



The Theosophical Link

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I am a link in Lord Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world.

I must keep my link bright and strong.

I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing, and protect all who
are weaker than myself.

I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do
pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends my happiness and misery.

May every link in Lord Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong and may we
all attain perfect peace. - Buddhist Prayer



The Three Objects of the Theosophical Society

1.

To form a nucleus of the
Universal Brotherhood
of Humanity, without
distinction of race, creed,
sex, caste or colour.

2.

To encourage the study
of comparative religion,
philosophy and science.

3.

To investigate unexplained
laws of nature and the
powers latent in the
human being.

Bookshop and Library**Monday**

Closed

Tuesday

1 pm to 7:25 pm

Wednesday – Friday

12 pm to 4:30 pm

Saturday

10 am to 2 pm

Sunday & Public**Holidays**

Closed

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As the Theosophical Society has spread far and wide over the world, and as members of all religions have become members of it without surrendering the special dogmas, teachings and beliefs of their respective faiths, it is thought desirable to emphasise the fact that there is no doctrine, no opinion, by whomsoever taught or held, that is in any way binding on any member of the Society, none which any member is not free to accept or reject. Approval of its Three Objects is the sole condition of membership.

No teacher, no writer, from H.P. Blavatsky downwards, has any authority to impose his or her teachings or opinions on members. Every member has an equal right to be attached to any school of thought which they may choose, but have no right to force that choice on any other.

Neither a candidate for any office nor any voter can be rendered ineligible to stand or to vote, because of any opinion held or because of membership in any school of thought to which they may belong. Opinions or beliefs neither bestow privileges nor inflict penalties.

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Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in this publication are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Theosophical Society unless specifically marked as official.

Open policy

The Minutes of all Executive Committee (EC) meetings are always available to members on request at the office. Rule Books are also available at the office for members.

Submissions

The closing date for all items for inclusion in the next edition of the Theosophical Link is: **1st July. 2017.**

Email your submissions to tsperth@iinet.net.au, or leave your typed articles in the Editor's drawer in the office. **Emailed submissions preferred.**

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The Perth Branch of the Theosophical Society respects the privacy of its members. Accordingly, no photos, videos or audio recordings are to be recorded in hard copy or on the internet at any Branch event without the prior permission of each easily identifiable person.

President's Report

Barry Bowden

By popular demand, we are bringing Barry Bowden back to Perth in May. Barry has a unique plain English speaking style that resonates with many earnest seekers. Look in this copy of the link for the flyer along with all the details.

T in A

I am always a little surprised when I discover that many of our members do not read the publications that are produced by the TS. *T in A* in particular which is very good publication.

Less surprised when I discover how few members actually meditate or even make an effort to try.

So for the benefit of both camps, who may have put aside the latest *T in A* March 2017 edition, and who feel uninspired to attempt meditation, there is a very good article by our International President, Tim Boyd, which may just inspire you. I encourage you to read it. Here is one quote from the article which impressed itself on me,

“Meditation is not what you think’ – short, but to the point! Any time that we are seated and engaged in a process of the nature of thought, of the mind, we are not meditating. Meditation begins at that point where thought ends “

Special Occasion

Perth Branch is hosting an afternoon tea to celebrate our 120th anniversary*. There will be a couple of presentations and lots of time to catch up with those we may not have seen for a while. So we encourage past and present members and friends join us in June. Look in this copy of the link for the flyer along with all the details.

Regards

Harry Bayens

*See details for the 120th anniversary celebration on back cover of this issue of LINK



Vale – Bishop Ian Richard Hooker

The Rt. Rev. Ian Richard Hooker, a prominent member of the Theosophical Society in Perth, former Presiding Bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church and former Regionary Bishop of the Australian Province of the same Church, passed on to higher service in Perth on 26th January 2017. He was 86 years old.

He started his career as a high school teacher in Midland and was later appointed to the state curriculum advisory committee. Bishop Ian obtained a M.A. degree in religious studies from the Sydney University with his work 'Foundations of the Liberal Catholic Church', considered by some 'a truly scholarly work' and his career culminated as a lecturer on Religious Studies at what is now the Edith Cowan University in Perth.

Ian was a second generation Theosophist and joined the Theosophical Society in Perth on 12th February 1952. He was a serious student of the works of many theosophical writers and had a very deep knowledge of Theosophy. He also had a profound knowledge of Christian and Catholic history. Over the years he has given numerous talks at the Theosophical Society which people have often described as 'deep and meaningful'.

In more recent times, Ian was a Perth Branch Trustee for a number of years and was made a Life Member of the TS in Perth in 2004. One of his last offerings to the TS and the world was to underwrite a second print run of the Geoffery Hodson book 'Light of the Sanctuary'.

Bishop Ian will be missed by his many friends in Australia and overseas. His ministry and spiritual insight has brought help to many during his lifetime.

Blessings brother, until we meet again.



A Key to Your Inner World.

Barry Bowden

In the world there are of course many people each different in many different ways – internal and external. Some people seem more intellectually oriented, focussed on thoughts and reasoning, others are more creative, focussed on and sensitive to feelings. Yet others are action oriented, the direction of their action determined by thoughts or feelings – whichever is more dominant. These three modalities reflect the three streams of human evolution.

If we were honest with ourselves most of us would acknowledge that we would like to change ourselves, to live a more harmonious life. But our actions let us down. People say one thing but often do something entirely different – not necessarily because they are dishonest but more often because we act with a lack of awareness. We are often out of tune with our selves or at least part of ourselves.

We want to live in a peaceful world yet we ourselves lack peace. Our domination by emotions like anxiety, annoyance and worry demonstrate that peace and harmony haven't yet found a place to live within us. Analysing our emotions won't lead us to freedom, but understanding the impulses that drive our actions will

relay a great deal about our inner world. How often do we jump up to do something without thinking?

This is an impulse. The earlier we go back in evolution the more impulse driven we were. The animal kingdom is almost completely impulse driven - except for the angelic kingdoms guidance and welfare. Each time an impulse comes we need to be aware of it! If we follow them they will continue to control us, and we will continue to wonder why we end up doing what we don't wish to do.

If there is more emphasis on this than focussing so much on thoughts we would learn more quickly! I have done this, myself, for months and it showed the dramas within, being aware of them gives you choice in action. Often when I went to get something to eat, I became aware it was an impulse. The real intense desire was to get up and do something without a clear objective. This is impulse!

Steiner said **"If I have a impulse and I follow it my freedom is an illusion!"** From "The Philosophy of Freedom" With this in feeling we will find many mysteries of life with our self and the world. Ponder this for some time please. It has the power to transform your life.

When we are born and for our formative years, the conscious mind is barely awake - if it were our memories of the day of birth would still be fresh in our minds!

But few people remember being one day old. However our reactions began forming then and the first 7-9 years are critical in establishing emotional memory. As a result we have an emotional memory which works completely differently from the mental memory. Initial reactions form trigger points that we will refer to in later life and they are called reactions!

A song or smell can trigger emotional memories, and vividly take us back to an earlier time in our life, with the full sensation of life at that time. This is something that the memory of the mind lacks!

Our emotions are the seat of reactions in life, so we need to learn how to feel how we are, without attachment –simply feel, without the mind getting in the way.

Much later will and wisdom begin to drive actions, after we have worked our way through the vast underground network which is the basis for many actions today. It is where our fear to live and die comes from as well as a

numerous number of other restrictive emotions lie. But our wish to change will remain forever thwarted if we rely on thoughts. Thought is only one small part

of the equation of wisdom, so to leave actions to thought means feeling good for a day or two before our actions revert to instinctual patterns. To change our actions we need to take time to listen to, or more correctly, feel exactly what we

are feeling without analysis - this means to spend time with our self.

Many years ago Enrich Pfeiffer asked Rudolf Steiner the following question:

“Why is it that the spiritual impulse is so weak in the human being today? People often try for many years with no real obvious result's.

Steiner's answer was;

" The plant of today lacks the nutrition to connect thought with will"

How could this have anything to do with us? Well, occultism has the answer. If we look at a chart of the planes of existence we see the Physical reflected in the highest principle of this current cycle of evolution of Atma or Spiritual will.

On the physical level, the plant is supposed to have nutrition capable of energizing a part of

the Etheric body into action. The two lower aspects of the Etheric guide all of the blood, digestion and elimination in the physical body.

So, perhaps it is worth our while to investigate nutrition a little more than we do.

Geoffrey Hodson said the first step to Self-realization is a perfectly healthy Physical body!

We are so busy looking for the brief enjoyment of the outside world, as it calls to us ceaselessly through the illusion of the mind that we miss the inner symphony of life that is playing all the time.

What this really means is we rob our self of lasting inner joy by choices we make and we make this choice every minute! The choice is to live in the moment.

It's possible to think that living in the moment is simply forgetting about the future and past and being aware of what's around us, however this is only a partially true. Living in the real present moment means that we are able to integrate the future and the past, by not allowing our consciousness to be moved from where we are to a place of illusion. It's an illusion because we leave the present moment and visit the past or future,

You can easily observe this for yourself and when you do, it becomes real. By you proving it, observing it, realizing it, in this way you know it from the inside out. Don't misunderstand how powerful this is. A quote by Rudolf Steiner again show's this in its power;

"You have done more for your real spiritual development if you have succeeded in transforming a single deep-rooted trait, than if you have acquired

unlimited external knowledge."

*[Knowledge of higher worlds and how to attain it. Steiner]

Becoming aware of a trait within is the first step in transforming it!

The next step is to be quietly with yourself and allow yourself to feel it. Take away all resistance to the unpleasant (or pleasant?) feelings, with no words, no analysis and all the how to do's that flow from that.

We need to take time for our self- time for meditation, contemplation. It's easy to say" I don't have time"; or "I already do this but it's not working".

If that is our thinking we must be honest and acknowledge that what we are really saying is that "I'M NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH". This is the truth of the matter, because even 5 minutes a day is 1000 times better than none. Five minutes a day is better than 30-60 minutes once a week. Five minutes can grow and ultimately transform your life.

Slowly the driver's of our life show themselves again. While seeing them does not stop them it brings understanding to our life, and meaning can follow. We have all of the secrets of the mystery of life within us, waiting for us.

All we need to do, is do-not think, and thereby let our thinking derail our positive actions. The doing comes from will and when we trust to act with

thought free awareness we begin to access the Higher mind. When words and the need for them disappear from our inner world, the forces active in us become cognisant to us inwardly, and show much more about our self than words ever can! We should always be probing deeper than words, by forgetting them and at the same time looking at the problems of our life, the answers show themselves to us.

This is the path of inner and world peace -to stop the struggle that rages within us with understanding.

The magic of the inner world has no equal. It can be like a musical symphony of indescribable beauty where you become immersed in every cord and feel every note. You begin to realise your

inner world is with you all the time - a core of indescribable Sacred Silence, surrounding you, interpenetrating you and others. We waste our time with small things that are at best a distraction, while the inner world waits for us to enter-waits to impart understanding and embody wisdom in action.

When in the silence of our intuition the wisdom of the divine mind can come to us and they speak in silence yet everything is understood. We begin to feel and know through the universe our self in this space we are affecting everyone on the planet, why for the first time we can understand nature listen to her silent voice. Goethe said nature speaks to us constantly but betrays none of her secrets. All this then becomes "A Key to your Inner Life"

Imagination is a potent help in every event of our lives. Imagination acts on Faith, and both are the draughtsmen who prepare the sketches for Will to engrave, more or less deeply, on the rocks of obstacles and opposition with which the path of life is strewn.

Says Paracelsus: "Faith must confirm the imagination, for faith establishes the will....It is because men do not perfectly imagine and believe the result, that the arts (of magic) are uncertain, while they might be perfectly certain." ...Half, if not two-thirds of our ailings and diseases are the fruit of our imagination and fears. Destroy the latter and give another bent to the former, and nature will do the rest.

Hypnotism, and its Relations to Other Modes of Fascination," H.P.B.



The Theosophical Society in Perth

Welcomes everyone to participate in a....

<p>Weekend Seminar</p> <p>“The Human Consciousness”</p> <p>Featuring Barry Bowden National Lecturer for the Theosophical Society in Australia</p>	<p>DATE: Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th May 2017</p> <p>VENUE: 21 Glendower Street, Perth</p> <p>COST: No charge for the seminar. BYO lunch.</p> <p>MEALS: If required a light lunch of soup and bread rolls can be provided at the cost of \$7.00 per person.</p> <p>YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE LUNCH IN THE LIBRARY BY 23 MAY 2017 PH. 93288104</p>
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If we are to understand the human being to day, we must first understand where our consciousness comes from, what are all its characteristics, and what it looks like in us today. After all if we truly and carefully know it consciousness is what we call life! We will look at this and describe our limitations and our blessings, even those we are not aware of yet. Also, higher capabilities that are starting to show in the world slowly, and how these can be quickened, with the right knowledge and effort. We will also learn some practises, to show how this can be done, with understanding and practice.

SATURDAY 27th	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
10.00am	The Human Consciousness Session 1	Barry Bowden Plus Q & A
11.00-11.30am	Morning tea	
11.30am	The Human Consciousness Session 2	Barry Bowden Plus Q & A
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	The Human Consciousness Session 3	Barry Bowden Plus Q & A
2.30-3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.00pm	The Human Consciousness Session 4	Barry Bowden Plus Q & A

A deeper look at the universe how and why it started and where it is going, with this in turn the unfolding consciousness not only of the human being, but animal, vegetable and super human kingdoms of nature.

SUNDAY 28th	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
10.00am	A Deeper Look at the Universe Session 1	Barry Bowden Plus Q & A
11.00-11.30am	Morning tea	
11.30am	A Deeper Look at the Universe Session 2	Barry Bowden Plus Q & A
12.30	Depart	

Comments on article in previous Link

The following is a response from Perth Branch Member Graham Nowland to the lead article in the Feb-April Link entitled **“The Myth of the “Missing” Third Volume of the Secret Doctrine”** written by Daniel Caldwell. In response to the point Graham makes about the formatting of the quotes in the article this was my fault rather than Daniels, so I must give a pre-emptive apology on that score. Thanks for your comments Graham (editor)

Listening to Tarts in Bars

Graham Nowland

The article by Daniel Caldwell in *The Theosophical Link Feb-April 2017* on the controversial volume 3 of *The Secret Doctrine* was interesting. I haven't formed any opinion on whether the published volume is authentic although I can see it would be easy to mount arguments of all sorts for either side. This would be fun and probably quite harmless too, as are all bibliographical discussions about a book's provenance. My impression is that we seem to have a published SD vol 3. It roughly aligns with Madame B's promises about it. If at some point another, allegedly more real, Volume 3 appears that is another thing.

Some of the views quoted in the Link article remind me of my brother who was a Pentecostalist pastor. He was the kind of Christian who uses scholarship to shore up his faith and tried many times to convert me quoting chapter and verse. He knew some Greek, Aramaic, Hebrew and Latin, enough to argue with earnest and evasive doggedness on the 'right' meaning of any text. He could also quote not just from the Bible but from the Pagan Classics. This last bit was a cunning but sometimes exasperating ploy. He became a powerful local pastor, mainly I think because of his scriptural skills. And, of course, he passed on his tactics to his flock.

The last time I saw him we were following completely different lines of research but had met accidentally in the cafe of the British Library. By then he had travelled the world, particularly to the Holy Land (many times) and Egypt. He was now searching for a lost manuscript which would prove him right about the Resurrection, he knew it was here somewhere, he was on the brink of locating it. I asked what would happen if he instead found a manuscript that proved him wrong about the Resurrection. He stared at me and a strange darkness flashed across his eyes. "I would have wasted my whole life," he said.

It was sad but, in a Pythonesque way, also quite funny. So it was with slightly sad amusement that, a century later, I learned some people were still waiting for a real SD Vol 3. According to them this will be issued at the right moment for humanity to receive it. I learned that for Richard Robb the single most damning point against the existing SD Vol 3 is the claimed absence of new material promised by Madame Blavatsky. He specifically focussed on the legendary Chaldean 'mode of divination through the Idol of the Moon'. He could not find anything on this when he looked at Volume Three and anyway felt that that 'such power' being dropped into the hands of the 'crass world' was 'inconceivable'. Of course there IS material on the Idol of the Moon in volume 3 but it is probably not nearly powerful enough to please Mr Robb.

For me in my present guise as Theosophical student, the question is not the authenticity of *SD Volume Three* but this. How can one get past the blockages created by pre-conditioning and scriptural dogma? What leads to direct experiences that lift the consciousness and help develop wisdom and compassion? Where is the path, beyond the veils of the temples, to genuine insights about the hidden laws of nature?

How does one become more open and responsive to higher consciousness and the universe without becoming a crank and charlatan?

My tendency is to favour first-hand knowledge and practice and I will always listen if someone says they have had a direct experience.

I find this sentiment in a poem by W H Auden *Atlantis* interesting.

'And if in some bar a tart,
As she strokes your hair, should say
"This is Atlantis, dearie,"
Listen with attentiveness
To her life-story: unless
You become acquainted now
With each refuge that tries to
Counterfeit Atlantis, how
Will you recognise the true?'

'Tarts in bars' wasn't really where Auden was coming from of course, it is just one of many pointed metaphors in this fabulous poem. He did seem to know something about the metaphysical search and all sorts of authors can put up surprise signposts in their writings. So one keeps reading and this is why I am glad the Caldwell essay appeared in *The Theosophical Link*.


But I couldn't quite tell, in the Link version, when Caldwell was using his own words and when he was quoting. I found a clearer rendering of this article comes as an appendix to the book edition of H P Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine Würzburg Manuscript*. Here quotations are in slightly smaller text and the whole book is available as a free downloadable PDF file from the internet.

I hardly need to mention that the published Vol 3 of SD is in the library at Glendower St, though not when I looked for it. This might have been because of the interest generated by the Link article, or perhaps I was still a bit distracted by the idea that 'tarts in bars' might know something. Be that as it may, I did manage to work out that *The Secret Doctrine vol 3* is in fact volume five!!! of the Adyar edition, and that WAS on the library shelf.

By then I had found the book on the internet, also as a free downloadable PDF file. Even a quick appraisal of this has opened several small doors for me and so ends my most recent adventure on the path to Truth.

Graham Nowland is a member of the Perth branch of the TS and was a bookseller then a journalist. He has been studying esoteric subjects for many years.

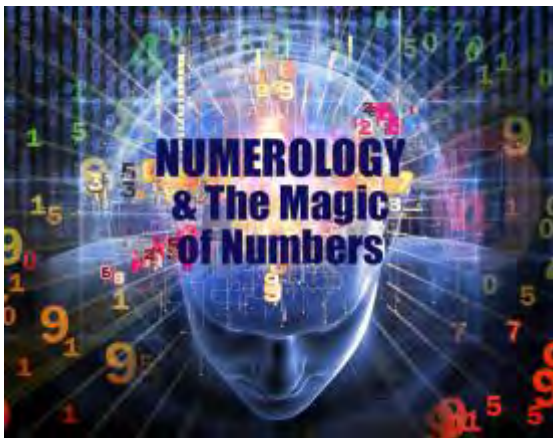
As one extracts butter by churning the curd,
I have found the Truth by churning the mind.
Meditation is my churning rod,
This body is my churning pot,
Om is my churning rope; Atman is the butter:
Swami Sivananda.

	Activities & Events	
	<p>MEET-UP; PRACTICAL THEOSOPHY DISCUSSION GROUP.</p> <p>Theosophical Society Hall Monthly Meeting; Saturday; 2 pm till 3.30 pm. In this presentation and discussion group we take an investigative approach, where all personal contributions are most welcome. At any meeting you will be surprised with the variety and diversity of opinions, personal experiences and proposals, creating much food for thought and a higher consciousness.</p> <p>May 27th 2017 - Meet Up; The Seven Ways. There are seven paths or seven ways of human expression and creativity; within this ever expanding scope of potentiality rests the future of the whole world! Yes, a future reality depends on us to do what we can where we can. This is a presentation and discussion where we consider the invisible genome, inclinations, preferences and career paths. Do not miss it.</p> <p>June 24th 2017 - Meet Up; Ghosts & Paranormal. Do ghosts exist? Have you ever met up with one? What do ghosts look like? Can ghosts attack people? Why do ghosts haunt certain places? Ghosts may be more common to what we realize. For us physical beings, at the right time and with the right atmosphere, there may be a bleed-through of another dimension; this may be a vision of a loved one, colors, dancing lights, streaks, symbols or simple a moving grey mist. Are you clairvoyant or clairaudient? What do you know about this? Take the time to join us in this presentation and discussion; it will be exciting, surprising and inspirational.</p> <p>July 29th 2017 - Meet Up; Creating Reality Phenomena. Did you know that our thoughts literally draw real and solid 'things' from the multiple possibilities involved in our entire existence? Quantum scientists are now conducting measurable experiments, never before thought possible, to prove the theory - consciousness creates reality. Can we just create willy-nilly, whatever and how-ever; surely not! There is no doubt about the deeper truth of this statement though, but there are obvious human limitations. Do come to this meeting, your opinion and insight is valuable, share the experience, ideas and notions.</p>	<p>Meet-Ups are open to TS Members and the Public. Remember that a deeper truth and higher consciousness can only be established through an active participation.</p>



The Theosophical Society in Perth presents a...

Numerology Course



Dates: Thursday June 15 through July 13 for 5 weeks

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: No Charge – All Welcome

Presenter: Jason Braunstein

Venue: Main Meeting Hall – 21 Glendower Street, Perth

Bring paper or notebook, pen

Numerology is found in many ancient and modern spiritual practices (such as Kabbalah). Numerology assists us with personal self-culture and spiritual growth, providing insights that are invaluable. This workshop will benefit your personal and spiritual life. Find out more about yourself.

Contact for further information: Jason on 0414 405 681
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Crone Initiation Ceremony

(Women Only)

This is a sacred ceremony for women to mark a special transition that is initially signalled in the physical by the onset of menopause. *(Crones must be a min. of 6 months past last menstruation)*

Crones participating in the ceremony need to commit to the full residential program to complete their initiation.



Date: Friday 23rd June, at 7pm
to Sunday 25th June, 11am

Venue: Mt Helena Theosophical Society Retreat

Facilitators: Alison Jarred & Bilawarra Lee

Cost: Crones (limit of 18)

Members \$35 per night (\$70)

Non-members \$50 per night (\$100)

Cost: Maidens

Members no charge

Non-members \$15 per day

Payment: Pay at TS Library 21 Glendower St. Perth
or EFT: NAB BSB 086-488 Acc. 488 697487911

The title of Crone indicates a willingness to step upon the path of the wise woman ... made rich from life experience. To embrace the sacredness of the creational energy held within as it transforms from physical creation potential (as indicated by the menstrual cycle) to universal creation potential. To harness the latent potency of this change and through intention and ceremony, be able to expand ones unique gifts in service through love, wisdom and power.

There is also a role within the ceremony for several "Maidens" (women still experiencing their menstrual flow). Maidens will only attend on Saturday 24th from 8:30am to 10pm and are in service to the process.

This event is self-catered and participants will be required to contribute to the meals provided.

There is an Initiation Preparation required and participants (both Crones & Maidens) need to contact Facilitator Alison Jarred on 0419994250 or alison@consciousunity.info to receive further ceremony information.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN PERTH*invites you to**participate in a....***Weekend Retreat****“Myths, Dreams
and Symbols”**

VENUE: July 22-23, 2017
Mount Helena Retreat
see map on rear.

COST: Members \$95 Non-Members \$125
- includes all meals (vegetarian) and
one nights accommodation.

NOTE: Please bring torch, sheets, blankets,
pillow case, towel, toiletries, etc. &
yoga mat or towel if yoga is on the
program. THE RETREAT HAS A NO
PETS POLICY.

SATURDAY 22nd	Program	Facilitated by
am 9.00-10.00	Arrival, Check-In, Accommodation Allocation and Morning Tea	
10.00	The Nature of the Unconscious	Jason Braunstein
11.15-11.30	SHORT BREAK	
11.30	Working with a Jungian Analyst	Becky Newell
pm 12.30-1.30	LUNCH	
1.30	Free Time	
2.00	Personal Mythology	Harry Bayens
3.30-4.00	AFTERNOON TEA	
4.00	Dreams – the background	Jason Braunstein
5.30	Free Time	
6.00-7.00	DINNER	
7.30	Social Interaction	
SUNDAY 23rd		
am 7.15-8.00	Sunrise Yoga & Morning Stretch	
8.00-9.00	BREAKFAST	
9.00	Dream Interpretation	Jason Braunstein
10.30-11.00	MORNING TEA	
11.00	Active Imagination	Jason Braunstein
pm 12.30-1.30	LUNCH	
1.30	Free Time	
2.00	Personality Types – What are you?	Harry Bayens
3.00-3.30	AFTERNOON TEA and DEPARTURE	

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REGISTRATION FORM: Myths, Dreams and Symbols

Closing date for registration: July 18, 2017

RECEIPT No:.....

NOTE: Members may attend as day visitors at no charge, but all teas are \$3.00 each and money is to be placed in the honor box on site. Charges for Non-Members as day visitors at \$15/day paid in advance, which includes all teas. Any meals required are extra and need to be booked and paid in advance at \$16/meal.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	PAYMENT (full amount encl.)

Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-Member ☐ Disability ☐ (please specify)

Cheques to:- Theosophical Society in Perth Please send to:- Theosophical Library, 21 Glendower St. Perth 6000



TOS Fundraiser Tour to Southern India

“Sacred Sights Tour”

11 nights/12 days 05-16 Jan 2018

This tour has been designed to follow our Theosophical Society International Convention at Adyar 2017-2018

Cost Land Only AUD\$1360 per person twin share or single AUD\$1920 (15 passengers) AUD\$1330 per person twin share or single AUD\$1895 (19 participants)

In this 12 day tour we will cover the south-eastern coast of India. Tamil Nadu is a region with an inherent rich heritage. Majestic temples with intricately carved walls that tell the tales of glorious legacy of Dravidian culture that flourished here. Also visit Kerala, which is bestowed with by a bounty of natural beauty- rippling waves of Arabian Sea, serene backwaters, lots of greenery, aroma of spices. Kathakali dance is one who can describe Kerala in one line. Because of its sheer beauty Kerala is fondly called “Gods Own Country”

India this extraordinary country, with its billion plus population and bubbling melting pot of multi-faith customs and festivals, presents travellers with an enigmatic array of unique experiences that will remain etched in their minds long after departing India’s shores.

Spirituality is an integral thread in the intricate tapestry that is India. Whether in solemn temple ceremony or convivial religious festival, all things sacred are passionately pursued by Indians from all walks of life. Several lifetimes would be required to explore all of the country’s cultural and historical legacies.

Come join us following the TS Convention 31 Dec 2017 through 05 Jan 2018

Application form for International Conference available Aug 2017. Participating in this tour with like-minded people will help support Australian National TOS Projects for 2018 Qandeel Schools Pakistan Golden Link College Philippines Syrian Refugees

TOS @ TS CONVENTION

AGAIN A wonderful way to START the Year
This time in Hobart
A great gathering of tos members from all
over Australia
(p.s. it's in Brisbane next year)



(TOS members from all around Australia at the TS convention in Hobart)

We have also had our first Supper – Talk for the year.

Bumi Sehat – A Birthing Clinic in Ubud, Bali

A sumptuous fund raising supper was had by all and a lovely presentation given by Lyn Leeder one of the Australian patrons that supports the clinic. A beautiful sharing of food, and of love, with the special work being done at this centre.

It was also the time to honour our own newly nominated patron – Renée Jonas – for the wonderful contribution she has and still gives to the TOS. **Congratulations Renée.**

What 's Coming Up

Movies: - more coming, look out for the notices.

World Peace / Taizé Meditation – first Friday of the month

6 pm at the
Liberal Catholic Church
– Cnr Brewer & Lacey Sts Perth.



TOS Healing Meditation Circles – third Sunday of month - 2pm.

TS – 21 Glendower St Perth



Renée being presented her Certificate of Appreciation by our Coordinator Rhonda

Easter Weekend Seminar

16-17 April 17
@ TSPerth Branch
- Please support us,
the TOS will be catering
for the 2 lunches.

TOS motto:

A union of those who love in the service of all that suffer

Program of Lectures

Definition of meeting types and relevant guidelines

- **Public Meetings** – All members and the public are welcome to attend.
- **General Meetings** – For Perth members, with interested members of the public welcome to attend up to 4 meetings, with the objective to explore and confirm an interest in becoming a member of the TS. If after attending 4 meetings the person is not interested in becoming a member they are requested to restrict their visits to other options open to the public.
- **Members Only Meetings** – Generally for Perth members only. However, members attending may invite a guest to whom the presentation would be of interest and benefit, is known to have a basic understanding of theosophy, and is in harmony with the membership requirements and the general principles of the TS.
- **Strictly Members Only Meetings** – Are strictly for current Perth members only. Non-members will not be admitted to the meeting.

All sessions normally run from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

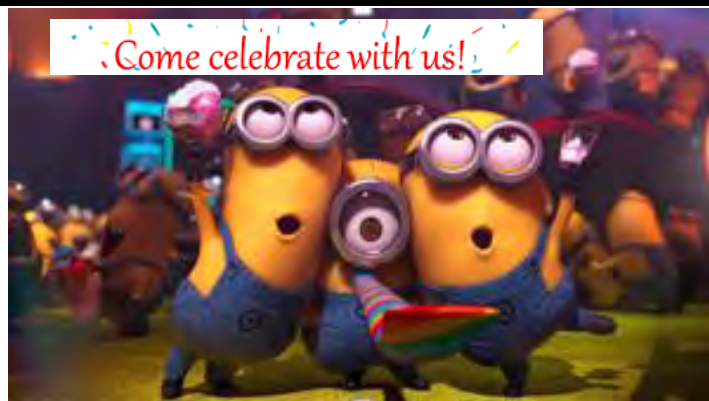
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MAY

Tues 2 May General Meeting	<p>Deity, Cosmos and Man: An Outline of Esoteric Science (Part 4) - Perry Coles <u>Elements and Elementals</u></p> <p>This powerpoint presentation relates both to Akasha and to the Hierarchies. The Elements of the occult system are differentiations of the One Element, Akasha not be confused with the elements of chemistry, although these are derived from the occult Elements. Elementals are defined as "the Spirits of the Elements".</p>
Tues 9 May General Meeting	<p>White Lotus Day - Commemoration of H. P. Blavatsky's passing on May 8, 1891 with a short reading from the Bhagavad-Gita and The Light of Asia as requested by HPB to mark the occasion. Followed by: Mystical Imaginings in Our Time - Becky Newell</p> <p>We live in an ever changing visual world in which the artistries of spiritual consciousness evolve and re-invent themselves to reflect the times. Come along to this powerpoint presentation when we will take a look at some of the lively spiritual and mystical images depicted in the popular culture styles of our day and age.</p>
Tues 16 May Members Only Meeting	<p>Self-Advancement - Bill Wood</p> <p>This talk is based on a little known work by Krishnamurti in mid-1920s. There are seven Chapters composed of talks to a select group within the Order of the Star in the East. What Krishnaji said to the Group is easily applicable to the individual aspirant on the Spiritual Path today.</p>
Tues 23 May Members Only Meeting	<p>The After-Death States and Their Similarities With Spiritual Practice Barry Bowden National Lecture for the TS in Australia</p> <p>The natural process after death that the discarnate soul experiences has striking similarities with many spiritual practices. In this presentation we go through the journey of the soul and stop at times to compare the after-death states with "the way". It has been said that "He who <i>holds</i> the keys to the secrets of <i>Death</i> is possessed of <i>the keys of Life</i>".</p>
Wed 24 May Public Meeting	<p>Future Destiny of Humanity - Barry Bowden National Lecture for the TS in Australia</p> <p>Humanities consciousness is at present an unfinished work. We look at what the future cycles will unfold in our consciousness but in order to understand the future, the distant past is studied. This is a fascinating journey, through to our future awareness. It has been said that before the end of this cycle we will have seven physical senses.</p>

Sat-Sun 27, 28 May Public Meeting	A Key to Your Inner Life - Barry Bowden National Lecturer for the TS in Australia Perth Branch Weekend Seminar - see elsewhere in Link for details
Tues 30 May General Meeting	Secrets, Secrets and More Secrets - James White Eastern Order of International Co-Freemasonry In this powerpoint presentation we will examine the why, what and the wherefore of Freemasonry, the Illuminati mystery and the search for truth. What earthly use to us is it today? For a male dominated organisation, why admit women? Is this the real answer for its relevance today? Always the mystery remains, but perhaps now we can enlighten you as to the true purpose of this organisation which can now admit men and women.
JUNE	
Tues 6 June General Meeting	Deity, Cosmos and Man: An Outline of Esoteric Science (Part 5) - Perry Coles <u>Law in Cosmos and Human Life</u> In recent years the word Karma has passed into our language, with the general connotation that whatever happens in life is the consequence of some previous action, event or circumstance. This meaning is correct, but the teaching of Esoteric Science shows how far the operation of Karma exceeds the simplistic picture of rewards and punishments affecting human lives. In this powerpoint presentation we will explore these ideas.
Tues 13 June General Meeting	Theosophy - In Depth and in Practice - George Wester This powerpoint presentation will explore how the deeper one goes into theosophy the more practical it becomes.
Sun 18 June Public Meeting	Perth Branch Celebration Everyone is invited to a celebration at the branch from 2:00-4:00pm of the establishment of the Perth Branch 120 years ago on June 22, 1897. All members, family, friends and former members are welcome to attend this special event. Afternoon tea and light refreshments will be provided. See elsewhere in Link for details.
Tues 20 June General Meeting	Ghosts, Spooks and Spirits - Skip Pry This powerpoint presentation explores the seven major classes of "spirits" to be found in the subjective world around us, as outlined in the Mahatma Letters, such as devas or angels, various types of ghosts, elementals and demons.
Tues 27 June General Meeting	The Pure Land Project - Len Warren from the Hayagriva Buddhist Centre A TOS fund raising night. Please join the TOS for our delicious snacks and light supper for \$10 at 6:30 pm and to check out the raffle basket and other items for sale. Followed by: The project is to develop a centre for those at the end of life, who desire a spiritual environment in which to spend their last days. Though the project has developed from a Buddhist background, the service will not be restricted to Buddhists.
JULY	
Tues 4 July General Meeting	Deity, Cosmos and Man: An Outline of Esoteric Science (Part 6) - Perry Coles <u>Death and Rebirth</u> Esoteric Science shows the Cosmos to be one functioning whole, governed by inherent Law, one aspect of which is expressed in the alternation of periods of activity with periods of rest. This alternation permeates the whole of the manifested universe, manifestation itself being subject to it. All things, on whatever scale of being, visible and invisible, subjective and objective, reflect the universal process, having their days and nights, their coming and going. Only THAT, the ONE ABSOLUTE PRINCIPLE, without beginning or end or change, endures for ever. In this

	powerpoint presentation we will examine these concepts.
Tues 11 July General Meeting	Science, Spirituality and Religion - Their Compatibility - Dr Munna Sharma Although there is no universal agreement on the definitions of science, spirituality, and religion; their meanings will be defined as commonly acceptable to most people. Science deals with the functioning of nature and its forces, and is based on the evidence; while religion is primarily based on faith which is supported by the scriptures revealed to certain personalities. Spirituality is usually considered as a bye product of religion. Society needs both science and religion for its wellbeing. The question is how these two can be reconciled for the good of humanity. This powerpoint talk will explore some of these aspects.
Tues 18 July General Meeting	Glamour! - Murray Chopping What is it? How do you get it? How do you get rid of it? Do you and I have it? Is it a problem and why should we do something about it? In this powerpoint presentation we will examine this idea.
Tues 25 July General Meeting	Lasting Happiness in a Changing World - John Davey Extracts from 'The Book of Joy', a week long dialogue with His Holiness The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu as recorded by Douglas Abrams.



PERTH BRANCH CELEBRATION!

Everyone is invited to a celebration at the branch on Sunday June 18th from 2:00-4:00pm of the establishment of the Perth Branch 120 years ago on June 22, 1897. All members, friends, and former members are welcome to attend this special event. There will be a couple of presentations, stories and the sharing of some memories from the days of the branch when it was located in Museum St. Perth. If anyone has any old photos, memorabilia or memories they would like to share please bring them along on the day. Afternoon tea and light refreshments will be provided. Don't miss your opportunity to share, remember and honour the work of previous generations that have resulted in our great facilities and assets that we enjoy today.

The Theosophical Link contributions

Members of TS Perth Branch are heartily invited to contribute articles, poems, book reviews and any news affiliated with the Branch to the Editor for future inclusions in the Link.

Typed submissions will be gratefully accepted.

Leave your articles etc. with the library or office staff, email them to tsperth@iinet.net.au or place your material in the Editor's drawer by the 1st of July.2017