



City of Greater Newcastle Lodge Newsletter

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Meetings:

*1.00pm, 3rd Saturday of
the month until May.*

*1.00pm, 4th Saturday of
the month as from June.*

Venue:

*Wallsend
Enterprise Centre
(Wallsend Railway
Goods Shed)
76 Cowper Road
Wallsend
NSW*

ATTENTION: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY

*As from June, the Lodge's
meeting day will change
to the 4th Saturday
of the month.*

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Welcome to the April 2024 newsletter of the City of Greater Newcastle Lodge of the Theosophical Society (or 'TS'). Overleaf you can read more about our Society and Theosophy, or click through to our Facebook page and web page. Below are the topics and presenters for the next three months of this year.



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PROGRAMME FOR MAY / JUNE / JULY 2024

SAT 18 MAY: 'THE ROLE OF CATS IN MYTH AND RELIGION'

In this talk we will explore cats in myth and religion in many different contexts across the world—from ancient Egypt to Greece, in Norse and Celtic mythology, from India to Christianity and Islam. And much more, including Theosophy.

Presenter: Dr Ian Ellis Jones

Dr Ian Ellis-Jones is a retired lawyer and academic, author and co-author of several books on the law. He is a member of Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney as well as the Northern Beaches TS Group. His interests and lecture topics include the mystery religions, mythology and the inner meaning of fairy tales.

SAT 22 JUNE*(4th SATURDAY – NEW MEETING DAY)***Presenter: Megan McQueenie**

Newcastle Lodge member Megan McQueenie will give a presentation on Gita Australia yoga principles linking the Ancient Wisdoms with Contemporary Practice and Health Trinity.

More information on this meeting will be provided closer to the date.

SAT 27 JULY: ‘THE LIFE OF JALĀL AD-DĪN MUHAMMAD, BETTER KNOWN AS RUMI’

Abandoning all thought of non-spirit, which stains the mind and is the cause of suffering, think of ātman, which is bliss and which is the cause of liberation.

Vivekachudamani
Sri Shankaracharya
v. 380

The Mystic Jalāl ad-Dīn Muhammad was born in Afghanistan, part of the Persian Empire, in 1207, leaving his homeland to escape the persecution of the Moguls. He became a great scholar, poet and theologian in the 13th century. After meeting a Dervish, Shams of Tabriz, Rumi’s mystical thinking developed and his writings became a great influence on mystic thinking and teaching throughout the Muslim world. After his death on 17 December 1273, his shrine in Konya became a place of pilgrimage and still is to this day. Rumi’s writings and poems transcend borders and have influenced many poets and writers throughout history. The masterpieces he left behind are considered among the purest literary glories of the Persian language.

Presenter: Patricia Bolsover

Patricia is the President of Newcastle Lodge. She was inspired to give this illustrated talk after a visit to the Tomb of Rumi.

Interesting Reads – Preparation for Yoga

Dr I.K. Taimni, who was a prominent member of the Society, wrote informatively about yoga, the philosophy of yoga and the preparatory training which is required in order to lay a sound foundation for a Yogic life. You can read the article here:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/preparation-for-yoga>

About the Theosophical Society

The Theosophical Society welcomes students or seekers from all walks of life, belonging to any religion or to none. It was formed to assist in showing to humanity that Theosophy exists, and ‘to ascend towards it by studying and assimilating its eternal verities’. Freedom of thought and open enquiry are given special emphasis in the Society.

Newsletter Editor
Linda Oliveira

About Theosophy

Theosophy essentially refers to ‘Divine Wisdom’, Sacred Knowledge, which is a transcendent state of consciousness. In a secondary sense, Theosophy is an ancient yet distinct stream of enquiry, exploring and interpreting the truths of existence in terms suited to particular ages. At the core of Theosophy is the principle of indivisible Unity underlying the diversity of forms.



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We welcome newcomers.