

MAY 2024

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Emptiness & Ultimate Reality
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 12 Nondual Love
Swami Medhananda
- 19 The Light of Asia
Swami Sumanasananda
- 26 Buddha and Swamiji**
Swami Atmajnanananda
Vedanta Center of Greater
Washington D.C.

Classes

- 7,28 Tuesday 4:30 PM
Srimad Bhagavatam
Swami Sarvadevananda
- Tuesdays 7:30 PM
- 7,28 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 14 Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*
Swami Medhananda
- 21 *Viveka-Chudamani*
Swami Sumanasananda
- Wednesdays 7:30 PM
Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna
- 1 **Swami Tyagarupananda,**
Ramakrishna Mission, Malda, India
- 8, 29 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 15 Swami Medhananda
- 22 Swami Sumanasananda
- Thursdays 7:30 PM
- 2, 9,16 *Narada Bhakti Sutras*
Swami Sumanasananda

Thursdays continued

- 23 See other events**
- 30 Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*
Swami Medhananda
- Fridays 7:30 PM
Writings of the Direct Disciples of Sri
Ramakrishna
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 3 The class will include a 30 minute
crystal bowl meditation
- Saturday Classes with Pr. Dayaprana
- 11, 18 2:30 – 4 PM
Chanting Class online only
- 18 Antaryoga Morning Retreat
6 – 8:30 AM
Swamiji's Words on Buddha
Register by May 16th
dayaprana@vedanta.org
- Sundays 9-10:35 AM Online Only
Sanskrit Class
Sukirtha Alagarwamy
Contact: sukirtha12@yahoo.com

OTHER EVENTS - In-person Only:

- 04 2 PM – 4:30 Addiction: Knowledge**
and service Interfaith panel and
Narcan Training Sign-up requested

OTHER EVENTS - online and in-person:

- 04 Saturday 6 PM Ram Nam**
- 17 Friday 7 AM Vigil
- 18 Saturday 9 AM – noon
Karma Yoga
- 23 Thursday 7:30 – 9 PM**
7:30 The Life of Buddha & Buddhist
Chantings
8:00 Q & A with online guest:
Shucho Takaoka (Zen-sect)
8:45 Flower offerings &
Bathing Baby Buddha

Hollywood Continued

- 27 Monday Memorial Day Retreat**
10 AM – 1 PM Collective Reading
Of the *Complete Works of Swami*
***Vivekananda* – Online and In**
Person

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Brahman Alone Is Real
Swami Sumanasananda
- 12 Universal Mother
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 19 Getting Devotees Through Horrible Dry
Patches
Swami Arupeshananda
- 26 Emptiness & Ultimate Reality
Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes and Other Events

- Wednesdays 5 PM
Swami Akhandananda
by Swami Annadananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 4 Saturday 5 PM**
Sri Sarada Devi: Mother of All
Swami Tyagarupananda, Ramakrishna
Mission, Malda, India
- 11, 18 Saturday 5 PM
Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna
- 25 Pure Mind, Pure Heart, Pure Joy**
Swami Atmajnanananda, Vedanta
Center of Greater Washington D.C.
- PINON HILLS, HIGH DESERT**
In person and online
- 25 Antaryoga Retreat at Pinon Hills
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM "The way of Buddha"
Register by May 23rd
dayaprana@vedanta.org

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 **In Celebration of the 75th**
Anniversary of Ramakrishna
Monastery
Our Monastic Tradition
Swami Tyagarupananda,
Ramakrishna Mission, Malda, India
- 12** Emptiness & Ultimate Reality
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 19 Spiritual Boredom
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 26 A Rebel Child
Swami Sumanasananda

Wednesdays

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

SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Vedanta in Five Words
Swami Vedarupananda
- 11 Emptiness & Ultimate Reality
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 18 Practical Applications of Mantra
Dr. Sthaneshwar Timalsina
Professor of Linguistics and Religious
Studies, Stony Brook University
- 25 Be Thou the Lamp
Swami Sumanasananda

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Vivekananda on Buddha:

Buddhism proves nothing about the Absolute Entity. In a stream the water is changing; we have no right to call the stream one. Buddhists deny the one, and say, it is many. We say it is one and deny the many. What they call Karma is what we call the soul. According to Bud-

dhism, man is a series of waves. Every wave dies, but somehow the first wave causes the second. That the second wave is identical with the first is illusion. To get rid of illusion good Karma is necessary. Buddhists do not postulate anything beyond the world. We say, beyond the relative there is the Absolute. Buddhism accepts that there is misery, and sufficient it is that we can get rid of this Duhkha (misery); whether we get Sukha (happiness) or not, we do not know. Buddha preached not the soul preached by others. According to the Hindus, soul is an entity or substance, and God is absolute. Both agree in this, that they destroy the relative. But Buddhists do not give what is the effect of that destruction of the relative.

What Buddha did was to break wide open the gates of that very religion which was confined in the Upanishads to a particular caste. What special greatness does his theory of Nirvana confer on him? His greatness lies in his unrivalled sympathy. The high orders of Samadhi etc., that lend gravity to his religion are, almost all there in the Vedas; what are absent there are his intellect and heart, which have never since been paralleled throughout the history of the world.

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