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SPOT ON

My grandchildren said, “Wouldn’t it be nice if we could fly?” But, you can in your imagination. Throughout my life, I have used my imagination to fly free of what has limited me. Feed your imagination and you will also.

“Wouldn’t it be nice if no one went hungry; if everyone had what they needed?” There is enough for everyone to have food, housing and safety. We all must come together and say, “We want everyone to have their simple needs met.”

“Wouldn’t it be nice if no one had to suffer?” Things happen. There is no way round it. We can choose to suffer or accept an opportunity. You can choose to change.

“Wouldn’t it be nice if there were no earthquakes?” The Earth rocks, rattles and rolls just like you do. We know she is alive because she does this. It is best to giggle. We know she is tickled.

“Wouldn’t it be nice if I didn’t get sick?” Your body is just saying, “I have gotten stuck. Please help me by letting me rest, take in nutritious food and drink and get exercise. Give me a chance to grow.” Your body only gets sick when it needs you and your family to take better care of it.

“Wouldn’t it be nice if I could have everything that I want?” Wouldn’t it be nice if you had every thing that you need? What do you need to make you feel loved, safe, contented and in control of your life? You can ask for this.

“Wouldn’t it be nice if I knew everything, had all the answers and could solve all the problems?” Hold on to your questions and nurture them. The answers are everywhere around you and within you. The questions are like fish hooks: they will get the answers when you need them. (Let them go if they are too small).

“Do you love me?” Yes, without question.



DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP

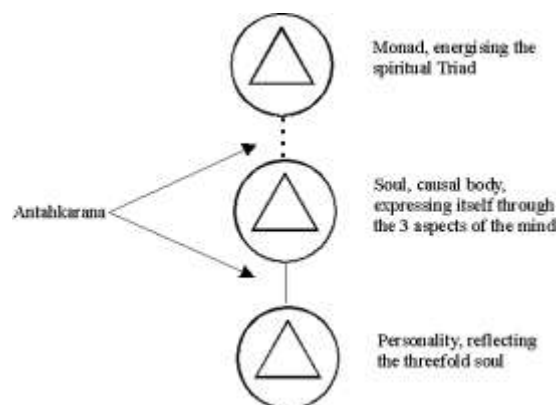
The quality of our lives hinges on the quality of our relationships. One genuinely loving relationship can loosen the bonds of fear, isolation and pain. Each of us seeks such relationships and we soften when we see them around us. The model of relationship is the soul and its relationships. If we understand how these relationships are created and maintained, we will be able to find quality relationships in or lives.



The soul is one aspect of us. We are the Monad/Spirit/essential fire and, as such, emerged from the heart of the Sun. We are matter: dense, etheric, emotional and mental substance created by us as a vehicle for expression and service in the world of forms. And, we are the soul: that aspect of us that unites the other two by creating a bridge of love between them.

The soul, residing within the light of pure reason and buddhic compassion, maintains three relationships. The primary relationship is with the Monad or Spirit self. It anchors in pure Being and willingly expresses the purpose of that One Self. The second relationship is with all other souls and particularly its soul group. It recognizes an aspect of the Plan for Human and Planetary evolution and affirms an understanding of the group quality and the unique note of each soul. The third relationship is with its instrument: the human personality that it has created and is now inspiring and guiding.

We can build dynamic loving relationships by modelling these relationships within our relationships. The first task is to create and sustain a dynamic relationship with the highest aspect of ourselves. This can be done by the frequent use of a simple visualization: see oneself pierced by a descending thread of fire. Then say, "I am that Self, that self am I". A powerful affirmation of this relationship is: "In the centre of the Will of God I stand. Naught shall deflect my will from his. I implement that will by love. I, the triangle divine, work out that will within the square and serve my fellow men". The antahkarana meditation (an outline of this meditation is found in *Discipleship in the New Age Vol. II* by Alice Bailey) needs to be regularly used to create and sustain the relationship with the life that sustains us.



The result of strengthening this essential relationship is that this empowers each of our relationships. Time and space are no longer constraints. The trust which emerges from our relationship with our true Self is

taken into all relationships. Because of this, there are no expectations of the other person or of the relationship. The recognition that there is a purpose within the relationship reduces any need to limit or define it. "I trust my Self. I trust you."

The second task is to establish a relationship with the soul which can be expressed in our outer relationships. This relationship is built by establishing a regular meditation practice, by studying the teachings of spiritual seekers who have gone ahead of us and by giving our gifts to others.

By training the mind and heart we develop the higher intuition. We use this truth-seeking sense to determine the quality of our inner life. Using the psychology of the soul, we determine our soul ray or note. We then use the intuition to sense that note in others. Once this is done, we can move into relationship with those who are in our soul group and objectively understand those who are not.

A practical way to determine your soul group is to observe the ways that you spontaneously and joyfully serve the good in others and the environment. Then, observe the way that others serve. A similarity in the quality of those responses to need will indicate the soul group.

When observing others, ask yourself, "What am I observing?" The observations will be of our characteristics or behaviour. Then, say to yourself, "What are the inner qualities of this person? Can I sense what is trying to emerge through them?"

A visualization that is effective is to imagine that you are standing in the light of your soul. Then, visualize that you are standing in a group of individuals all standing in the light of their souls. Finally, see the group standing in the light of the group soul. Then say the affirmation: "I am one with my group brothers and sisters and all that I have is theirs. May the love which is in my Soul pour forth to them. May the strength which is in me lift and aid them. May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them".

The third task is to establish a loving relationship with the three-headed dog: our personality. We need to approach the relationship with the same objectivity that we would approach a relationship with the family dog. The personality needs a master who is consistently loving and understanding. The master must have a regular programme for meeting the physical, emotional and mental needs of the personality. It needs to be well trained on all three levels to feel confident in performing its duties. (Ideally, it has been to puppy school, but it is never too late for effective adult training).



If our relationship with our personality is loving and well disciplined, then we will respect other personalities and establish appropriate relationships. We will first address the other's soul as the master and indicate our desire to engage with the other personality. We will respect, but not engage with those personalities who are not well disciplined enough to respond to their master or soul.

All three relationships occur within us and need to reflect the three relationships within the soul. If this is so, barriers are removed, love emerges, creative activity flows and joy abounds.

Lawson Bracewell

WHO AM I?

I have tilled the soil
 I have planted fruit trees and vines.
 I have known the abundance of the seasons.
 But I am not a farmer.

I have gathered from rivers and seas.
 I have enjoyed the rhythm of the waves.
 But I am not of the sea.

I have walked the valley,
 Traversed the hills and mountain.
 I have felt the fresh air and watched birds soar.
 But I am not of a particular land.

Love has brushed my heart
 Marriage and children have been experienced.
 Yet, I am not the true husband, father or lover.

I have trained in Judo, Aikido and Tai Chi;
 These energy ways have been tried and tested
 Even though I still teach Tai Chi
 A true martial artist I am not.

I have carved both wood and marble,
 Some awards and prizes I've achieved.
 I have exhibited and sold some works.
 Yet having known this creativity
 I am not a Sculptor.

Teacher trained and teacher experienced
 Yes! I have taught here and there.
 I am getting closer to my core
 Yet a true teacher....?
 I am not there yet.

The "WORM OF ENQUIRY" must touch,
 Know and realise.
 This Worm that burrows
 Ate these many Masks of Expression.

Quester am I,
 Always wanting to know
 That which lies behind appearance.
 Wanting to know the active driver of the action.
 Entering into books, extracting experience
 Entering into experience, extracting essence.

The motion of life has such fullness;
 How to enter the streaming?

These energetic influences (formative masks) in the expression of life enabled an ease of execution, a path of least resistance; thus a degree of achievement was assured. They may be seen as a type of conditioning that predisposes towards a particular direction of expression.

It seems that a line of purposeful living was attempted and that this partial attainment completes a cycle of unfoldment initiated from past causes.

This relating to and expressing of a “Matrix of Energies”, that is in essence a “family impulse”, links me to my ancestors. I am in the present, the NOW moment and this is where family fulfilment can be realised.

Knowledge of the individual components of my heritage may help in understanding my life expression and contribution. This may be seen as a pertinent conditioning factor that subliminally motivated life actions. Yet it can be brought to a more conscious and meaningful state. This requires acceptance of that possibility as a reality.

Each “Mask of Expression” may be related to a line of actual relatives who through present endeavour find easement or fulfilment.

Birth is a plait of fine ancestral threads woven as a single expression in an appointed moment. Our children may continue the resolution of energy drives by their life expressions. Hence the part is a moving thread woven in the fabric of the whole.

The sequence of events and experiences has marked, stained and coloured the cord of continuity. One life lived, one journey attempted, one act of grace will all combine and create a pattern in the matrix in which we are later immersed. These “gusts of life” will later hammer and shape our being.

Those moments of choice, those crucial decisions when shifts are enacted, when encasement or mould cracks, flakes and disperses are extruded by inner pressure as expansion seeks release. Is this thrusting urge ancestrally driven?

Asking that “the soul control the outer form and life and all events” involves a form of reciprocity, which is a dialogue with the ensouled complexities of our being.

Are we in this NOW moment the actual momentum of all life expressing,
The confluence of streaming energies of ancient origin,
The confluence of layers of existences intermingling,
The confluence of events and situations synchronistically juxtaposed?

YES! For Here, Now, at this moment, at this place, All of life is blooming.

Our identification with an idea of personification may hold the presenting totality of these micro-fine filaments, as energetic essences of entrainment. These filaments then join multi-strands of pre-coloured threads and culminate into the twisted cords of our prior seasons of fruition. These tracings influence us by entering our consciousness. By our present fruits the presiding ancestors will know us.

This potentiality is the true and potent destiny inherent in our being. How to expand from identification with the narrow shackles of a smaller interpretation involves heritage investigations.

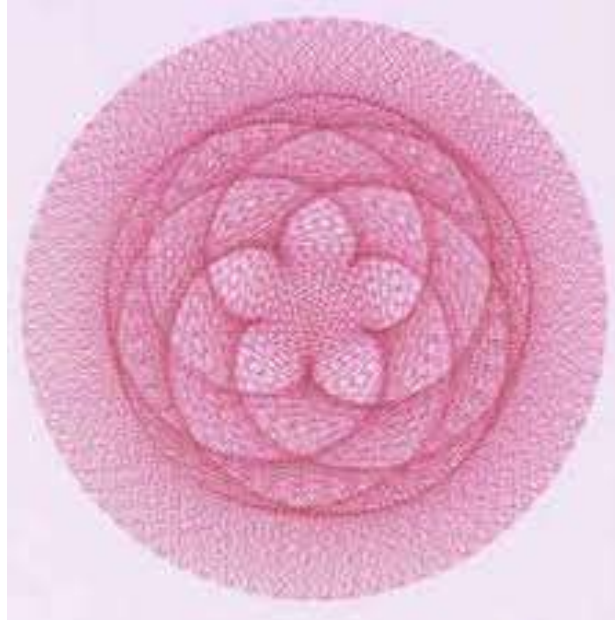
Move towards the acceptance of the inherent inclusive totality, that greater consciousness which is our rich inheritance.

This article is derived from my Maori Studies (Whakapapa research)

Orest Yuri Tarnawsky

TRANSIT OF VENUS

In June 2012 the world will witness a special event, the transit, or more particularly the occultation, of Venus. This is a relatively rare event. They always come in pairs 8 years apart about every 120 years. The last pair of transits occurred in 1874 and 1882. The next pair will be in 2117 and 2125. They are, therefore, a once in a lifetime occurrence. The orbit of Venus over time makes the pattern of a five pointed flower each time it approaches the sun. The last approach was in June 2004, the next one is on 6 June 2012 (New Zealand time).



Venus is seen as the ‘sister’ planet to the earth, its complementary planet. Many of the higher qualities emanate from Venus. This is where the spark of mind of humanity originated.

*“The quality of the Earth's complementary planet, which is the Earth's polar opposite, esoterically considered. This planet is **Venus**.” (Esoteric Astrology, A.A. Bailey 24)*

*“**Venus** is the most occult, powerful and mysterious of all the planets; a. Its relation with the Earth is the most prominent; b. It presides over the natural generation of men; c. It is called the ‘other sun’; d. It is the Earth's primary or spiritual prototype.” (Secret Doctrine II, H Blavatsky, 33-35.) (Esoteric Astrology, A.A Bailey 673)*

*“To understand the relation of **Venus** and the Earth, I would have you ponder on what I earlier gave in A Treatise on Cosmic Fire. ...The entire relationship has been summed up in the words: The planet **Venus** is to the planet Earth what the higher Self is to the Personality. Remember that the planet **Venus** is one of the seven sacred planets whereas the Earth is not. This statement involves, as you can see, a deep mystery of relativity, of interplay and of eventual revelation. This revelation as to the relation of the Earth's alter ego to the world of human life will only be revealed at the third initiation, at which time all glamour and illusion is dissipated and ‘the light which shines through the eye of the Bull will be unimpeded’ and carry light into the darkness.” (Esoteric Astrology, A.A. Bailey 383-384)*

The transit of Venus has a special connection to the Pacific region and the discovery of New Zealand. In 1769 it was the predominant reason that Captain James Cook and the Endeavour ventured into the unknown to observe the transit of Venus from Tahiti. It was thought at the time that by observing this transit and making measurements they would be able to calculate the astronomical unit, the distance from the earth to the sun, and thereby understand the size of the solar system. Other missions were also sent off to other parts

of the world to add to the collection of data. This was a coming together of the minds of different countries for a common goal.



James Cook



Venus Transiting the Sun

The Royal Society of England tasked Cook with this mission. His ulterior secret mission given by the Society was to discover Terra Australis Incognita, the great southern continent that was thought to balance the land mass of the northern hemisphere. In the process he discovered and mapped the outline of Aotearoa and observed the local people, flora and fauna along with the botanist Joseph Banks. They were aided along the way by Tupaea, a Tahitian Arioi (chief), a learned man who helped them navigate the Pacific who had a breadth of knowledge of the Pacific region, even though he had physically only been to a few islands himself.

Cook has a prominent Venus in his astrological chart, it being exactly conjunct Mercury and Uranus, square the Moon, square Saturn and sesquisquare Jupiter. (27 October 1728 11.27 am, Marton, England) He was a Quaker, a pacifist with humanitarian and altruistic values. The conjunction of Mercury, Venus and Uranus suggests an enlightened and inclusive mind.

The transits of Venus always occur in the signs Gemini or Sagittarius. Both of these signs are ruled by the earth; Gemini on the esoteric level, and Sagittarius on the monadic or highest level. They are the only two signs to have an earth rulership.

*“Gemini and Sagittarius are connected through their ruling planets (because the Earth is more closely related to **Venus** than to any other planet)...” (Esoteric Astrology, A.A. Bailey 131)*

Taurus, Libra and Gemini are ruled by Venus; Taurus and Libra on the mundane level, and Gemini on the esoteric level. Venus symbolically is to do with relationships and under Gemini the relationship of ideas. There are essential archetypes and concepts that can be sensed and resonated with the more one attunes to the subtle realms of consciousness. These concepts and archetypes can be related one to another through the synthesising effect of Venus.

*“It is not permissible to say much about this mystery, that ‘**Venus** is the Earth's alter ego’, nor is it advisable, but certain ideas may be suggested which—if brooded on—may result in a **wider grasp of the beauty of nature's synthesis, and of the wonderful correlation of all that is in process of evolution.** Perhaps some idea may be gained if we remember that, in an occult sense, **Venus** is to the Earth what the higher Self is to man.” (Treatise on Cosmic Fire, A.A. Bailey 298) (emphasis added)*

Once these concepts and principles are started to be sensed, the aspects of concrete knowledge and information become less important as they are a lower vibration. In the 21st century knowledge and information is readily available through the internet and libraries. When principles are understood, the appropriate information can be accessed quickly and easily; the ability to correlate ideas, to be conscious, to truly use thinking and reasoning being more essential. So in some ways symbolically Venus represents human potential; the potential to become aware of more of the planes of consciousness and the different natural principles governing the universe. These principles are laid out in the Ageless Wisdom teaching.

This coming transit of Venus symbolically represents the advancement of consciousness, expanded awareness, the possibility of synthesising ideas or discovering new ones for the betterment of humanity. It also highlights the concept of relationship generally, individually, nationally, internationally and also highlights human potential. The energy supports an increasing turning of our awareness to such matters.

The transits of 1519 and 1526 were at the time of Magellan who set sail to prove the world was not flat, an advancement in the world consciousness at the time. The transits of 1761 and 1769 the southern hemisphere was discovered and knowledge of each hemispheres was shared between the two.

What will the transits of 2012 bring in the decades to come? We've already seen huge changes since the previous transit in 2004. One can only imagine but can speculate it would highlight relationships of all kind, between individuals, groups, nations, encouraging the note of brotherhood and the interconnectedness on all levels through consciousness. Will there emerge a new and improved financial system? Will there be an empowering of the United Nations? Will there be a move towards sustainable energy around the world and a decline in our addiction to oil? Will the nature of the etheric body be scientifically proved? Will the nature of the soul be scientifically proved? Will the recent discovery of the Higgs-Boson or 'God particle' lead on to greater discoveries in quantum physics which open up our understanding of the underlying principles of matter? Will the principles of democracy continue to emerge in places like Burma and the Arab world?



Large Hadron Collider – Cern



Hillary Clinton and Aung Sun Suu Kyi

All of these are possibilities in the next few decades, but in general one can imagine new ideas being impressed on humanity and thereby stimulating the true potential of our birthright; that we are each essentially free, conscious beings, capable of far more than we currently can see. It is only the limited thought-forms, ignorance of the many different levels of consciousness, the focus on things emanating from matter or the brain rather than consciousness, and the illusion of separateness that blinds us. Venus also represents inclusivity of both ideas and in relationships.

This is a time where we could choose to focus on new, more inclusive ways of relating, and put ourselves in rapport with ideas and concepts that enlighten consciousness and experience the beauty of the principles that dance around us which can start to come into focus once we have the eye(s) to see.

Katherine O'Brien

THE SON OF MAN HAS NOWHERE TO LAY HIS HEAD ¹

The historic Christ is referring to Himself in this scripture, and to His own humanity in this expression,” the Son of Man”, in response to a scribe who proclaims he will follow Jesus wherever he goes. He makes it clear that following Him requires the surrender of the certainty of even the basic daily comfort of having a place to stay at night and a place to sleep.

In the past three years of His life He and His disciples became dependent on those whom they healed and taught to offer such resources. He signalled here that discipleship requires commitment to a life of constant change and detachment from the comforts, security and priorities of the life of a householder.

Jesus entered the world and left the world as an itinerant. He was born in a stable. Perhaps during this Christmas of 2011 we would do well to highlight this aspect of His humanity, given that there are now so many displaced persons in the world. We could call it “The Year of the Displaced”.

So many of these displaced people are ‘closer to home’, in our own communities, here in Christchurch, New Zealand. They have been through the process of searching for a humble bach ² to lay their heads at night. Just having a place to sleep may be a blessing, where once there may have been striving to keep an immaculate, lavish, beautiful or comfortable home. Now they are banished from homes and possessions by liquefaction and irreparable structural damage.

Widespread floods in Eastern Australia; earthquake, tsunami and nuclear explosion in Japan; the Arab Spring; land grab by the government in China; the Palestinian fight for a homeland; the floods and landslides in mid December in New Zealand and the Philippines; people fleeing from violence in their villages in Sudan and Myanmar; the ongoing plight of those who lost their homes in the mortgage crisis in the USA in the previous yearThese events represent only some of the global conditions in which large numbers of populations have been displaced.



This phenomenon is a reminder that we are close to, and dependent on the Earth and not so far removed from kinship with the animal kingdom and each other. Humanity is a kingdom in nature. The trend in humanity seems to be moving towards learning to live more simply, flexibly, generously and to live more fully the sentiment in the Mantram of Unification, “The sons of men are one, and I am one with them”³, identified with the new state of dependency in which so many find themselves.

The crisis of the soul of humanity parallels the individual soul’s psychological crisis. Esoteric psychology teaches that, in the life, the soul engineers the dismantling of structures, habits, attachments and beliefs that

¹ Matthew 8:20

² holiday shack

³ Discipleship in the New Age Vol 2 p. 117 Alice A Bailey.

no longer serve the ongoing evolution of consciousness in the individual.⁴ It is as though the soul of humanity is now the focus of such crisis.

There is another connotation in the scripture “The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head”. The historic Christ as “Son of God” as well as Son of Man, no longer identified primarily with physical needs and rhythms. His focus was on fulfilling His mission on Earth and His sustenance came from obeying a higher spiritual Will.⁵ He was responding to another dimension of reality, living simultaneously in a parallel consciousness beyond the limitations of time and space, to which we as sons of men are subject.

Current world events could be viewed as a ‘wake-up call’ to humanity to cease from complacently ‘laying down our heads’ in a somnolent state of consciousness of unquestioned and sub-conscious expectations about our future as a kingdom, as communities and individuals. We can arise from suffering, from displacement, disorientation and disenchantment and disinter ourselves from a primarily material reality⁶. Through the soul, the light of Christ’s teachings illuminates understanding as to the purpose and destiny of the planetary changes⁷.

We can activate our inheritance as fellow sons of God, as souls, and consciously and creatively help bring in the new kingdom of nature, the fifth kingdom of souls, the new Aquarian Age.

Julia Tarnawsky

THE MANTRAM OF UNIFICATION

The sons of men are one and I am one with them.
I seek to love, not hate;
I seek to serve and not exact due service;
I seek to heal, not hurt.

Let pain bring due reward of light and love.
Let the soul control the outer form, and life and all events,
And bring to light the love that underlies the happenings of the time.

Let vision come and insight.
Let the future stand revealed.
Let inner union demonstrate and outer cleavages be gone.
Let love prevail.
Let all men love.



⁴ Esoteric Psychology Vol 2 pp. 347-8; 147ff (Law of Repulse) Alice A Bailey

⁵ John 4:34 “My meat is to do the will of Him Who sent Me”

⁶ Ephesians 5:14 “Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light”

⁷ Discipleship in the New Age Vol 1 p. 709 Alice A Bailey “irradiation of the daily life....emanates from the world of meaning”

INSPIRED ACTIONS OR WASTEFUL REACTIONS

Every 2 ½ years we are provided with an opportunity to achieve greater awareness of how we use and abuse our individual power. We have an opportunity to reflect on actions which we have taken instead of simply reacting in an established response pattern. Our moment will occur throughout the first half of 2012.

The astrological event which will provide the opportunity will be Mars in Virgo retrograde from 25 January to 14 April. The period heightened awareness during this period will begin on 28 February when Mars opposes the Sun and will be particularly potent when Mars conjuncts the Moon during the Pisces Solar Fire Festival on 8 March. And, in a more general sense we can say that this process began when Mars first entered 4 degrees of Virgo on 17 November and will fully end when Mars enters 24 degrees of Virgo on 20 June (these degrees mark the beginning and end of the retrograde Mars in Virgo period).

Each of us will respond differently to a period of time when Mars is in Virgo (depending on our level of awareness and the Mars signature in our own charts). On the level of the personality, it inclines us to act in practical and well-thought-out ways. On conscious levels, Mars in Virgo may prompt the quickening of spiritual awareness: to see and bring out inner qualities.

When Mars is retrograde, circumstances block the flow of action. Rather than energy flowing in established channels, delays or barriers give us time to contemplate our past actions. We can be productive if we are open to seeing the ways in which ego involvement may have distorted outcomes or created missed opportunities for cooperation. Hopefully, we will change our attitudes to society and learn to act within a creative group. (Unfortunately, time is often wasted by attempts to forge ahead regardless, or blaming others, or expressing angry frustration).

Pondering on the Sabian Symbols for 4 and 24 degrees of Virgo will provide insight as to how to make the most productive use of the up-coming event. 4 degrees of Virgo: **BLACK AND WHITE CHILDREN PLAY TOGETHER HAPPILY**. (Occurred on 18 November 2011 and will occur on 8 March). This sounds the note of Brotherhood; a keynote of the dawning Aquarian Age. Do our actions demonstrate that: "I meet you as a child of God"?



The second symbol (occurring on 22-27 January and 20 June) is: **MARY AND HER LITTLE LAMB**. This reminds us that our actions need to have the same innocence as a child's actions. If we would follow Jesus' injunction to his disciples, we would be like little children. We should ponder the extent that our ego is invested in our projects, spiritual practices, service activities and achievements.

While we will each have this opportunity, we might also keep in mind that Humanity as a whole will have this crisis/opportunity. We can aid the process if we respond with compassion, encourage forgiveness and promote the process as a positive and necessary healing crisis.



CHRIST COLLEGE NEWS

1. We held our first Board Meeting with the new Board members: Anitra Carr, Paul Dawson and Orest Tarnawsky. We made plans to upgrade the web site, to improve the usefulness of the data base and create a clear strategy for marketing courses and services.
2. We will offer seven monthly meditation retreats this year in addition to our usual meditation retreats offered at the time of the four major spiritual festivals of Aries, Taurus, Gemini and Leo. They will focus on the basics of meditation and will address practical issues of conscious living.
3. We have been a part of the WWOOF's (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) programme for a year. Recently, we have begun to select overseas travellers on the basis of their willingness to participate in our meditation and study programme. So far, three questers from Italy, Mexico and the USA have joined us for one to three weeks each. This is working well for them and for us. (They also give us four hours work per day in exchange for food and housing).
4. We have had a wonderfully wet spring and the garden and plants are all flourishing. A new yellow rose is in full bloom.
5. Julia Tarnawsky has represented Christ College as she has visited all the major branches of the Theosophical Society on North and South Island. She has given public talks and run one-day workshops on the nature of the soul. She loved doing it and there has been positive feedback and requests to return in 2012.
6. Orest Tarnawsky taught six classes of martial arts skills to the Akaroa high school students. He was allowed complete autonomy and enjoyed himself.
7. Lawson worked as an astrologer in Wellington, Invercargill and Arrowtown. He also gave two public talks on the Seven Rays and Esoteric Astrology.
8. We developed a brochure for the Silent Space. It is available at the information centre to encourage more tourists to visit.
9. We will complete year 3 of the residential school programme on 21 December. We have each experienced significant growth in understanding of the Ageless Wisdom teachings in the last year and improved as teachers. There also is evidence of the development of a group mind.
10. We have one person out of a possible five students enrolled for our next year 1 programme which will start on 21 June 2012.





SOLAR FIRE MEDITATIONS

Venue – 30 Rutland Street – 7.30 pm

Talks from each month are available on the website
www.christcollege.co.nz/meditation.html#solarfire

9 JANUARY 2012

Capricorn ♄ *Keynote: Lost am I in light
supernal, yet on that light I turn my back*
 (actual time 9 January 8.31 pm)

7 FEBRUARY 2012

Aquarius ♒ *Keynote: Waters of life am I
poured forth for thirsty men*
 (actual time 8 February 10.55 am)

8 MARCH 2012

Pisces ♃ *Keynote: I leave the Father's house,
and turning back, I save*
 (actual time 8 March 10.41 pm)

NEW MOON DATES AND TIMES

Venue – 30 Rutland Street – 7.30 pm

24 DECEMBER 2011

Capricorn ♄ *Keynote: Lost am I in light
supernal, yet on that light I turn my back*
 (actual time 25 December 7.08 am)

23 JANUARY 2012

Aquarius ♒ *Keynote: Waters of life am I
poured forth for thirsty men*
 (actual time 23 January 8.40 pm)

21 FEBRUARY 2012

Pisces ♃ *Keynote: I leave the Father's house,
and turning back, I save*
 (actual time 22 February 11.36 am)

22 MARCH 2012

Aries ♈ *Keynote: I come forth and from the
plane of mind I rule*
 (actual time 23 March 3.38 am)

Meditation Temple

Meditations are held on the temple site at the
time of the full moon.

Capricorn	9 Jan	4.00 pm
Aquarius	7 Feb	4.00 pm
Pisces	8 Mar	4.00 pm

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Residential programme in meditation begins 21 June 2012

This comprehensive programme is for one
year. The breadth of the Ageless Wisdom
teachings will be explored with the core focus
centred around meditation.

Enrolments are now being taken. First six
months only is residential.

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THE GREAT INVOCATION

From the point of Light within the Mind of
God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of
God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is
known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men -
The purpose which the Masters know and
serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan
on Earth

Om Om Om



WEDDINGS AT CHRIST COLLEGE

Christ College is a beautiful place for a wedding, especially as spring and summer approaches. The temple is available a wedding, Long Bay House for reception surrounded by beautiful views. Lawson is a marriage celebrant and his services are free of charge.

The temple is a unique space designed to marry heaven and earth, spirit and matter, the masculine and the feminine. It is a space that stands free from any religion or philosophy and offers any person(s) from any background a place where they can connect with their essential nature, connect with each other and find true meaning in their lives.



There are spaces (especially in front of the temple) where an outside service could be held. There are many possibilities at Christ College to create a wedding. Below are three outlines that could be altered to suit your needs.

Option 1) - an outside service - The backdrop of the Akaroa harbour and the temple would make a perfect place for an outdoor wedding.

Option 2) - a service in the temple - The temple is a sacred space and talks constantly of marriage.

It is the perfect place to conduct a small ceremony.

Option 3) - a reception in Long Bay House – this could be used to house a small reception of up to 25 people. All the facilities of the space could be utilized for this occasion.



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STUDY GROUP

This group studies one of the Alice Bailey books Esoteric Psychology I, which in summary looks at the laws of the soul, the seven rays, and the psychology of the soul. It is a class for beginners and is open to new members – all welcome.

The group meets fortnightly on Saturdays at
11 am at 30 Rutland St

For further information please contact Lawson:
Ph: 355 1395. **See also** www.christcollege.co.nz

Another group continues to meet fortnightly on Saturday mornings to study the depth of Cosmic Fire.

ESOTERIC PSYCHOLOGY Internet Course



The webinar course on Esoteric Psychology by Alice Bailey continues. Next start date 8 June 2012. Enrolments are encouraged now.

The course is offered as a webinar course. It will be 1 1/2 hours every two weeks starting at 10 am NZ time. You will be able to log on, enter a class, see me on the screen and any files that I put up to illustrate our topic. You will be able to ask questions and talk with others in the class. Before each class, you will read 20 pages of Esoteric Psychology I and prepare questions that remain unanswered by you. I will respond to these questions.

Why read this book? Because, it is about you. It is a Master of the Wisdom describing the nature of the soul and its integration with its instrument, the personality. Studying the book leads to understanding, impersonality and compassion. All of this profoundly affects one's relationships.

This course will help those who have read the book deepen in your understanding. For those reading it for the first time, the course will provide the guidance into a subject that is often hard to grasp.

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My qualifications: I first read this book 30 years ago. I completed a two year Masters in Esoteric Psychology which had this as its primary text. I have a PhDE in Esoteric Studies from the University of the Seven Rays. I am the Director of Christ College of Trans-Himalayan Wisdom (a school of meditation in Akaroa, New Zealand). I have taught classes using this book for 20 years.

The cost of the course is \$10 per class. The introductory class is free. I look forward to studying with you.

Lawson Bracewell

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PIGGY BANK PROGRAMME



We are in the midst of fund-raising to pay for the building programme at Christ College. All is going well and I am always looking for new ways to engage a larger field of Friends of Christ College.

I suspect that you do not see your current financial situation as supporting large humanitarian projects. So, I will not appeal to you to send thousands of dollars.

What I have in mind is: would you be willing to buy a piggy bank and designate it as the Christ College piggy bank? Then, whenever you felt the urge, you could put change into it. Every month or two you could empty it and write a cheque to Christ College for that amount.

Current trends in fund-raising indicate that the greatest funding comes from large numbers of people giving very small amounts of money. Certainly, the Obama campaign found this to be true. Please let me know if you can support us in this way.

LAWSON BRACEWELL - ASTROLOGER

Lawson is available for soul-centred astrology in Christchurch either in person or for taped readings. He has a natural ability to see to the heart of an individual and his focus is on revealing the soul's potential for the client and pointing out ways of allowing that to be expressed by the client.

For readings please contact him on:
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LONG BAY HOUSE – HIRE



Long Bay House has been refurbished and is available for hire. It is the perfect place for workshops, meetings, or a weekend getaway. It is nestled on the hills of the Banks Peninsula with stunning views. It comes complete with kitchen facilities, shower and toilet facilities and can accommodate up to 24 people and sleep up to 10.

Facilities available:

- * temple access
- * 2 workshop/teaching rooms
- * marae-style accommodation
- * kitchen
- * shower/toilet
- * picnic table, nature walks

Please contact Lawson for details:
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We invite you to become a Friend of Christ College by contributing a monthly donation. By doing this you be a part of a global initiative to manifest the esoteric schools. You will receive regular updates, the newsletter, invitations to workshops and events. Your support will enable us to progress the project in a practical way. Please contact Lawson for further information: sevenrays@clear.net.nz or 355-1395

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*Many solstice and
xmas blessings to all*



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