

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

New Plymouth Branch



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PROGRAMME / NEWSLETTER - June 2025

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June	Meeting Type*
Wednesday 4th 5.30pm <u>'The Golden Stairs' by H. P. Blavatsky</u> by <u>Jim Scrivener</u>	MF
Pointing a way to divine wisdom as found in a short poem by H. P. Blavatsky. <i>Followed by a pot luck dinner at 6.30pm - please bring a vegetarian dish to share, and stay for the 7.30pm talk)</i> Venue: Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.	
Wednesday 4th 7.30pm <u>Flying in the Face of Grief</u> by <u>Annwyn Vibe</u>	P
Annwyn is author of <u>Flying in the Face of Grief</u> —a book that is a Soul Activator—A compassionate and powerful catalyst for change, gently guiding you to your inner world that your Soul is inviting you to explore. Venue: Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth.	
Wednesday 18th 5.30pm <u>Discussion on the previous public talk</u>	MF
A chance to delve further into Annwyn's talk on Grief. <i>Followed by a pot luck dinner at 6.30pm - please bring a vegetarian dish to share, and stay for the 7.30pm talk)</i> Venue: Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth.	
Wednesday 18th 7.30pm <u>The Hermetic Laws as they exist in Art & Philosophy</u> by <u>Donna Willard-Moore</u>	P
Delving into the Male/Female polarity aspect as found in art. Venue: Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.	

***Meeting types: MF = Members & Friends; P = Public (all are welcome)**

Note: Events may change due to unforeseen circumstances — check the latest programme at theosophy.nz/centres/new-plymouth where you can download the latest pdf Newsletter.

Zoom meetings: While in-person meetings are definitely the best, if you can't make it person, you can join some of the public meetings - those marked, by Zoom. (The link is the same for all meetings) **Click on the link below**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4642392089?pwd=bHcyMUJ6SWVzWnZOYkhseUkvTTMxQT09>

or use the following : **Zoom Meeting ID: 464 239 2089** **Passcode: 9aR2ZP**

Help with Zoom: let Jim know if you'd like help using Zoom. Ph 021-2511011 or email tsnewplymouth@gmail.com

Note: From time to time, the meetings listed with a Zoom option cannot be zoomed for technical or other reasons. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience.

Brief biographies of some of the speakers

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Donna Willard-Moore has a robust research background, presenting at numerous national and international conferences, primarily focusing on Integral Theory, educational topics, and art history. She moved to New Zealand in 1996 and discovered the New Zealand Theosophical Society in 2010, where she was delighted by the learning and research opportunities it offered. The organization features extraordinary speakers addressing relevant topics, fostering a sense of community among fellow researchers and friends who share her passion for discovery, writing, and research. Born in Lubbock, Texas, and raised near Houston, Donna holds a BFA, MA, and MFA (all with honours) from the University of Houston and the University of Missouri. She has taught at 12 American universities and served as an Assistant Professor at William Woods University.

Jim Scrivener is a retired architect with an interest in music and theosophy. He plays french horn in the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra and since 1988 has been involved in various roles of the NP Branch of the Theosophical Society.

A New Study Course - calling all keen members!

Six of us currently - Donna, Jan, Mary Ann, Dennis, Tee and Jim are currently on a third study course "The Pilgrim and the Path: Living Theosophy" by John Algeo. It makes for some interesting discussions over a cuppa. We currently hold these weekly on Thursday mornings from 10.30am—12 noon approximately at one of our homes. Study courses are a great way to get more out of theosophy and hear other people's interpretations of what they've read.

If you are interested this is a great opportunity to get involved. The current course and the two previous ones can be found on the TSNZ website at

<https://theosophy.nz/membership/membership-resources> under the heading 'Self Study Courses'.

We need a day and time that suits as many as possible, so if you're interested, **please email** us on tsnewplymouth@gmail.com and let us know the day of the week and time that would suit you (and more importantly the ones that wouldn't) and we will try to suit as many as possible. It could be during the day or evening. Also, if you can share your home for the purpose, let us know too - that would be fantastic.

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Annwyn Vibe (bio from her website)
ANNWYN slept, blissfully unaware of concepts such as nonphysical realities until her 'rude awakening' in 2000.

Formerly teaching and raising two children alone, the sudden death of her teenage son, Tim, jolted her mundane life into a world of soul-directed experiences.

An intense decade of seeking truth and purpose followed, inspired by the teachings of ascended masters. Much of this tumultuous self-discovery period occurred onboard a cruising yacht during six years sailing the South Pacific seas.

Living ashore again she trained as an energy healer and committed fully to her soul's guidance.

Witnessing the outpouring of grief in 2011 after earthquakes ravaged her city of Christchurch, New Zealand, she wrote her memoir, 'Flying in the Face of Grief.' Based on her extraordinary experiences with Tim, now known as Katoosh, her underpinning message was - there is no death, only the ever-being of life.

She filled her next decade delighting in her grandchildren, while working as an energy healer and teacher, offering numerous workshops far and wide. It was also a busy period of visiting countless sacred sites in England, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Egypt, and America. All soul directed and guided by Katoosh.

In 2024 ANNWYN featured as a contributing author in *Portals* by bestselling author, Freddy Silva. Her forthcoming book *The Light in the Abbey* recalls a pivotal lifetime as an enlightened monk straddling the world of Druidry and Catholicism at Glastonbury Abbey during the tyrannical Tudor times of Henry VIII.

Plus, another book hovers in the wings waiting for its call on stage.

ANNWYN is based in the North Island of New Zealand, and frequently travels to sacred sites around the globe. At home she loves to create gardens, delicious food and a peaceful environment for her two-legged, four-legged and winged visitors.

Save the date—27/28 September

New Plymouth Branch is organising a Central Regional Event in New Plymouth. More details later.

Ideas for future talks or events: Please get in touch with any of the committee with your ideas.

Members & Friends meetings

If you've been to a few public meetings or are a friend of a current member, check out first the Theosophy New Zealand website <https://theosophy.nz/> to get an idea about the Society is about. Then, feel free to attend the Members & Friends meetings. These meetings begin with a Healing Service for the benefit of people we know personally, who are currently ill. This is followed by a short meditation. (Feel free to bring a suitable short meditation.) The rest of the meeting is devoted to further discussion on the previous public talk or some other theosophical idea, and is a good way of widening one's perspective.

New Plymouth Branch Programme/Newsletter

We publish this twice a year with the programme, with updates as necessary. We welcome a short article, quotation, event report, book review etc. either your own thoughts or others' that is theosophically related, or generally helpful, please email it in to Jim at tsnewplymouth@gmail.com While inclusion is not guaranteed we will do our best depending on content and space.

Other resources on the web – Theosophy World

<https://www.theosophy.world/>
Have a look at a wealth of articles publications, ebooks, video and audio archives, all searchable and perfect to help you research something.

Events accessible by Zoom

In addition to checking what's on at other NZ branches on the TSNZ website, from time to time some international Zoom talks are available from the very active Theosophical Society in the Philippines and I endeavour to send links to members in emails as they come.

Other events outside our branch – keep an eye on the Theosophy NZ website <https://theosophy.nz/> for upcoming events you might be able to attend. Also keep an eye on neighbouring branch activities via the pages at <https://theosophy.nz/centres> (e.g. Whanganui, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Napier, Wellington) – if there is a talk or event you'd like to attend, email tsnewplymouth@gmail.com to see if other members here are also interested in getting a car-load together.

NATIONAL EVENTS

see <https://theosophy.nz/events>

INTERNATIONAL TS YouTube channel

Check out replays of conventions and more at <https://www.youtube.com/@TheosophicalSocietyAdyar>

New Plymouth Branch Library of over 800 books is now in shelves sorted & catalogued by author at the president's place. Work is under way to classify them by subject to make it easier to use. To visit, please phone or text Jim on 021-2511 011 (or email tsnewplymouth@gmail.com) to arrange a time. We have recently received some books from the library of Peter and Nina Vink.

Membership subscriptions reminder

Subscription invoices issued on 15th August, 2024 for the Sept2024-Sept2025 year were due on 31st August 2024. A reminder that we have to lapse members when they are a full 2 years in arrears of the invoice date, so please check if you've had a reminder, or if you have any questions, email the treasurer Jim (tsnewplymouth@gmail.com) or ph 021-2511 011. Even if you can't make it to meetings, bear in mind the subscriptions are at a similar level to those for National Section members who are not affiliated to any branch, but still receive the magazine and all the other advantages of membership.

Intuition is soul guidance, appearing naturally in man during those instants when his mind is calm. . . . The goal of yoga science is to calm the mind, that without distortion it may hear the infallible counsel of the Inner Voice. Solve all your problems through meditation.

Lahiri Mahasaya

The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. . . . The intellect has little to do on the road to discovery. There comes a leap in consciousness, call it intuition or what you will, and the solution comes to you and you don't know how or why. All great discoveries are made in this way.

Albert Einstein

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The Mahayana Buddhists say that enlightenment comes only when there is deep compassion, a deep feeling for the misery and suffering which exist in the world. The real reason for finding enlightenment should be an altruistic sympathy and compassion for all who suffer.

Radha Burnier.

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