



# theosophical centre

## HPB Newsletter

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## *From the President's Pen*



Dear Member,

We are all witness to a significant occurrence in our lifetime with the global pandemic. Whether this shifts the consciousness of humanity to a better place is yet to be seen. One hopes it does, where we find a more compassionate society, one whose focus is on connecting with each other in more meaningful ways and less focused on materialism. One of the fundamental elements of all this relates to karma and how it is entwined in the happenings of our lives. We can do no better than studying Madame Blavatsky. Here are some words of wisdom she has to say on collective distributive Karma and individual karma.

### **H. P. Blavatsky:**

*It is impossible that Karma could readjust the balance of power in the world's life and progress, unless it had a broad and general line of action. It is held as a truth among Theosophists that the interdependence of Humanity is the cause of what is called Distributive Karma, and it is this law which affords the solution to the great question of collective suffering and its relief. It is an occult law, moreover, that no man can rise superior to his individual failings, without lifting, be it ever so little, the whole body of which he is an integral part. In the same way, no one can sin, nor suffer the effects of sin, alone. In reality, there is no such thing as "Separateness"; and the nearest approach to that selfish state, which the laws of life permit, is in the intent or motive.*

*... We describe Karma as that Law of readjustment which ever tends to restore disturbed equilibrium in the physical, and broken harmony in the moral world. We say that Karma does not act in this or that particular way always; but that it always does act so as to restore Harmony and preserve the balance of equilibrium, in virtue of which the Universe exists.*

*Think now of a pond. A stone falls into the water and creates disturbing waves. These waves oscillate backwards and forwards till at last, owing to the operation of what physicists call the law of the dissipation of energy, they are brought to rest, and the water returns to its condition of calm tranquillity. Similarly all action, on every plane, produces disturbance in the balanced harmony of the Universe, and the vibrations so produced will continue to roll backwards and forwards, if its area is limited, till equilibrium is restored. But since each such disturbance starts from some particular point, it is clear that equilibrium and harmony can only be restored by reconverging to that same point of all the forces which were set in motion from it. And here you have proof that the consequences of a man's deeds, thoughts, etc. must all react upon himself with the same force with which they were set in motion.*

*Nor would the ways of Karma be inscrutable were men[human beings] to work in union and harmony, instead of disunion and strife. For our ignorance of those ways -- which one portion of mankind[humankind] calls the ways of Providence, dark and intricate; while another sees in them the action of blind Fatalism; and a third, simple chance, with neither gods nor devils to guide them -- would surely disappear, if we would but attribute all these to their correct cause. With right knowledge, or at any rate with a confident conviction that our neighbours will no more work to hurt us than we would think of harming them, two-thirds of the World's evil would vanish into thin air. Were no man[person] to hurt his brother[sister], Karma-Nemesis would have neither cause to work for, nor weapons to act through. It is the constant presence in our midst of every element of strife and opposition, and the division of races, nations, tribes, societies and individuals into Cains and Abels, wolves and lambs, that is the chief cause of the "ways of Providence." We cut these numerous windings in our destinies daily with our own hands, while we imagine that we are pursuing a track on the royal high road of respectability and duty, and then complain of those ways being so intricate and so dark. We stand bewildered before the mystery of our own making, and the riddles of life that we will not solve and then accuse the great Sphinx of devouring us. But verily there is not an accident in our lives, not a misshapen day, or a misfortune, that could not be traced back to our own doings in this or in another life.*

*.... it is only this doctrine, we say, that can explain to us the mysterious problem of Good and Evil, and reconcile man[human beings] to the terrible and apparent injustice of life. Nothing but such certainty can quiet our revolted sense of justice. For, when one unacquainted with the noble doctrine looks around him[them], and observes the inequalities of birth and fortune, of intellect and capacities; when one sees honour paid fools and profligates, on whom fortune has heaped her favours by*

mere privilege of birth, and their nearest neighbour, with all his intellect and noble virtues -- far more deserving in every way -  
- perishing of want and for lack of sympathy; when one sees all this and has to turn away, helpless to relieve the undeserved  
suffering, one's ears ringing and heart aching with the cries of pain around him[them] -- that blessed knowledge of Karma  
alone prevents him[the individual] from cursing life and men[people], as well as their supposed Creator.

Namaste, Richard



## MONDAY EVENINGS:

### Theosophy Discussion Series

The library will be open from 7.00pm for browsing and the meeting will start at 7.30pm with a short talk and an in-depth discussion on the following topics with practical application.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July: *Meditation - The Key to Moving Ahead***

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July: *Be Still, Be Present and Breathe***

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August: *Q & A - in light of the Ancient Wisdom Teachings***

### Foundation Series

Key concepts are explored in this series

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August: *Fields of Consciousness***

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August: *Life After Death***

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September: *Reincarnation***

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September: *Karma***

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September: *The Power of Thought – thoughts are things***

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## Dates for your Diary



**MEMBERS MEETINGS – to resume in August**

**AGM - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm** - more details in next newsletter

### **SATURDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP:**

Informal discussion 10.30a.m in the Supper Room with the Library open from 10.00a.m.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August : *Thought Forms – Impulse vs Intuition***

**Saturday 12 September: *Reincarnation – How thoughts affect ourselves and our surroundings***

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October: *Reincarnation – Its relevance to today's world.***

## National Section sponsored event:

### Immersion Weekend coming up - 03-04 October

The immersion weekend is offered as a means to deepen our awareness and insights on the spiritual journey. There will be a number of presenters who will each share their unique perspective and understanding for consideration of participants.

Registration is a must for this event, register at: [www.theosophy.org.nz](http://www.theosophy.org.nz)



### **Sunday Evenings: Meditation & Healing** **7.00 - 7.45 pm All Welcome**

Have you ever wondered how, in this busy, needy world, you can help others via practical theosophy – others both close to home and around the world?

There are many different ways of offering service and assisting the Masters in their great work for the world and focused individual work is always needed and helpful.

In addition to physical work, meditation is recognised as a source of peace and strength in the world. Individually, if practised regularly, this can send much helpful Light into our troubled world, however, if we work together and create a group energy, we can give an even more powerful gift to the world and everyone in it.

At present there are several Meditation Groups being offered both here in NZ and from afar in the Philippines – on line and in person.

**Here at HPB, every Sunday at 7pm** we gather physically as a group of theosophists to serve our local and international communities through healing meditation, aimed at lifting the current fear that is widespread. Do come and spend some really valuable time together between 7.00pm – 7.45pm in stillness and Light.

*Can't get there? Sundays at 7pm seems to be the favoured time for such groups, so join in remotely at home at the same time!*



### **LIBRARY AND BOOKSHOP**

**Open on Saturdays only for general use 10am to 12 noon.**

**Mondays between 7pm and 7.30pm before study classes**



### **Property & Maintenance - SPECIAL REQUEST - CAMELLIAS:**

A reminder that we are looking to plant some lovely Camellias in our grounds down the driveway and are seeking sponsors for these trees which will cost around \$30-40 per tree.

Receipts are available on request. **Our grateful thanks to those who have already sponsored a tree(s).**



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**PROGRAMME 2020**

**JULY 2020**

Sunday 19 7.00 – 7.45 pm	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 20 7.30 pm	Theosophy Discussion Series (4) <b>Meditation ~ the key to moving ahead</b>
Sunday 26 7.00 – 7.45	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 27 7.30 pm	Theosophy Discussion Series (5) <b>Be Still, Be Present &amp; Breath</b>

**AUGUST 2020**

Sunday 02 7.00 – 7.45	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 03 7.30 pm	Theosophy Discussion Series (6) <b>Q &amp; A in light of the Ancient Wisdom teachings</b> Followed by supper
Sunday 09	Break
Monday 10	Break
Sunday 16	Break
Monday 17	Break
Saturday 22 10.30 am	Saturday Morning Discussion Group Thought Forms – Impulse vs Intuition
Sunday 23 7.00 – 7.45	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 24 7.30 pm	Foundation Series (1) <b>Fields of Consciousness</b>
Sunday 30 7.00 – 7.45	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 31 7.30 pm	Foundation Series (2) <b>Life After Death</b>

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

Sunday 06 7.00 – 7.45	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 07 7.30 pm	Foundation Series (3) <b>Reincarnation</b>
Sunday 13 7.00 – 7.45	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 14 7.30 pm	Foundation Series (4) <b>Karma</b>
Saturday 19 10.30 am	Saturday Morning Discussion Group Reincarnation – How thoughts affect us..

Sunday 20 7.00 – 7.45	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 21 7.30 pm	Foundation Series (5) <b>The Power of Thought</b>
Sunday 27	Meditation and Healing evening
Monday 28 7.30 pm	The Spiritual Journey (1) <b>The Masters of the Wisdom ~ who are they?</b>
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>	
Saturday 03 through to Sunday 04	National sponsored event <b>Immersion Weekend</b> Must register event: <a href="http://theosophy.nz">theosophy.nz</a>
Sunday 04	Break
Monday 05	Break
Sunday 11	Break
Monday 12	Break
Saturday 17 10.30 am	Saturday Morning Discussion Group Reincarnation and its relevance..
Sunday 18	Break
Monday 19	Break
Wednesday 21 7.30 pm	<b>Members Evening</b> <b>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b> Followed by supper