

## NOVEMBER 2023

### ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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### HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Thou Art The Sole Redeemer!  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 12 "Who Can Say What Mother Is?"  
Swami Medhananda
- 19 "Mother Peeping"  
Swami Mahayogananda
- 26 The Practice of  
Serving the Divine in Others  
Swami Harinamananda

#### Classes

##### Tuesdays 4:30 PM

*Srimad Bhagavatam*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

##### Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 7 Swami Vivekananda's Raja Yoga  
(class 1)  
Swami Medhananda
- 14,21,28 *Shanti Gita*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

##### Wednesdays 7:30 PM

*Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

- 1, 29 Swami Medhananda
- 8 Swami Sumanasananda
- 15, 22 Swami Sarvadevananda

##### Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 2, 9 Bhakti Yoga  
Swami Sumanasananda

- 16 Debating the Oceanic Feeling:  
Sigmund Freud and Romain Rolland  
Swami Medhananda
- 23 No Class – Happy Thanksgiving
- 30 Karma Yoga  
Swami Mahayogananda

#### Fridays 7:30 PM

*Religion and Its Practice*  
Teachings of the Direct Disciples of Sri  
Ramakrishna · Sw. Atmavidyananda

#### OTHER EVENTS

##### 4 Saturday 6:30 PM Ram Nam

- 12 Sunday Kali Puja  
10 PM – 3 AM**
- 18 Saturday 9:30 AM  
Kali Immersion  
Newport Beach  
Fun Zone Boat Company  
700 E Edgewater Ave,  
Newport Beach, CA 92661  
Reservations Required  
Check online Newsletter**

##### 4, 11 Saturday · Online Only

4, 11 Chanting Class 2:30 – 4 PM  
Pravrajika Dayaprana

##### Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

S. Alagarswamy · [sukirtha@vedanta.org](mailto:sukirtha@vedanta.org)

##### 24 Friday Vigil 7 AM

- 25 Saturday  
Karma Yoga 9 – 12

### SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 What Is Your Philosophy?  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 12 Who Is My Mother  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 19 Thy Beauty Sparkles  
In Dense Darkness!  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 26 Kali the Mother  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### Classes and Other Events

##### Wednesdays 5 PM

*Swami Akhandananda*  
by Swami Annadananda  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

##### Saturdays 5 PM

- 4,11,18 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*
- 25 Saturday 9 AM - Noon  
Karma Yoga Day
- 25 Bhagavad Gita  
Swami Sarvadevananda

## RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Cultivating Discipline  
Swami Dhyanayogananda
- 12 What Is Your Philosophy?  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 19 Kali the Mother  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 26 Death Can't Come Near!  
Swami Sumanasananda

#### Wednesdays

- 6:30 PM In person and online Arati
- 7:30 PM Satsanga with the  
Trabuco Brothers

## SAN DIEGO CENTER

### SATURDAY SERVICES 11 AM

- 4 God is Love  
Swami Dhyanayogananda
- 11 Experiencing the Divine  
in Ourselves and Others  
Swami Harinamananda and Guest  
Speaker
- 18 No Services due to Kali Immersion  
at Newport Beach
- 25 Philosophies Can't Reveal Her!  
Swami Sumanasananda

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**Swami Vijnanananda  
on the Divine Mother**

**(From *What the Disciples Said About It*  
compiled by Edith Tipple)**

The Vedanta characterizes time, space, and causation as illusion or Maya. That Maya is the 'Mother', the Primordial Energy. To know this Maya is to conquer it,

and one who has done so is a man of real strength.

We are the children of the Mother; so, what have we got to fear? Let us hold fast to the truth and pray to Her, and She will surely confer on us Her blessings.

Invoke the blessing of the Mother — morning, noon, and evening.

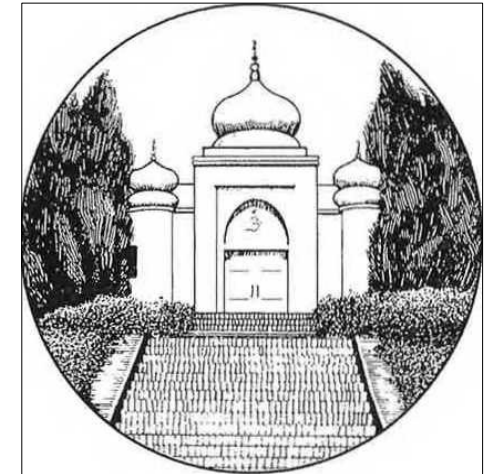
Our Mother is the embodiment of law. If you conduct yourself in accordance with this law, you will gain complete knowledge and understanding, and going against this law will only lead to inevitable disaster, and you will be pulverized into atoms. This law of God acts silently, is great and all-powerful. This is what Christians call the Holy Ghost and Hindus call Shakti.

For the sake of the devotees, the Mother comes with ten arms, and says: 'Shed your fears. You have made Me your sole refuge, and I am, therefore, protecting you with ten arms. Death will be powerless to come anywhere near you. It is for you that I hold a sword.'

The Mother's name has a special virtue: ... Her name confers devotion, faith, reverence, wisdom, wealth, and everything else.

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