

JULY 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

- 3 Everything
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 10 The Field and its Knower
Swami Sarvapriyananda
Vedanta Society of New York
- 17 The Concept of Guru
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 24 Raja Yoga Meditation
Swami Vedarupananda
- 31 Silence, O My Soul!
Swami Mahayogananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Srimad Bhagavatam

Swami Sarvadevananda

No Class on July 12th

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

5, 26 *Shanti Gita*

Swami Sarvadevananda

12 Upanishadic Meditations

Pravrajika Brahmaprana

19 Knowing and Becoming

Swami Sarvapriyananda

Vedanta Society of New York

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

6, 20 Swami Sarvadevananda

13 Pravrajika Vidyaprana

27 Pravrajika Sevaprana

Thursdays 7:30 PM

7, 14 Vedic Christianity

Swami Chidbrahmananda

21, 28 Vivekananda's *Karma Yoga*

Swami Mahayogananda

Friday classes **suspended**

during July and August

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday classes with Pr. Dayaprana

2, 23 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Chanting Class

30 **On-line only:** Antaryoga Retreat on

Words of Swamiji 6 AM – 8 AM

Register by July 28

dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9–10:35 AM

Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarswamy

Contact: sukirtha12@yahoo.com

18 **Monday 7:30 Singing Bowls with**

Neal Miller

29 **Friday 7 AM Vigil**

OTHER EVENTS -

**4 ONLINE Only
Vivekananda Day
See Ramakrishna Monastery
(Last Column)**

**9 ONLINE Only
Saturday Vivekananda Day at
Vivekananda House in South
Pasadena 4 PM
Puja, Talks by Swamis Sarva-
devananda and Sarvapriyananda**

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SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

3 How Can We Help?

Pravrajika Vrajaprana

10 A Master's View

Swami Chidbrahmananda

17 Blob Yoga

Swami Arupeshananda

24 The Concept of Guru

Swami Sarvadevananda

31 Raja Yoga Meditation

Swami Vedarupananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

6, 13, 27 *Spiritual Treasures*

Pravrajika Krishnaprana

20 Non-Dual Spirituality

Swami Sarvapriyananda

Vedanta Society of New York

23 Saturday 5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*

Swami Sarvadevananda

2, 9, 16, 30 Saturday 5 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

VIVEKANANDA HOUSE

SOUTH PASADENA

Online Only

**9 Saturday Vivekananda Day
4 PM Puja, Singing and
Talks by Swamis Sarvadevananda
and Sarvapriyananda**

PINON HILLS RETREAT High Desert

No events during July and August

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

Online and in Person

3 The Concept of Guru

Swami Sarvadevananda

Further Sunday talks and Scripture Classes suspended in July and August

**4 Monday Online only
4th of July Vivekananda Day
12 noon Puja**

2:30 Program

“Peace is Our Birthright”

Introduction by Swami

Dhyanayogananda

Talk by Swami Sarvadevananda

3:30 pm Closing songs with Deva

SAN DIEGO CENTER

Go to sandiegovedanta.org for listings

Vedanta Online Courses

Go to vedantalifeacademy.com

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THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

For information: www.vedanta.org

For books: www.vedanta.com

Watch past programs at
youtube.com/vedantaorg

About the Vedanta Society

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.

The Vedanta Society of Southern California was founded in 1930 and incorporated as a non-profit religious corporation in 1934. The Society maintains a temple, convent, and monastery in both Hollywood and Santa Barbara; a monastery and shrine each in San Diego and Trabuco Canyon; and the Vivekananda House in South Pasadena. There are a number of official Vedanta societies in the United States, Europe and South America. Although the societies are under the spiritual guidance of the Ramakrishna Order of India, each is an independent, self-supporting unit.

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 Swami Sarvadevananda 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 Volume 1 of the *Complete Works of Vivekananda, A Paper on Hinduism*

The Vedas teach that the soul is divine, only held in the bondage of matter; perfection will be reached when this bond will burst, and the word they use for it is therefore, Mukti—freedom, freedom from the bonds of imperfection, freedom from death and misery.

And this bondage can only fall off through the mercy of God, and this mercy comes on the pure. So purity is the condition of His mercy. How does that mercy act? He reveals Himself to the pure heart; the pure and the stainless see God, yea, even in this life; then and then only all the crookedness of the heart is made straight. Then all doubt ceases. He is no more the freak of a terrible law of causation. This is the very center, the very vital conception of Hinduism. The Hindu does not want to live upon words and theories. If there are existences beyond the ordinary sensuous existence, he wants to come face to face with them. If there is a soul in him which is not matter, if there is an all-merciful universal Soul, he will go to Him direct. He must see Him, and that alone can destroy all doubts. So the best proof a Hindu sage gives about the soul, about God, is: "I have seen the soul; I have seen God." And that is the only condition of perfection. The Hindu religion does not consist in struggles and attempts to believe a certain doctrine or dogma, but in realizing, not in believing, but in being and becoming.

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