

OCTOBER 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

- 2 Helpful Tidbits
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 9 'Real ID': Tantric Perspective
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 16 The Fine Art of Forgetting
Swami Mahayogananda
- 23 Kali and Durga
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 30 Lessons from Harvard
Swami Harinamananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Srimad Bhagavatam

Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

Shanti Gita

Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

5, 12 Swami Sarvadevananda

19 Swami Medhananda

26 Swami Chidbrahmananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

6 First Durga Puja in Belur Math
Swami Sumanasananda

13 Karma Yoga

Swami Mahayogananda

20 First Kali Puja in Belur Math

Swami Sumanasananda

27 Practice of the Presence of God

Swami Chidbrahmananda

Fridays 7:30

Teachings of Swami Ramakrishnananda

Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

- 3 Monday Sandhi Puja
Chanting "Jai Sri Durga"
4:13 to 5:01 PM
- 5 Final day of Navaratri Durga Chanting
- 8 Saturday 9 AM – 1 PM: Karma Yoga Day
6:30 PM Ram Nam

24 Monday Kali Puja 10 PM to 3 AM

- 29 Saturday 9:30 AM Kali Immersion
Newport Beach
RESERVATION REQUIRED

Saturday classes with Pr. Dayaprana

22, 29 2:30 – 4:00 PM · Chanting Class

- 8 **Online only:** Antaryoga Retreat
Swamiji's Words on Mother 6 – 8 AM
Register by Oct. 6
dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9–10:35 AM

Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarwamy

Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org

28 Friday 7 AM Vigil

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

2 'Real ID': Tantric Perspective

Swami Sarvadevananda

9 Monastic Life (Work is Worship)

Pravrajika Krishnaprana

16 Lessons from Harvard

Swami Harinamananda

23 Spiritual Friendship

Father Cassian DiRocco

St. Joseph Catholic Church, MN

30 Helpful Tidbits

Swami Chidbrahmananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Spiritual Treasures

Pravrajika Krishnaprana

- 3 Monday Sandhi Puja
Chanting "Jai Sri Durga"

4:13 to 5:01 PM

8, 22 Saturday 5 PM · *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

1 Saturday Durga Puja 11:00 AM
Puja, Flower offering, Prasad lunch,
Video: Documentary on Lutah Riggs,
Architect of the Santa Barbara temple.

**15 Sarada Convent 75th Anniversary
Diamond Jubilee Celebration
10 AM – 4 PM**
10 AM Introduction
Swami Sarvadevananda
Message from Swami Smarananandaji,
President of the Ramakrishna Order
Message from Swami Suvirananda,
General Secretary of the Order
History and Video
12–1 Puja
1–2 Lunch
2–4 Reminiscences, Music

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY · Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

2 Mother

Swami Dhyanyogananda

9 Face the Brutes

Swami Vedarupananda

16 Batman vs. Superman

Swami Arupeshananda

23 'Real ID': Tantric Perspective

Swami Sarvadevananda

Introducing Swami Sumanasananda

30 Sri Ramakrishna: The Both/And

Avatara · Swami Medhananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays, In person and online

6:30 PM Arati

7:30 PM Satsanga with the
Trabuco Brothers

Sundays 3 PM Spanish classes in person and
online

- 3 Monday Sandhi Puja
Chanting "Jai Sri Durga"
4:13 to 5:01 PM

SAN DIEGO CENTER

Go to sandiegovedanta.org for listings

Vedanta Online Courses

Go to vedantalifeacademy.com

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11AM

- 1 The Divine Feminine across Traditions
Peter Bolland, Prof. of World
Religions, Southwestern College
- 8 Face the Brutes
Swami Vedarupananda
- 15 A Tale of Two Advaitas
Swami Medhananda
- 22 'Real ID': Tantric Perspective
Swami Sarvadevananda
Introducing Swami Sumanasananda
- 29 Lecture Cancelled —
Kali Immersion 9:30 AM
Newport Beach
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

PIÑON HILLS RETREAT · High Desert

22 Saturday 9:30 AM – 5 PM

Interfaith Retreat: The Joy of Self-Surrender
Father Cassian DiRocco, Swamis
Dhyanyogananda and Arupeshananda

Please register with

arupeshananda@vedanta.org

THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

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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 the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

"Still another feature of *tamas* is lust. Girindra Ghosh of Pathuriaghata once remarked, 'Since you cannot get rid of your passions—your lust, your anger, and so on—give them a new direction. Instead of desiring worldly pleasures, desire God. ... If you cannot get rid of temptation, direct it toward God. Be infatuated with God's beauty. If you cannot get rid of pride, then be proud to say that you are the servant of God, you are the child of God. Thus turn the six passions toward God.'"

Monday, September 29, 1884: It was the third day of the Durga Puja. The Master had been

awake in his room at Dakshineswar since early morning. The morning worship in the Kali temple was over and the orchestra had played the morning melodies in the *nahabat*. Brahmins and gardeners, basket in hand, were plucking flowers for the worship of the Divine Mother. Bhavanath, Baburam, Niranjana, and M. had spent the night at Dakshineswar, sleeping on the porch of the Master's room. As soon as they awoke they saw Sri Ramakrishna dancing in an ecstatic mood. He was chanting: "Victory to Mother Durga! Hallowed be the name of Durga!" He looked like a child as he chanted the name of the Blissful Mother. After a few moments he said: "Oh, the bliss of divine ecstasy! Oh, the bliss of divine drunkenness!"

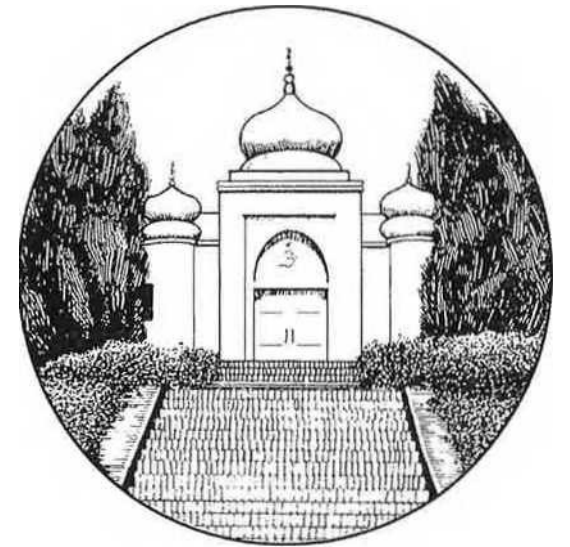
"One should have such fiery faith as to be able to say, 'I have uttered the name of God; how can I be a sinner?' Imagine someone repeating the name of Hari day and night and at the same time saying that he is a sinner!" So saying, Sri Ramakrishna became overwhelmed with divine ecstasy and sang:

If only I can pass away repeating Durga's name,
How canst Thou then, O Blessed One,
Withhold from me deliverance, Wretched though I may be?

I may have stolen a drink of wine, or killed a child unborn,
Or slain a woman or a cow, Or even caused a brahmin's death;

But, though it all be true, Nothing of this can make me feel the least uneasiness;
For through the power of Thy sweet name My wretched soul may still aspire Even to Brahmanhood.

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