

JUNE 2023

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Journey
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 11 Thou Art My Refuge!
Swami Sumanasananda
- 18 What is Spirituality?
Swami Vedarupananda
- 25 Sri Ramakrishna's Jokes
Swami Medhananda

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
7,14,21 Swami Sarvadevananda
28 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

1 Much Ado about Clay Pots
Swami Medhananda

8 Karma Yoga
Swami Mahayogananda

15,29 Bhakti Yoga
Swami Sumanasananda

Hollywood Temple Continued

Thursdays 7:30 PM continued

22 **Let Us Be Practical**
Swami Yogatmananda
Vedanta Society of Providence RI

Fridays 7:30 PM (online only on June 16)

*Teachings of Swami
Ramakrishnananda*
Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

3 **Sat. 6:30 PM Ram Nam**

10 Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM
Karma Yoga Day

Saturday chanting and retreat

Pravrajika Dayaprana
10, 24 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class

17 **Online Only** Antaryoga Retreat on
Isha Upanishad 6 – 8:30 AM
Register by June 15
dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarswamy
Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org

23 **Friday Vigil 7 AM**

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Yoga and Psychotherapy
Swami Vedarupananda
- 11 Journey
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 18 Western Women and the
Vedanta Movement
Pravrajika Vrajaprana

Santa Barbara Temple continued

25 **The Open Secret**
Swami Yogatmananda
Vedanta Society of Providence, RI

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

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

Saturdays 5 PM

3,17 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*
17 9 AM - Noon
Karma Yoga Day

24 **10:30 to 3 PM**
Retreat on The Prophet
Kahlil Gibran
Swami Yogatmananda

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 From Politics to Perfection
Swami Arupeshananda
- 11 Living Your Life Intensely
Swami Dhyanayogananda
- 18 Thou Art One Without a Second!
Swami Sumanasananda
- 25 Journey
Swami Sarvadevananda

Ramakrishna Monastery continued

Wednesdays 6.30 PM

In person and online Arati

7:30 PM

7,14,21 Satsanga with the
Trabuco Brothers

28 **Is Simplicity a Spiritual Quality?**
Swami Kripamayyananda
Vedanta Society of Toronto
Canada

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

- 3 Diving Deeper
Swami Mahayogananda
- 10 What is Spirituality?
Swami Vedarupananda
- 17 You Are Unique!
Swami Sumanasananda
- 24 Journey
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesday 6:30 PM

27 **The Practice of Bhakti**
Swami Yogatmananda
Vedanta Society of Providence, RI

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Thoughts on the Guru Swami Brahmananda from *The Eternal Companion*

Sri Ramakrishna used to say: "Gurus can be had by the thousands, but rare is a disciple." There are plenty of people to give advice, but how many are there to listen to it? If a man has faith in the words of his guru and follows them, then all his doubts and troubles vanish. If a man has faith in the words of his guru, God will meet all his wants. Holding him by the hand, He will lead him on the right path.

Within the palace of seven gates there dwells a king with whom a poor man begs

an audience. The king's minister grants his request and leads him through the gates to the royal presence. At each gate there stands a richly dressed officer, and each time the poor man asks the minister if that is the king. The minister answers "no" each time, until they have passed the seventh gate and the king stands before them in all his splendor and beauty. Then no question is asked; the man recognizes his king. So it is with the guru. Like the king's minister, he leads the disciple through the different stages of spiritual unfoldment, until he leaves him with the Lord.

But know this! There is no greater guru than your own mind. When the mind has been purified by prayer and contemplation, it will direct you from within. Even in your daily duties, this inner guru will guide you and will continue to help you until the goal is reached.

Therefore the aid of a guru is very necessary. He helps the disciple to choose his own particular Ideal, according to his temperament, and then gives the mantram best suited to the attainment of concentration on that Ideal.

With unwavering faith in the words of the guru, the disciple must regularly practice repetition of the mantram and meditation on its meaning. Thus will he find peace of heart.

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Piñon Hills, High Desert

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