

## JULY 2024

### ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Unless Otherwise Noted

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### HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

7 Guru, Ishta, Mantra  
Swami Sarvadevananda

14 **Limitless Serene Luminosity**  
**Swami Sarvapriyananda**  
**Vedanta Society of New York**

21 Guru Purnima and Its Significance  
Swami Sumanasananda

28 Fake It Till You Make It  
Swami Medhananda

#### Classes

2, 9, 23 Tuesday 4:30 PM  
*Srimad Bhagavatam*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM  
2, 9, 23 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

16 See Swami Sarvapriyananda Series  
30 Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*  
Swami Medhananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM  
*Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*  
3, 10 Swami Sarvadevananda

17 See Swami Sarvapriyananda Series  
24 Swami Sumanasananda  
31 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM  
4 No class. See other events

11, 25 *Narada Bhakti Sutras*  
Swami Sumanasananda  
18 See Swami Sarvapriyananda Series  
Fridays 7:30 PM  
12 **Crystal Bowl Sound Bath**  
**Meditation**  
Regular Friday Classes Suspended  
in July and August

Saturday Classes with Pr. Dayaprana  
13, 27 2:30 – 4 PM  
Chanting Class online only

20 Antaryoga Morning Retreat  
6 – 8:30 AM  
On Swamiji's Words  
**Register by July 18**  
[dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)

Sundays 9-10:35 AM Online Only  
Sanskrit Class  
Sukirtha Alagarwamy  
Contact: [sukirtha12@yahoo.com](mailto:sukirtha12@yahoo.com)

#### OTHER EVENTS –

4 **See Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**  
**Ramakrishna Monastery, Trabuco**  
**Canyon.**

6 **See South Pasadena**  
13 Saturday 9 AM – Noon  
Karma Yoga

**Special Class Series 7:30 PM**  
**With Swami Sarvapriyananda**  
**Vedanta Society of NY**

16 **Tuesday: Infinity**  
17 **Wednesday: Realizing Infinity**  
18 **Thursday: Infinite Joy**

26 Friday 7 AM Vigil

### SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

7 What is Spiritual Initiation?  
Swami Sumanasananda  
14 Guru, Ishta, Mantra  
Swami Sarvadevananda

21 **Taintless Sky, Shining Sun. Immovable**  
**Mountain, Boundless Ocean**  
**Swami Sarvapriyananda**  
**Vedanta Society of New York**

28 The Five Sheaths  
Swami Vedarupananda

#### Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM  
*Swami Ramakrishnananda, Apostle*  
*to the South*  
by Swami Tapasyananda  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturday 5 PM  
6, 13, 27 *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

20 **Like a City in a Mirror**  
**Swami Sarvapriyananda**  
**Vedanta Society of NY**

### RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

4 **Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**  
**Honoring Swami Vivekananda**  
12 **Noon Worship**  
1:30 PM **Prasad Lunch**  
2:30 PM **Special Program:**  
**UNIVERSAL VIVEKANANDA**

Devotees are requested to bring desserts  
that do not require refrigeration

No Sunday Services in July and August

### SAN DIEGO CENTER

No Saturday Services in July and August  
See [vedantalifeacademy.com](http://vedantalifeacademy.com) for  
courses.

**VIVEKANANDA HOUSE,**  
South Pasadena

6 **Saturday 4 PM**  
**Annual Open House**  
**Special Worship, Reading and**  
**Refreshments**  
**All are invited to attend**

## THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

For info: [www.vedanta.org](http://www.vedanta.org)

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

**Membership** is open to those who are seriously interested in the teachings of Vedanta and have attended lectures and classes for some time. In addition, an interview with Swami Sarvadevananda is required. Applications are available in the Society office and/or bookshops.

**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 Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda

"Eight Millions of bodies have we had, before we reached the human", say the Hindus. Jnana says, "Kill desire and so get rid of it". That is the only way. Cast out all

causation and realize the Atman. Only freedom can produce true morality. If there were only an endless chain of cause and effect, Nirvana could not be. It is extinction of the seeming self, bound by this chain.

That is what constitutes freedom, to get beyond causality.

Our true nature is good, it is free, the pure being that can never be or do wrong. When we read God with our eyes and minds, we call Him this or that; but in reality there is but One, all variations are our interpretations of that One. *We become* nothing; we *regain* our true Self. Buddha's summary of misery as the outcome of "ignorance and caste" (inequality) has been adopted by the Vedantists, because it is the best ever made. It manifests the wonderful insight of this greatest among men. Let us then be brave and sincere: whatever path we follow with devotion, must take us to freedom.

That is what constitutes freedom, to get beyond causality.

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