

**Note: See Last Column for Special Events in September with Swami Divyananda Vice President Ramakrishna Math and Mission
Commemorating the 125 Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's visit to California and the 75th anniversary of the Ramakrishna Monastery Trabuco**

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ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 "Grieve not, I will liberate thee!"
Swami Sumanasananda
- 11 Sri Krishna on Self-Realization
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 18 The Radiant Light Within
Swami Medhananda
- 25 Karma Yoga for the Jnani
Pravrajika Brahma-prana
Ramakrishna Vedanta Society of
North Texas

Classes

- Tuesdays 4:30 PM
Srimad Bhagavatam
Swami Sarvadevananda
- Tuesdays 7:30 PM
Svetasvatara Upanishad
Swami Sarvadevananda
- Wednesdays 7:30 PM
Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna
- 7 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 14 Swami Mahayogananda
- 21 Swami Sumanasananda
- 28 Swami Medhananda
- Thursdays 7:30 PM
1,22,29 *Narada Bhakti Sutras*
Swami Sumanasananda

- 8 Hymns of Swami Vivekananda
Swami Mahayogananda
- 15 Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*
Swami Medhananda
- Fridays 7:30 PM
- 16 **Crystal Bowl Sound Bath
Meditation**
Regular Friday Classes Suspended
in July and August
- Saturday Classes with Pr. Dayaprana
10, 24 2:30 – 4 PM
Chanting Class online only
- 17 Antaryoga Morning Retreat
6 – 8:30 AM
On Swamiji's Words
Register by August 15
dayaprana@vedanta.org
- Sundays 9-10:35 AM Online Only
Sanskrit Class
Sukirtha Alagarswamy
Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org

Other Events

- 17 **Saturday 7:30 PM
Kirtan with Swami Nirvanananda
Saraswati**
- 24 Saturday 9 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga
- 30 Friday 7 AM Vigil

SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Monday 10 AM Labor Day Retreat**

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Swami Vivekananda in California
Swami Vedananda
Vedanta Society of No. California
- 11 It Doesn't Matter What You Think
Swami Arupeshananda
- 18 Sri Krishna on Self-Realization
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 25 The Yoga of Suffering
Swami Medhananda

Classes and Other Events

- Wednesdays 5 PM
*Swami Ramakrishnananda, Apostle to
the South*
by Swami Tapasyananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- Saturday 5 PM
- 3 Swami Vivekananda's Vision at
Kanya Kumari Temple
Swami Vedananda
Vedanta Society of No. California
- 10, 24, 31 *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
- 17 Swami Sarvadevananda

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY Orange County

- No Sunday Services in August
- Special Events
Wednesday 7:30
- 14 **Kirtan with Swami Nirvanananda
Saraswati**

SAN DIEGO CENTER

No Saturday Services in August

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| 25 | Sunday | Krishna Puja |
| | 10 AM | Puja by Swami Sarvadevananda |
| | 12 Noon | Flower Offering by devotees |
| | 12:15 PM | Bhajans by Kali Mandir |
| | 12:30 PM | Chaitanya and his Disciples
Swami Chetanananda
Vedanta Society,
St. Louis, MO |
| | 1:15–2 PM | Prasad Lunch |

See vedantalifeacademy.com for courses.

September Special Events

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| SANTA BARBARA |
| Sunday 11 AM |
| 1 Sri Sarada Devi:
Mother of the Universe
Swami Divyananda |
| RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY TRABUCO |
| Saturday 7:30 PM |
| 7 Sri Ramakrishna: Love Personified
Swami Divyananda |
| HOLLYWOOD |
| Sunday 11 AM |
| 8 Swami Vivekananda: Friend of All
Swami Divyananda |

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From the *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*

He is everywhere, the pure and formless One, the Almighty and the All-merciful. "Thou art our father, Thou art our

mother, Thou art our beloved friend, Thou art the source of all strength; give us strength. Thou art He that beareth the burdens of the universe; help me bear the little burden of this life." Thus sang the Rishis of the Vedas. And how to worship Him? Through love. "He is to be worshipped as the one beloved, dearer than everything in this and the next life."

This is the doctrine of love declared in the Vedas, and let us see how it is fully developed and taught by Krishna, whom the Hindus believe to have been God incarnate on earth.

He taught that a man ought to live in this world like a lotus leaf, which grows in water but is never moistened by water; so a man ought to live in the world - his heart to God and his hands to work.

It is good to love God for hope of reward in this or the next world, but it is better to love God for love's sake, and the prayer goes: "Lord, I do not want wealth, nor children, nor learning. If it be Thy will, I shall go from birth to birth, but grant me this, that I may love Thee without the hope of reward—love unselfishly for love's sake."

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