

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

New Plymouth Branch



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PROGRAMME November 2018 – February 2019

Venues & Time - Public and Members' & friends' meetings will be held where noted, starting at 7.30pm unless shown otherwise. Members & friends' meetings begin with a Healing Group ceremony for the first 10 minutes.

If you're thinking of bringing a friend to a members & friends meeting, as a courtesy to the hosts, please phone Peter or Nina Vink on 758 8174 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, but since there are only a few of these in a year, this can be limiting. If your friend hasn't made it to a public meeting and is still interested, then 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 Jim Scrivener on the numbers above, for extra copies of pamphlets etc.

November 2018

Wednesday 7 **'The Two Sides of Oneness'**

Public

– a DVD of 64 minutes, directed, filmed and edited by Glenn Willard, followed by discussion with the author

A New Zealand documentary film about spirituality, meditation, shamanism and connecting with nature. From the view point of 20 men with bits of comic relief to remind you not to take life too seriously.



Glenn is inspired by indigenous understandings of the world and their respect for nature and care for the environment. Direct experience of spirit is more important to him than the structure of religious beliefs, thus he is orientated towards Shamanism, which has commonalities throughout the indigenous peoples of the world. Basic to shamanism are the four elements: fire, water, earth, and air; of which he is most attracted to water.

Glenn is an author, film maker and international public speaker on numerous spiritual topics. He has made presentations for the Spiritualist Church, North Taranaki Spiritual Centre and the Theosophical Society of New Plymouth.

Time & venue: 7.30pm at the Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth

Wednesday
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Solar Changes

a presentation by Benjamin Upton, with discussion

**Members
& friends**

Venue: Peter & Nina Vink's house, 218 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth

December 2018

Saturday 1

End of year lunch

Forget pot luck dinners for once this year (we've had quite a few!) and try out this great south Indian restaurant.

**Members
& friends**

Time & venue: 12.30pm at Kathakali, 39A Devon St E, New Plymouth

February 2019

Wednesday 6 New Revisions – In the Timelines of Ancient Art History**Public**– presentation by Donna Willard-Moore

Art history of the ancient world is facing major revisions to its timelines. Science is revising datings and insights to the cultures, because of surprising new observations: these include "Objects Out of position" (OOP's), advanced technology in ancient times and are thinking of planetary geology / climate change. This talk is a compilation of numerous well known scientists, pursuing new explanations for 'objects- artifacts'- that do not fit in with the standard explanation of ancient history.

Revise your thinking, learn new facts - see images of these new discoveries, and it does make more sense.

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February 2019 contd

Wednesday 20 Deeper meanings in fairy tales**Public**– presentation by Peter Vink

Are fairy tales fiction or do they contain aspects of reality

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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 – such as

TS Annual Convention 17-22 January, 2019

Connectivity and Responsibility

<https://theosophy.nz/events/convention-2019>

Also keep an eye on neighbouring branch activities via the pages at <https://theosophy.nz/centres> (e.g. Wanganui, Hamilton, Palmerston North) - if there is a talk or event you'd like to attend, see if others here are interested in getting a car-load together. If you can let me know well ahead of time there may be a chance of applying for regional funding to help with travel costs, e.g. petrol. Note that it can't be retrospective.

Other resources on the web – Theosophy World

<http://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.

New Plymouth Branch Library – A reminder - when you're next at a members meeting at the Vink's place, make the time to have a quick browse. Many of the classics are there, but also quite a few more modern ones. We've recently had 3 donated from National Office including an important new one "The Initiate Life" by Geoffrey Hodson. If you'd like to visit when you have a bit of time, please phone Peter or Nina Vink on 758 8174 to arrange a time.

Overdue membership subscriptions

A gentle reminder to a few with overdue subscriptions that the current ones (to 31/8/19) were due on 20/9/18. We have to lapse members when they are 2 years in arrears, so please check if you've had a reminder, and if you've since paid by direct credit, drop the treasurer an email to let him know. 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.

New Plymouth Branch Programme/Newsletter

– We publish this usually every 1-2 months with the programme. If you have a short article, quotation etc. either your own thoughts or others' that is theosophically related, or generally helpful, please email it in to me at jsa@netsource.co.nz

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



**Intelligence is the capacity to perceive the essential, the what is:
and to awaken this capacity, in oneself and in others, is education.**

J. Krishnamurti

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