

## NOVEMBER 2022

### ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Go to [vedanta.org](http://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

- 6 American Women Inspired by Swami Vivekananda Pravrajika Bhavaniprana Trustee, Sarada Math, India Vedanta's impact on the West Pravrajika Divyanandaprana Editor, Samvit, Sarada Math, India
- 13 Stages of Liberation Swami Sarvadevananda
- 20 The Three Modes of Nature Swami Vedarupananda
- 27 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami Vivekananda Swami Sumanasananda

### 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*

2 See Other Events

9, 23 Swami Sarvadevananda

16 Swami Sumanasananda

30 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

3 See other events

10 Bhakti Yoga

Swami Sumanasananda

17 Swami Vivekananda's

Philosophico-Poetic Debate with

Mary Hale: A Closer Look

Swami Medhananda

**No Class on Nov 24**

Fridays 7:30 PM

Teachings of Swami

Ramakrishnananda

Swami Atmavidyananda

**No Class on Nov 25**

### OTHER EVENTS

**2 Wed. 7.30 PM The Path of Devotion (I)**

Pravrajika Bhavaniprana

**3 Thu. 7.30 PM The Path of Devotion (2)**

Pravrajika Divyanandaprana

5 Sat. 6:30 PM Ram Nam

19 Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM

Karma Yoga Day

Saturday classes with Pr. Dayaprana

12, 26 2:30 – 4 PM

Chanting Class

19 **Online only:** Antaryoga Retreat On

Swamiji's Words 6 – 8 AM

Register by Nov 17

[dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)

6, 13, 20 Sundays 9-10:35 AM

Online Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarswamy

Contact: [sukirtha@vedanta.org](mailto:sukirtha@vedanta.org)

**No Sanskrit Classes from Nov. 27 through December 31**

**18 Friday 7 AM Vigil**

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### SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

6 A Necessary Ego

Swami Dhyanayogananda

13 Seeing God Everywhere

Pravrajika Divyanandaprana

[Sarada Math, India](http://Sarada Math, India)

20 How to Save the World

Swami Arupeshananda

27 Stages of Liberation

Swami Sarvadevananda

### Classes and Other Events

7 Monday 6:30 PM

[Holy Mother's Vision of Vedanta for Everyday life](http://Holy Mother's Vision of Vedanta for Everyday life)

Pravrajika Bhavaniprana

Sarada Math, India

Followed by Pot Luck

Wednesdays 5 PM

*Spiritual Treasures*

Pravrajika Krishnaprana

**No Class on Nov 16**

5, 19 Saturday 5 PM

*Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

12 Saturday 10 AM – 1 PM

The Goal and the Way

Retreat with Pravrajika

Divyanandaprana

26 Saturday 5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*

Swami Sarvadevananda

### RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

6 The Three Modes of Nature

Swami Vedarupananda

13 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami

Vivekananda

Swami Sumanasananda

20 Stages of Liberation

Swami Sarvadevananda

27 Vedanta for Dummies

Swami Medhananda

Wednesdays 6:30 PM

In person and online Arati

7:30 PM Satsanga with the

Trabuco Brothers

Sundays 3 PM

Spanish classes in person and

online

### SAN DIEGO CENTER

Go to [sandiegovedanta.org](http://sandiegovedanta.org) for listings

Vedanta Online Courses

Go to [vedantalifeacademy.com](http://vedantalifeacademy.com)

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11AM

5 10 AM – 2 PM

Retreat on Practical Jnana Yoga

Pravrajikas Bhavaniprana and

Divyanandaprana, Sarada Math, India

12 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami

Vivekananda - Sw. Sumanasananda

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Swami Sarvadevananda

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Swami Medhananda

## THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

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For books: [www.vedanta.com](http://www.vedanta.com)

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[youtube.com/vedantaorg](http://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.

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**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 *Crest Jewel of Discrimination, Vivekachudamani* by Shankaracharya**

Just as knowing a rope to be a rope destroys the illusion that it is a snake, so Maya is destroyed by direct experience of Brahman—the pure, the free, the one without a second. Maya is composed of the gunas—the forces which are known as rajas, tamas and sattwa. These have distinctive characteristics.

Rajas has the power of projection: its nature is activity. Through its power, the phenomenal world, which is involved in Maya, begins to evolve. Attachment, desire and

similar qualities are caused by its power, as are also grief and similar moods of the mind. Tamas has the power of veiling the **real nature** of an object, making it appear other than it is. It is the cause of man's continued subjection to the wheel of birth and death. It also makes possible the operation of the power of rajas.

Failure to perceive the actual object, seeing something as different from what it really is, vacillation of the mind, taking delusions for realities: these are the characteristics of tamas. As long as a man is attached to tamas, he can never get free from them. And rajas, also, will trouble him without ceasing.

Tamas has these further characteristics: ignorance, laziness, dullness, sleep, delusion and stupidity. A man who is under their influence cannot understand anything. He lives like a somnambulist, or an unconscious log of wood.

Sattwa is purity. Even when it is mixed with rajas and tamas, as water is mixed with water, it lights the way to liberation. Sattwa reveals the Atman as the sun reveals the objective world.

Sattwa, when mixed with the other gunas, has these characteristics: absence of pride, purity, contentment, austerity, a desire to study the scriptures, self-surrender to God, harmlessness, truthfulness, continence, freedom from greed, faith, devotion, longing for liberation, aversion to the things of this world, and the other virtues that lead toward God.

Sattwa in its pure state has the following characteristics: tranquility, direct perception of the Atman, absolute peace, contentment, joy and steady devotion to the Atman.

Through these, the seeker tastes everlasting bliss.

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