

May 2022

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Go to vedanta.org for internet links.

For in-person events, For the safety of all, masks are strongly recommended.

HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Vivekananda's Mission
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 8 A Mom's Mom
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 15 Creation from the Word
Swami Vedarupananda
- 22 Understanding the Mind
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 29 The Truth of Our Perception
Swami Arupeshananda

Classes

- 3, 24, 31 Tuesdays 4:30 PM
Srimad Bhagavatam
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 3, 24, 31 *Shanti Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 10, 17 Upanishadic Meditation
Swami Mahayogananda

Wednesday 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 11, 25 Pravrajika Sevaprana
Swami Chidbrahmananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 5, 19 Vedic Christianity
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 12, 26 Vivekananda's *Karma Yoga*
Swami Mahayogananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

- Living Wisdom of Swami
Abhedananda
Swami Atmavidyananda
- Saturday classes with Pr. Dayaprana
- 7, 21 2:30 – 4:00 PM
Chanting Class
- 28 **online only:** Antaryoga Retreat on
Swamiji's Words 6 AM – 8 AM
Register by May 26th
dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9-10:35 AM

- Sanskrit Class
Sukirtha Alagarswamy
Contact: sukirtha12@yahoo.com

OTHER EVENTS - ONLINE and in-person:

- 7 Saturday 6 PM Ram Nam**
- 16 Buddha Purnima 7:30 - 8:45 PM**

Part 1 : Buddha's Life

- Guest (Part 2) : Hakuei Yamaguchi Roushi
(Soto-Zen)
- Flower offerings & Bathing Baby Buddha

20 Friday 7 AM Vigil

- 30 Monday Memorial Day Retreat
10 AM – 1PM Collective Reading
Of the Complete Works of Swami
Vivekananda – Online and in
person**

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SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Making Choices
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 8 Vivekananda's Mission
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 15 Aspects of Attention
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 22 On the Near-Death Experience
Swami Arupeshananda
- 29 Creation from the Word
Swami Vedarupananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

- For Seekers of God*
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 7 Saturday 5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 14, 21, 28 Saturday 5 PM
Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

PINON HILLS RETREAT High Desert

- 14 9:30 AM – 4 PM Antaryoga Retreat
Breathe, We are Alive!
dayaprana@vedanta.org

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Creation from the Word
Swami Vedarupananda
- 8 The Mind Stuff
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 15 Who me, Angry?
Swami Mahayogananda
- 22 Aspects of Attention
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 29 Vivekananda's Mission
Swami Sarvadevananda

SAN DIEGO CENTER

Listings: sandiegovedanta.org

Vedanta Online Courses:

vedantalifeacademy.com

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11AM

- 7 Creation from the Word
Swami Vedarupananda
- 14 The Middle Path
Kaytee Sumida
Buddhist Temple of San Diego
- 21 Mom's Mom
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 28 Vivekananda's Mission
Swami Sarvadevananda

THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ON THE INTERNET

For information: vedanta.org

For books: vedanta.com

Past programs: youtube.com/vedantaorg

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The Vedanta Society of Southern California

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Quote from Swami Abhedananda

A direct disciple of Sri Ramakrishna

Vedanta upholds that the variety of phenomena has evolved from one infinite substance. This infinite substance is the eternal source of intelligence and consciousness, of phenomenal existence, and of all forces and powers of the nature. This one substance appears as mind and matter, as subject and

object. Nor is this a mere theory, but is the absolute Truth accepted by the best scientific thinkers of the present age. The monistic scientists declare that the source of the phenomenal universe is one and that one substance is eternal and infinite. To realize this eternal and infinite substance is the highest ideal of Vedanta.

Vedanta teaches that there is one substance, one existence, one life, one truth, and one spirit or God. You may call that absolute One by any name you like. Vedanta says that it is not many, but is one without the second. All the arbitrary distinctions and ideas of separation, although are relatively true on the surface, will appear to be unreal from the standpoint of that one absolute substance.

Vedanta tells us that we must realize that one absolute Being even in this life. To this it may be asked as to what shall we obtain by realizing that absolute Being? Why should we try to realize it? What good will it bring to us? These questions have been answered by Vedanta, that by knowing this one absolute Being, nothing will remain unknown, and by attaining to it, all the cravings for knowledge will cease, and we shall be able to know the real nature of everything. By dwelling in it, we shall not be affected by misery, sorrow or suffering of any kind, but shall enjoy unbounded peace and happiness in our life under all circumstances.

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