

# THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## New Plymouth Branch



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## PROGRAMME February – June, 2023

February 2023		Meeting type*
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm ‘ <b>Archaeology in the Southern Hemisphere</b> ’ by Donna Willard-Moore	P
Research in South America, Easter Island and New Zealand are changing archaeology. <b>Venue:</b> Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm ‘ <b>The mind and our journey from Me to We</b> ’ by Jim Scrivener	P
Using our mind to discern between ‘Straight and crooked thinking’. <b>Venue:</b> Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.		
March 2023		Meeting type*
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm ‘ <b>Travels of the Apostles</b> ’ by Donna Willard-Moore	P
The when and where that the 12 apostles of Christ pursued their missions. <b>Venue:</b> Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm ‘ <b>Interesting texts relating to different bibles</b> ’	MF
Bibles have been translated and revised and published, revealing an evolution of thought - a discussion led by Nicola Haines and Donna Willard-Moore. <b>Venue:</b> Nicola’s place, 5 Price St, Westown, NP. (ph 021-316 615) Or, use Zoom Link below.		
April 2023		Meeting type*
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm ‘ <b>The Fractal Universe</b> ’ by Benjamin Upton	P
Why is every system in nature a component of a larger system? Why do we see patterns repeating at multiple scales? <b>Venue:</b> Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.		
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm ‘ <b>An introduction to the Labyrinth</b> ’ by Nicola Haines	P
The role and purpose of labyrinths in history. Their use in meditation and teaching. <b>Venue:</b> Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.		
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	TBA <b>Labyrinth visit to be arranged</b> (Look for upcoming posters about this event)	P
May 2023		Meeting type*
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm ‘ <b>Beginning a spiritual life</b> ’ by Jim Scrivener	P
Ideas theosophy suggests as useful in beginning a spiritual life: Study Meditation and Service, via story and analogy. <b>Venue:</b> Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm <b>Bruce Karena’s book “The Offering”</b>	MF
The book will be made available to interested members earlier, and this is a chance to talk with the author. <b>Venue:</b> Jim Scrivener’s place, 30 Hine St, NP. (ph 021-2511 011)		
June 2023		Meeting type*
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm <b>Discussions on the Ancient World</b>	P
Speakers TBA <b>Venue:</b> Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth. Or, use Zoom Link below.		
<b>*Meeting types: MF = Members &amp; Friends; P = Public</b>		

**Zoom meetings:** While in-person meetings are definitely the best, if you can't make it person, you can join the meetings 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](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com)

### **Brief bio's of the speakers listed**

***Donna Willard-Moore**, BFA, MA, MFA is an Artist, sculptor; art historian, iconographer; public presenter; researcher and joined NP Branch of the Theosophical Society in 2010.*

***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.*

***Nicola Haines** is a Teacher, installation Artist and Designer, based in Taranaki. She has had a lifelong interest in Spirituality and Ancient traditions, and joined the New Plymouth Branch of the Theosophical Society in 2018*

***Benjamin Upton** is a software developer from New Plymouth who spends his spare time uncovering the connections between the scientific and the spiritual. A keen follower of scientific theories that have been swept under the carpet by the mainstream scientific dogma, he hopes one day we as a collective will experience a consciousness renaissance.*

***Bruce Karena** has been on a path of spiritual search for a number of years and has written a book about some of the insights he has received along the way, and is interested in hearing about what people found in his book, and their insights.*

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

### **Members & Friends meetings**

*If you're thinking of bringing a friend to a members & friends meeting, as a courtesy to the hosts, please phone them to let them know beforehand. Ideally we invite people to members & friends meetings after they have been to at least a couple of public meetings and show interest. If your friend hasn't made it to a public meeting and is still interested, then either point them to the Theosophy New Zealand website <https://theosophy.nz/> or hand them first some of the pamphlets and the 'green book' as an introduction, so they will have some idea of what we're about. Ring or email Jim Scrivener (see details above), for extra copies of pamphlets etc.*

### **New Plymouth Branch Programme/Newsletter**

We publish this usually every 1-2 months with the programme. 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](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com)

While inclusion is not guaranteed we will do our best depending on content and space.

**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](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com) to see if other members here are also interested in getting a car-load together.

### **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 OUTSIDE OUR BRANCH**

*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.*

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

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

School of Theosophy: 7-11 April

Immersion Weekend: 5-6 August

### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION '23- ADYAR**

Check out videos of the December '22/ January '23 convention at

<https://convention.ts-adyar.org/schedule/a/broadcast>

**New Plymouth Branch Library** of over 750 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](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com)) to arrange a time. We have recently received some new books from National Office.

### **Membership subscriptions reminder**

Subscription invoices issued on 23<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 for the Sept2022-Aug2023 year were due on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. A reminder that we have to lapse members when they are a full 2 years in arrears, so please check if you've had a reminder, or if you have any questions, email the treasurer Jim ([tsnewplymouth@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Two of our members are running independent courses in New Plymouth currently:

**Donna Willard-Moore** - *Art/drawing* classes; Saturdays; various times, \$20/session. Details - phone 027-349 8372; or email [dwm2442@gmail.com](mailto:dwm2442@gmail.com)

**Katherine Kingsbury** – '*Meditation and Relaxation for Beginners*'. Details - phone 027-697 6660 or email [kkingsbury@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kkingsbury@xtra.co.nz)

A note to say Donna Willard-Moore is doing an overview of Freddy Silva's research on the Southern hemisphere. Research in South America, Easter Island and New Zealand are changing archaeology. This will be the first talk of the year **Wednesday 1st February**, 7.30pm at Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, NP.

Following on from this, best-selling author **Freddy Silva** will be giving a visual presentation about Ancient New Zealand - Waitaha Tradition & Egyptian-Andean Connection.

His talk is being independently organised by Donna on

**Saturday 18th February**, 7pm,  
at Novotel Hotel, Cnr Hobson/Leach Sts, NP.

Tickets \$36 from Donna's website <https://artesia.co.nz/>

You can see more about Freddy Silva on his website <https://www.invisibletemple.com/>



**Saith the pupil: O Teacher, what shall I do to reach to wisdom? O wise one, what, to gain perfection?**

**Search for the paths. But O Lanoo, be of clean heart before thou startest on thy journey. Before thou takest thy first step. Learn to discern the real from the false, the ever-fleeting from the everlasting. Learn above all to separate head-learning from Soul-wisdom, the “eye” from the “heart” doctrine.**

H. P. Blavatsky  
*from 'The Voice of the Silence'*.  
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