical Thinking – Science or spirituality?

25 November Living Theosophy – the four qualifications



Happenings at HPB, Auckland

We are immersed in Beauty



HPB's
spring daffodils

*“If I had a flower for
every time I thought of
you, I could walk in my
garden forever.”*

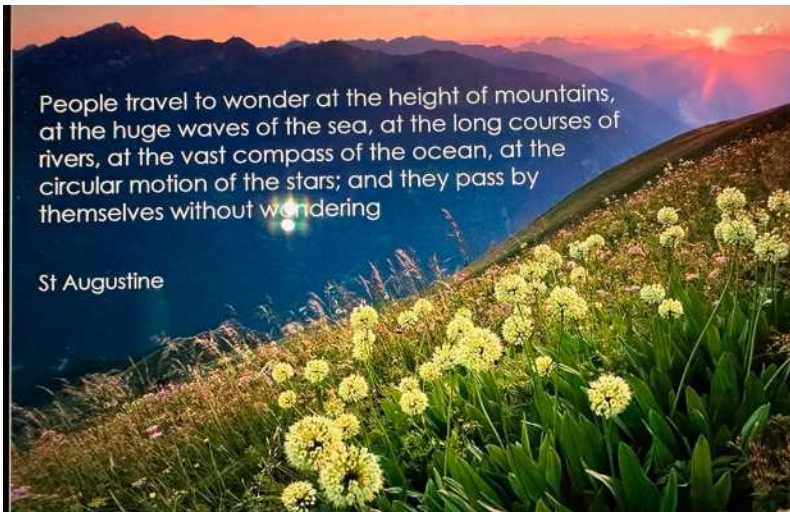
Lord Alfred Tennyson

Beautiful quote from St Augustine
shared by TSNZ National President
Richard Sell at a recent presentation



*HPB Lodge member Murray
Stentiford sharing at the
recent Immersion weekend*

*National guest speaker
Julia Tarnawsky visiting
HPB Lodge, Auckland*



People travel to wonder at the height of mountains,
at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of
rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the
circular motion of the stars; and they pass by
themselves without wondering


St Augustine

*Recent special guest Bill Keidan sharing a
photo of Theosophist Clara Codd*



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PROGRAMME 2023

OCTOBER 2023

Monday 02 7.30 pm	Exploring the Ancient Wisdom <i>Cyclic Evolution</i>
Monday 09 7.30 pm	Exploring the Ancient Wisdom <u>Video Evening</u> <i>The Habit of Dying with Tim Boyd</i>
Saturday 14 10 am – 12 noon	Saturday Morning Discussion Group <i>Critical Thinking – Science or spirituality?</i>
Monday 16	Break
Wednesday 18 7.30 pm	Members Evening Annual General Meeting (AGM) Followed by supper
Monday 23	Labour Day Weekend Break
Monday 30	Exploring the Ancient Wisdom <i>The Masters of the Wisdom and the way to them</i> <i>Renée Sell</i>

NOVEMBER 2023

Monday 06 7.30 pm	Exploring the Ancient Wisdom <u>Video evening:</u> <i>The Mahatmas and Their Letters</i>
Monday 13 7.30 pm	Exploring the Ancient Wisdom <u>Video Evening:</u> <i>A Look at Theosophical Teachings for a World in Need</i> <i>Elena Dovalsantos</i>
Monday 20 7.30 pm	Foundation Day Celebration <u>Who? What? Where? Why?</u> <i>followed by a shared supper afterward</i> <i>Bring a plate to share if you can</i>
Saturday 25 10 am – 12 noon	Saturday Morning Discussion Group <i>Living Theosophy – the four qualifications</i>
Monday 27 7.30 pm	Exploring the Ancient Wisdom <u>Video Evening:</u> <i>Evidence of A Conscious Universe</i> <i>Jude Currivan Ph D</i>

DECEMBER 2023

Monday 04 7.30 pm	Exploring the Ancient Wisdom <i>Discussion Evening – last of the year</i>
Sunday 10 7.00 pm	Christmas Celebration Evening Come and enjoy Music, Stories & Poetry followed by a shared supper afterward (Bring a plate to share)

	Break for the Holidays
JANUARY 2024	
11 – 16 January	National Event Convention 2024 held in Christchurch OUR MYSTERY, Exploring the Journey of the Soul Details in the <i>TheoSophia</i> magazine and online: Theosophy.nz (this is a must register event)
FEBRUARY 2024	
Sunday 18 7.00 pm	Come join us for Adyar Day Celebration followed by afternoon tea

Pondering...

‘One has to get a knowledge of spiritual facts by personal experience’
 ‘...the right perception of existing things, the Knowledge of the non-existent!’

H. P. Blavatsky

True transformation occurs only when we can look at ourselves squarely and face our attachments and inner demons, free from the buzz of commercial distraction and false social realities. We have to retreat into our own cocoons and come face-to-face with who we are. We have to turn toward our own inner darkness. For only by abandoning its attachments and facing the darkness does the caterpillar’s body begin to spread out and find its light, and beautiful wings begin to form.

Julia Butterfly Hill

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Completed form must reach the Secretary by 4.00pm on
13 October 2023 (5 clear days before AGM).

_____ Nominator _____

_____ print

_____ sign

_____ Person Nominated _____

_____ print

as/for _____ *

and for _____ *

I consent to the nomination as above

_____ (sign)

Date: _____

* Positions to choose from for Nomination:
President, Vice-President, Secretary,
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