JULY 2024

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Unless Otherwise Noted Visit vedanta.org for internet links

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

Sundays 9-10:35 AM Online Only

Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarswamy

Contact: sukirtha12@yahoo.com

OTHER EVENTS -

- 4 See Annual 4th 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
- 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 4th 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 <u>vedantalifeacademy.com for</u> 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

For books: www.vedanta.com

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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

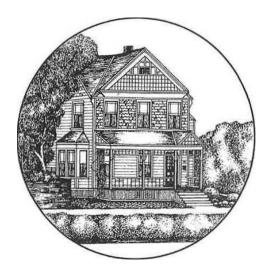
causation and realize the Atman.
Only freedom can produce true
morality. If there were only an
endless chain of cause and effect,
Nirvana could not be. It is extinction
of the seeming self, bound by this
chain.

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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