

JULY 2025

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED  
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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

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“Now We Have to Become God”  
Swami Ishatmananda, Head  
Vivekananda Vedanta Society  
of Chicago
- 13

Worldly Contentment and  
Spiritual Yearning  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 20

Vivekananda and Ridgely:  
Past, Present and Future  
Pravrajika Gitaprana,  
Resident Minister,  
Vivekananda Retreat, Ridgely
- 27

The Meditation Mantra  
Swami Mahayogananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 1,22,29

Srimad Bhagavatam  
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 1,22,29

Svetasvatara Upanishad  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 8

God’s Love and Her Glories  
Swami Medhananda
- 15

Beyond the Known and the Unknown  
Swami Sarvapriyananda,  
Head, Vedanta Society, New York

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- 2,23

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 9,30

Swami Medhananda
- 16

Do You Know Brahman  
Swami Sarvapriyananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 3,31

Letters of Swami Vivekananda  
Swami Mahayogananda
- 10,24

Patanjali’s Yoga Sutras  
Swami Medhananda
- 17

The Seven Feminine Powers  
Pravrajika Vidyaprana

OTHER EVENTS

Fridays

- 18

7:30 PM  
Crystal Bowl Meditation  
Swami Atmavidyananda and Alok

25 7 AM Vigil

Saturdays

- 19

Karma Yoga Day  
9:15 AM – Noon  
12,26

2:30 – 4 PM online only  
Pr. Dayaprana Chanting Class

  
19

6–8:30 AM online only  
Antaryoga Retreat: Meditation on  
Swamiji’s Words  
Contact: [dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)

VIVEKANANDA HOUSE, SO. PASADENA

5 Saturday 4 PM

Annual Open House, with Swami  
Ishatmananda from Vivekananda  
Vedanta Society of Chicago  
Special Worship, Reading, Talks and  
Refreshments  
All are invited to attend

Sundays 9–10:35 AM Online Only  
Sanskrit Class by Sukirtha Alagarswamy  
Contact: [sukirtha@vedanta.org](mailto:sukirtha@vedanta.org)

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

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The Story on Stories  
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 13

Freedom is Non-Attachment  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 20

Hinduism for Dummies  
Swami Medhananda
- 27

Worldly Contentment and  
Spiritual Yearning  
Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes and Other Events

Monday 5 PM

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The Light of Lights  
Swami Sarvapriyananda  
Head, Vedanta Society, New York

Wednesdays 5 PM

Glimpses of a Great Soul:  
A Portrait of Swami Saradananda  
by Swami Aseshananda  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays

- 12

9 AM – Noon Karma Yoga
- 5, 12

5 PM Gospel of Ramakrishna  
Swami Chidbrahamanda
- 19

5 PM Foundation of Vedanta  
Pravrajika Gitaprana  
Resident Minister  
Vivekananda Retreat, Ridgely
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5 PM Bhagavad Gita  
Swami Sarvadevananda

HIGH DESERT – PIÑON HILLS

Summer break

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

Sunday Talks Resume mid-September

4th of July Program  
SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S CELEBRATION  
12:00 Noon Puja in the Shrine  
1:30 PM Vegetarian Lunch (please  
bring a non-refrigeration needed  
dessert)  
2:45 PM Special Program: "Expansion  
is Life Contraction is Death"  
• Introduction:  
Swami Dhyanyogananda  
• Talks by Swamis:  
Swami Baneshananda, Berlin,  
Germany  
Swami Sarvadevananda  
Music performances by Naren  
Hathaway, Zach Churchill, and Deva  
(David and Heather Hathaway)

Wednesdays

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7:30 PM Message in the  
Sixth Chapter of the Gita  
Swami Baneshananda, Head,  
Vedanta Society of Berlin
- 6:30 PM In person and online Arati
- 7:30 PM Satsanga with the  
Trabuco Brothers

SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

Saturday Talks resume in September

See [sandiegovedanta.org](http://sandiegovedanta.org) for listings  
See [vedantalifeacademy.com](http://vedantalifeacademy.com) for courses

## VISITING HOURS AND CONTACTS

### HOLLYWOOD CENTER

1946 Vedanta Pl.

Los Angeles, CA 90068 (323) 465 7114

#### Temple Hours

6:30 – 7:45 AM Noon – 1:15 PM

6 – 7 PM (Class nights to 8:30 PM)

Sundays 10:30 AM – 1:15 PM

#### Bookshop Hours

Thurs. – Fri. 11 AM – 1 PM, 2:30 – 4:30 PM

Sat. 11 AM – 5 PM

Sun. 10:30 AM – 2 PM

Closed Mon. – Wed.

### SANTA BARBARA CENTER

927 Ladera Lane

Santa Barbara, CA 93108 (805) 969 2903

#### Temple Hours

Daily 6:30 AM – 7 PM

#### Bookshop Hours

Thurs.–Sat. 11 AM - 5 PM

Sun. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

### ORANGE COUNTY CENTER

#### RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

19961 Live Oak Canyon Rd

Trabuco Canyon, CA 92678 (949) 858 0342

Fri.–Sat. 9 AM – 11:45 AM

Sun. 10 AM – 1:45 PM

Bookshop other hours: Call (949) 326 3067

### SAN DIEGO CENTER

1440 Upas St

San Diego, CA 92103 (619) 291 9377

### HIGH DESERT PIÑON HILLS RETREAT

PO Box 720575; 720 Sage Rd

Piñon Hills, CA 92372 (949) 326 2009

### SOUTH PASADENA VIVEKANANDA HOUSE

309 Monterey Rd

South Pasadena, CA 91030 (323) 254 1546

Visits by appointment

### VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

For information: [vedanta.org](http://vedanta.org)

For the online bookstore: [vedanta.com](http://vedanta.com)

For courses: [vedantalifeacademy.com](http://vedantalifeacademy.com)

For online talks: [youtube.com/vedantaorg](http://youtube.com/vedantaorg)

## ABOUT THE VEDANTA SOCIETY

The Vedanta Society of Southern California was founded in 1930 by Swami Prabhananda. The Society maintains a temple, convent, and monastery in Hollywood and Santa Barbara; a monastery and shrine at its San Diego and Orange County centers; and the Vivekananda House in South Pasadena. There are a number of official Vedanta societies in the United States and worldwide. Although the societies are under the spiritual guidance of the Ramakrishna Order of India, each is an independent 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. Some of our centers maintain a lending library for the use of members.

## VEDANTA TEACHINGS

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.

### Quotes for the Month

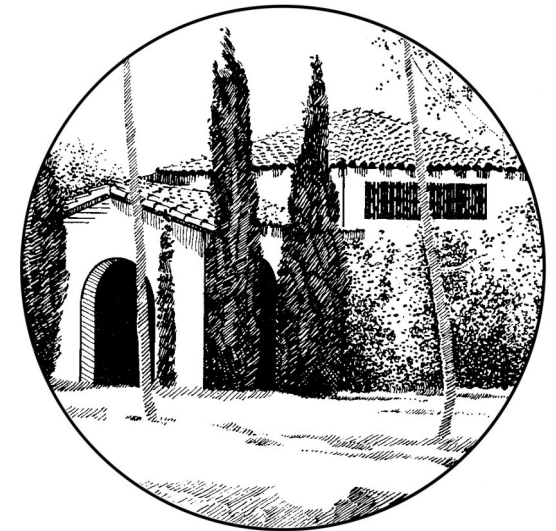
#### From the

#### *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*

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, Nirvāna 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.

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Trabuco Monastery

### Vedanta Society of Southern California

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SWAMI SARVADEVANANDA

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