

February 2022 - Revised

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Go to vedanta.org for internet links.

For in person events, masks are mandatory, vaccinations required.

HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

6 **Swami Brahmananda Puja**

See details next column

13 Brahmananda: His Karma Ideal

Swami Sarvadevananda

20 Ego Eclipse

Swami Chidbrahmananda

27 How is the Soul Reborn?

Swami Vedarupananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Srimad Bhagavatam

Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

Shanti Gita

Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesday 7:30 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

2 Swami Ishatmananda, Head

Vivekananda Vedanta Society of

Chicago

9, 16 Swami Sarvadevananda

23 Pravrajika Sevaprana

Thursdays 7:30 PM

Classes after 10th canceled

Fridays 7:30 PM

Living Wisdom of Swami

Abhedananda

Swami Atmavidyananda

Saturdays 10 AM

Meditation Class

12 Mantra Yoga

Swami Satyamayananda

Classes after Feb 12th Canceled

12, 26 Saturday 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Chanting Class **ONLINE ONLY:**

dayaprana@vedanta.org

19 Saturday Antaryoga Retreat on

Swamiji's Words 6 AM – 8 AM

ONLINE ONLY Pr.Dayaprana

Sundays 9-10:35 AM

Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarswamy

Contact: sukirtha12@yahoo.com

OTHER EVENTS

2 Guest speaker for Wednesday

Class- See previous column

6 **Sunday Swami Brahmananda**

Puja, ONLINE: Sign up for in-

person attendance – see

e-newsletter announcement.

10 AM Puja

1 PM Homa Fire

4 PM Ram Nam

5 PM Talk by Swami

Ishatmananda, Head of

Vivekananda Vedanta Society of

Chicago

6 Special Arati

25 Friday 7 AM Vigil

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SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

6 The Wisdom of Love

Pravrajika Vrajaprana

13 The Ripening

Swami Chidbrahmananda

20 Brahmananda: His Karma Ideal

Swami Sarvadevananda

27 Self Reformation

Swami Arupeshananda

Classes and Other Events

2 **Wednesday Swami Brahmananda**

Puja 11 AM

Online and in person

2 **5 PM class canceled**

9, 16, 23 Wednesdays 5 PM

For Seekers of God

Pravrajika Krishnaprana,

5, 12, 26 Saturday 5 PM *Gospel of Sri*

Ramakrishna

19 Saturday 5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*

Swami Sarvadevananda

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

6 See Hollywood lecture on

Youtube, Trabuco location closed

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SAN DIEGO CENTER

Go to sandiegovedanta.org for listings

Vedanta Online Courses

Go to vedantalifeacademy.com

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11:00 AM

5 See Hollywood lectures on

Sundays on Youtube- Closed due to Covid Pandemic

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Online and In Person

26 Saturday

Brahmananda: His Karma Ideal

Swami Sarvadevananda

THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ON THE INTERNET

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Vedanta teaches that humanity's real nature is divine, that the true object of human life is to unfold and manifest this divinity, and that truth is universal. Vedanta accepts all the religions of the world and reveres the great prophets, teachers and sons of God, because it recognizes the same divine inspiration in all.

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Membership is open to those who are seriously interested in the teachings of Vedanta and have attended lectures and classes for some time. In addition, an interview with one of the ministers is required. Applications are available in the Society office and/or bookshops.

Private instruction in spiritual practice is available by appointment from Swami Sarvadevananda to those who have attended classes and lectures for some time and want to deepen their spiritual life in the path of meditation. There is no charge for this instruction. Appointments may be made at the local centers

Information and a large selection of books on Vedanta and other religions are available at the Hollywood, Trabuco and Santa Barbara bookshops. Some books are also available at the San Diego Center. Check our website for current hours. Some of our centers maintain a lending library for the use of members.

From the Eternal Companion: Brahmananda, His Life and Teachings

Can one know God by himself? Can the intellect grasp him? Surrender yourself to him; love him, yearn for him, seek refuge in him, be mad for him!

The one purpose of life is to know God. Learn to be absorbed in him. Activity is not the goal. Work without attachment is only a means to absorption in God. Meditate and dive deep. As you dive deep, you will know that God alone is real, and that everything else is unreal.

When, through spiritual practices, a little awakening comes, do not mistake that for the goal. Do not stop! Move onward! Light! more light! Go deeper and deeper. You must see him face to face, and talk to him.

Do not sacrifice eternal joy for the sake of ephemeral pleasure. Worldly pleasures will seem insipid when once you taste the divine bliss.

You see many attractive sense-objects before your eyes now, but where will they be when your eyes close in death? These objects of enjoyment lead a man from darkness to greater darkness. Which path will you take? The path that leads to darkness, or the path that leads to light?

Ali, my children, you have glimpsed that path of light. Do not turn back to the path of darkness. Sense-attraction is strong indeed, and if you yield to it, it will create indelible impressions of evil in your mind, and before you are aware of it, the mind will drag you down and down. The only way to remain safe from sense-objects is to give yourselves up whole-heartedly to God. Be strong in his strength and this very strength will free you from the net of maya. He alone has known God's grace who has overcome this world.



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