

MAY 2023

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

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For in-person events, feel free to wear masks for your protection.

HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Yoga and Psychotherapy
Swami Vedarupananda
- 14 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami
Vivekananda (Part 5)
Swami Sumanasananda
- 21 German Shepherd Yoga
Swami Arupeshananda
- 28 Three Paths of Refuge
Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 2,9,30 *Srimad Bhagavatam*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 2,9,30 *Shanti Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 16 Swami Vivekananda's four
Mahamantras: A Close Reading
Swami Medhananda
- 23 *Crest Jewel of Discrimination*
Swami Sumanasananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
3,10,31 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 17 Swami Mahayogananda
- 24 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 4,18,25 Bhakti Yoga
Swami Sumanasananda
- 11 Karma Yoga
Swami Mahayogananda

Fridays 7:30 PM except May 5th

- Teachings of Swami
Ramakrishnananda*
Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

- 5 **Friday 7:30 – 9 PM**
"Buddha's Birthday Celebration"
Bathing the Baby Buddha
"The Life of Buddha"(video) &
Buddhist Chantings & Q & A (zoom)
Online Guest: Hakuei Yamaguchi
(Soto Zen)
- 6 **Sat. 6:30 PM Ram Nam**
- 20 Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM
Karma Yoga Day
- 20 **Saturday chanting and retreat**
Pravrajika Dayaprana
- 13, 20 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class
- 20 **Online Only Antaryoga Retreat on**
Isha Upanishad 6 – 8:30 AM
Register by May 18
dayaprana@vedanta.org
- Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class**
Sukirtha Alagarwamy
Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org
- 26 **Friday Vigil 7 AM**
- 29 **Monday 10 – 2**
Memorial Day Retreat

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SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

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- 7 For the Love of God
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 14 Have Thou No Home
Swami Mahayogananda
- 21 Pray without Ceasing
Swami Medhananda
- 28 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami
Vivekananda (Part 3)
Swami Sumanasananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

- How a Shepherd Boy Became a
Saint: Swami Adbhutananda*
by Swami Chetanananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays 5 PM

Gospel of Ramakrishna

- 20 9 AM - Noon
Karma Yoga Day

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

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Swami Sarvadevananda
- 14 Yoga and Psychotherapy
Swami Vedarupananda
- 21 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami
Vivekananda (Part 6)
Swami Sumanasananda
- 28 Identifying The Problem and
The Solution
Swami Dhyanyogananda

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

See sandiegovedanta.org for listings

See vedantalifeacademy.com for courses

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 6 Retreat with Swami
Sarvapriyananda, Swami
Bhajananda Saraswati, Dr.
Sheila Patel, Nishanth Selvalingam
**Registration closed—registered
retreatants only.**
- 13 No Talk
- 20 Holy Mother in the Eyes of
Swami Vivekananda (Part 5)
Swami Sumanasananda
- 27 Vedanta and The Twelve Steps
Swami Dhyanyogananda

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From the *Kena Upanishad*

At whose behest does the mind think? Who bids the body live? Who makes the tongue speak? Who is that effulgent Being that directs the eye to form and color and the ear to sound?

The Self is ear of the ear, mind of the mind, speech of the speech. He is also breath of the breath, and eye of the eye. Having given up the false identification of the Self with the senses and the mind, and knowing the Self to be Brahman, the wise, on departing this world, become immortal. Him the eye does not see, nor the tongue express, nor the mind grasp. Him we neither know nor are able to teach. Different is he from the

known, and different is he from the unknown. So have we heard from the wise.

That which cannot be expressed in words but by which the tongue speaks—know that to be Brahman. Brahman is not the being who is worshipped of men.

That which is not comprehended by the mind but by which the mind comprehends—know that to be Brahman. ...

That which is not seen by the eye but by which the eye sees—know that to be Brahman. ...

That which is not heard by the ear but by which the ear hears—know that to be Brahman. ...

That which is not drawn by the breath but by which the breath is drawn—know that to be Brahman. ...

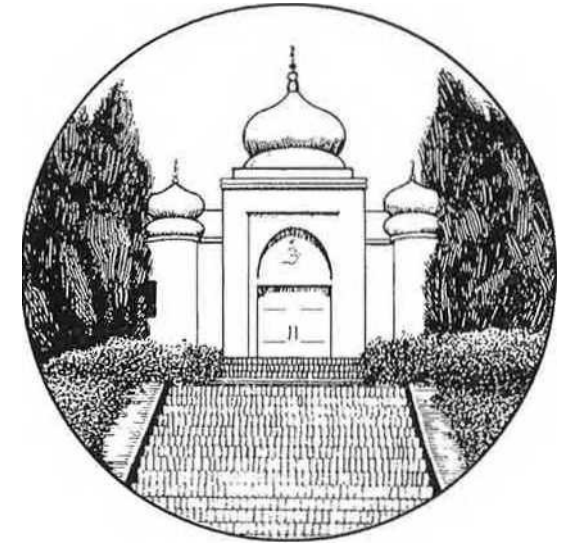
If you think that you know well the truth of Brahman, know that you know little. What you think to be Brahman in yourself, or what you think to be Brahman in the gods—that is not. ...

He truly knows Brahman who knows him as beyond knowledge; he who thinks that he knows, knows not. The ignorant think that Brahman is known, but the wise know him to be beyond knowledge.

He who realizes the existence of Brahman behind every activity of his being—whether sensation, perception, or thought—he alone gains immortality. Through knowledge of Brahman comes power. Through knowledge of Brahman comes victory over death.

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Hollywood Temple

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