



HAMILTON LODGE of the THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY in NZ Inc.

April and May 2024

Programme- DATES AND TIMES

Sunday –7 April 7:30PM -Healing & Meditation

Sunday 14 April- 7:30PM -DVD -Orest

Tarnawsky-the Inner Side of Life (1Hour 10)

Sunday –21 April–7:30PM–Circle discussion-

Questions and Answers

Sunday –28 April-7:30PM- Sacred Circle -Aroon
on Zoroastrianism in the Light of Theosophy.

Sunday –5 May 7:30PM –Meditation -With
Focus on White Lotus Day (8 May) Readings

Sunday 12 May-7:30PM—Jay Bhati visiting
speaker –Decoding the Hindu Deity-Ganesha

Sunday 19 May-7:30PM– Sacred Circle -Zoom
from Holland shedding further light on
Zoroastrianism and how it can benefit us today

Sunday 26 May –7:30PM-Library Night-

*“One need but worship the spirit of
living nature, and try to identify
oneself with it... Be what he may,
once a student abandons the old and
trodden highway of routine, and
enters upon the solitary path of
independent thought – Godward –
he is a Theosophist; an original
thinker, a seeker after the eternal
truth with an inspiration of his own
to solve the universal problems.”*

The Theosophist, Oct 1879,

The Seasons of the Year offer us a
profound invitation to embrace the
Cycles of Life.

“There is a purpose in every important act of Nature,
whose acts are all cyclic and periodical.

..The Secret Doctrine 1:640

“To everything there is a season,
and a time for every purpose under heaven”

... Ecclesiastes 3:7

Join us to share your Spiritual Journey

Sunday –7 April- 7:30PM-

Healing Circle and Silent Meditation

Meditation and Higher Consciousness

“This is the cornerstone of true spirituality. It also brings
balance, rest, and a growing inner peace. While its highest
and original purpose is to help us awaken our inner,
spiritual nature, bringing benefits to body and mind..”

-Joy Mills

There is no Religion Higher than Truth

Sunday April 14 –7:30PM

DVD-Synthesis in Healing

In this presentation given in 2023 to Wellington Lodge, Orest Tarnawsky shares his thoughts; “What part of ourselves need to work in harmony in order to achieve spiritual healing? What does healing even look like in today’s modern fast paced world?”

Sunday –April 21 at 7:30 PM

Answers to Your Big Questions

Group Discussion on

‘Why are we here?’

- Suffering, Happiness, Karma
- Consciousness, After Death states,
- Transformation, Ultimate Potential,
- Spiritual Hierarchy
- Spirit-Beings, Guides, Gurus

Sunday 5 May at 7:30PM

Meditation followed by White Lotus Day Readings—

In her will, HPB suggested that her friends might gather together on the anniversary of her death (May 8, 1891) and read from Sir Edwin Arnold's *The Light of Asia* and from *The Bhagavad Gita*.

Lotuses grew in unusual profusion one year later. Hence, May 8 became known as White Lotus Day.



Sunday April 28 at 7:30PM— Sacred Circle-
led by Aroon

Zoroastrianism - in the Light of Theosophy



This talk was motivated by recent lively discussions at the lodge about the teachings and movements of the ancient Persians and Indians and how theosophy can shed light on the much debated “Aryan Invasion theory” myth and who influenced who.

We will address these issues by appealing to theosophical sources and compare these with scholarly ones based on History, Etymology and Archaeology.

Zoroaster, also known as Zarathustra, was a religious reformer modern historians believe lived about 1000 BCE in Persia, but the Greeks thought he flourished around 6300 BEC. He founded the first documented monotheistic religion in the world and had an impact on Plato, Pythagoras, and the Abrahamic religions. The Zend Avesta is the holy book of later Zoroastrianism. Note that Zoroastrianism and Hinduism are the oldest religions practiced today.

Blavatsky gave the Persian representation of ancient wisdom a special place in her early philosophy and in the Theosophical Society.

According to Blavatsky “The Vedas are the key to the Avesta, but Theosophy’s “Secret Doctrine” are the key to the Vedas.”

There is an apparent cultural/religious revival of Iranian Zoroastrianism worldwide today

Sunday May 12 at 7:30PM

*In line with the 2nd Object of
The Theosophical Society
"To encourage the comparative study of
Philosophy Religion and Science"*

Decoding the Hindu Deity—Ganesha



Tonight we welcome **guest speaker Jay Bhati** who immigrated to NZ in 2015, after working as a Software Quality Assurance Manager with multinationals from US and Canada. Jay- who is also a Yoga and fitness enthusiast- researches Yogic practices aimed at Self-Realization, his main focus being the Practices documented and used in Hinduism.

"Ganesha, the elephant-headed God of Hindus is renowned for his huge belly. Ganesha is evoked as the first worshipped god. Let's take a closer look at the Ganesha's statue to understand the deeper meanings and secrets hidden in it."

12th May 4PM

**Committee meeting at 4PM.
Financial members welcome to
join as observers.
Contributions to light meal
appreciated**

Sunday 19 May at 7:30PM

Sacred Circle led by Aroon

*Introducing Sarah who will be
zooming in from The Netherlands.*

Sarah has done PHD studies on Zoroastrianism and the early TS, and in this talk she will shed further light on what we have already learned from Aroon on this ancient religion in last months talk on this subject. This highlights how different belief systems can shed light on today's issues and give us renewed understanding.

Sunday May 26 at 7:30PM

(Over 4000 specialized books in our vast Spiritual Library)



Library Night -Join us for an evening of Books.

Come and share with us-

- A book that has 'spoken' to you over the years.
- How a *certain* passage in a *certain* book may have helped you.
- Did a book come into your hands at '*just the right moment*' in your life to give you the answer you needed at '*just that point in time*'?
- Your dearest and most treasured book that lives beside your bed.

"..We hold that a good book which gives people food for thought, which strengthens and clears their minds, and enables them to grasp truths which they have dimly felt but could not formulate-we hold that such a book does a real substantial good ..."-

The Key to Theosophy - H.P. Blavatsky (page 249.)

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73 Anglesea Street Hamilton welcomes all

Through our President's Window



Dear Members and Friends,

As our seasonal cycle moves us deeper into Autumn, these cooler months are nature's way of encouraging us to go inwards - "to pursue inner growth".

This is an excellent time to study and discuss ideas, and to reflect upon the Knowledge and Wisdom of our teachers.

We are fortunate at Hamilton Lodge to have a vast esoteric library, where we can access information and where we can grow together, as the Aquarian Energy encourages.

Our Autumn / Winter theme focuses on the 2nd Object of The Theosophical Society-
"To encourage the comparative study of Philosophy, Religion and Science".

In these testing times for Mother Earth and her Inhabitants, a good knowledge discovered through the comparative studies of Spiritual beliefs, Science and a Way of Thinking, will help each of us face our tests in our everyday lives.

But- Knowledge alone is not enough. *We have to find the Energy moving within, which is Understanding. This vibration of Understanding transforms knowledge into Wisdom.*

I warmly invite you all to join our membership at Hamilton Lodge, meet our team and our new assistant Librarian Cristina.

In Love and Light
Suzanne

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Hamilton TS Lodge
welcomes new Members

*"To form a Nucleus of the
Brotherhood of Mankind without
discrimination of creed race
caste or colour" (First Object)*

The Mission Statement of The Theosophical Society

To serve humanity by cultivating an
ever-deepening understanding and realization
of the Ageless Wisdom, spiritual self-
transformation and the unity of all life.

MEDITATION STUDY and SERVICE- The Cornerstones of the Theosophical Society