



Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society

August 2006

Greetings, members and friends,

We are moving into the last of the Winter months, not before time after some of the coldest and wettest days for a while, though we were blessed with some gorgeous sunny days too. Our July programme is near its end with just the ever-intriguing and challenging Bill Williamson to come with "Immortality of the Soul" on the 30th. We have been most fortunate in our recent speakers: Guna Kanniah's talk on Hinduism was delightful and we hope to have him again when the weather is warmer and more feel able to come. Marcus Wilson gave a very clear talk in layman's terms about recent work in quantum theory and Mardi O'Shea shed light on the secret wisdom of ancient Egypt. - all this and a brilliant movie about John Dobson "The Sidewalk Astronomer".

August Programme

6 August

Title: **The Power of the Chakras**. Presenter: **Kayla McKenzie-Kopp**

Chakras are energy centres in our bodies. If we learn to support their energies, they provide us with a valuable key to physical and spiritual wellbeing. In most adults, the chakras are relatively small, and their function is often disturbed. Ill health can result. Our chakras have the potential, however, to be radiant centres of light and energy. Kayla Mackenzie-Kopp has worked on the chakras of hundreds of clients both in NZ and in Europe. She will speak of her experiences in this field, give a demonstration, and share an exercise or two that you can do to support your chakra energy.

13 August (Members meeting - pot luck vegetarian meal 6 p.m.)

Title: **Theosophy in some American Centres** Presenter: **Charles Sitwell**

Charles spent time earlier this year at Crotona (California) and at Wheaton (Ohio). Our Vice-President shares some of the inspiring talks and other experiences.

20 August

Title: **Nature Spirits and Earth's Changes, and our Participation.**

Presenter: **David Bailey** (Tauranga)

How aware are we in 2006 of the natural world around us? Do we use it, abuse it, or embrace it? This workshop will explore the direct relationship we have to the natural world. Come along and discover a part of the World picture you may have overlooked. David has a strong interest in the creative arts and is about nature, art, music, movement and energy. He encourages a more heart-centred energy and more joy, more laughter, more creativity, and his life is about this and the joy of sharing it with other people. All his workshops are hands-on, dealing with day-to-day events in a theosophical context.

27 August

Title: **Spirituality in Secular Schools - where angels no longer fear to tread.**

Presenter: **Deborah Fraser** (School of Education, University of Waikato)

The separation of the spiritual from education is a rather recent phenomenon in world history. Secular state schools have become common in most western countries including NZ. However, just what is meant by secular education appears to be changing from the original intention. The advent of a curriculum statement in this country introduced for the first time the requirement for teachers in all state schools to cater for the spiritual well-being of the students they teach. Just what this means remains unclear. This presentation will outline some of the inclusive ways in which secular education may nurture spirituality.

Adyar School of Wisdom

There are four 12-day courses at Adyar between November and January. If you are interested, Brian has details.

The Magic Hexagram

If you place the numbers 2 to 12 in the eleven other triangles with the number 1 shown in the diagram at the top of this newsletter, there are almost 20 million ways (ignoring reflections) of doing so. Just **one** of these arrangements gives a magic hexagram in which all six rows of five triangles have the same total. Can you find it, knowing that the outside numbers are in clockwise order 1, 4, 10, 11, 8, 2 and the magic total is 33?

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

With kind regards from Brian, Charles, Christine, David, Fiona, John, Leo, Tony and Vicki.

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Magic Hexagram: central triangles contain (clockwise from top middle) 9, 6, 7, 5, 3, 12.