

October 2025

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE
Unless Otherwise Noted
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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Philosophy of Kali Worship
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 12 The Ideal
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 19 The Art of Healthy Relationships
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 26 Karma and Rebirth: Arguments for and Against
Swami Medhananda

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
1,8,15,22 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 29 Swami Jnanasudhananda
- Thursdays 7:30 PM
2 Kathopanishad
Swami Jnanasudhananda
- 9 God is the Doer
Swami Medhananda
- 16 Patanjali's Yoga Sutras
Swami Medhananda
- 23,30 Letters of Swami Vivekananda
Swami Mahayogananda
- Fridays 7:30 PM
3,17,24,31 Teachings of the Direct Disciples of Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Atmavidyananda

- 10 Crystal Bowl Meditation
Swami Atmavidyananda and Alok

Saturdays

- 4 Ram Nam 6:30 PM
- 11 Karma Yoga 9:15 to Noon
- Classes with Pr. Dayaprana
11,18 2:30 – 4 PM
Chanting Class online only
- 4 6 -8:30 AM Antaryoga Morning
Retreat Meditation on The Mother
Register by Oct 2
dayaprana@vedanta.org
- Sundays 9-10:35 AM Online Only
Sanskrit Class
Sukirtha Alagarswamy
Contact: sukirtha12@yahoo.com

Other Events

- 2 Thurs. Navaratri Chanting ends
- 17 Friday 7 AM Vigil

20 Monday 10 PM to 3 AM
Kali Puja

25 Saturday 9:30 AM Kali Immersion
at Newport Beach, Reservations
Required online

VIVEKANANDA HOUSE

- South Pasadena
- 5 Sunday 4 PM
Retreat with Swami
Sarvadevananda

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 In-Breath of the Soul
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 12 Philosophy of Kali Worship
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 19 Wisdom of the Divine Mother
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 26 Divine Immersion
Swami Mahayogananda

Classes and Other Events

- Wednesdays 5 PM
Selections from God Lived With Them
by Swami Chetanananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 2 Thurs. Navaratri Chanting ends
- Saturday
4,18,25 5:00 PM
Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 11 5 PM Bhagavad Gita
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 11 Karma Yoga 9:15 AM - noon

Kali Puja and the Immersion:
See Hollywood listing

PINON HILLS, HIGH DESERT

- In person and online
- Saturday
4 10am - 1pm
Gita readings, meditation, chanting, and singing
1:30-2:30 PM vegetarian potluck lunch and discussion
Contact arupeshananda@gmail.com for more info
- 11 9:30 AM – 4 PM Antaryoga Retreat
Meditation on Devi Mahatmyam
Register by Oct 9

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County
2 Thurs. Navaratri Chanting ends

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 The Chandi, Part 2
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 12 Infinite Paths to Infinite Reality
Swami Medhananda
- 19 Philosophy of Kali Worship
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 26 Letting Go of Toxic Bonds
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- Wednesday
6:30 PM In person and online
Arati
7:30 Satsanga with the
Trabuco Brothers

Kali Puja and the Immersion:
See Hollywood listing

SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 2 Thurs. Navaratri Chanting ends
- 4 Highlights from the Chandi
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 11 "I am He" vs. "All is He"
Swami Medhananda
- 18 Philosophy of Kali Worship
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 25 Kali Immersion, No Spiritual Talk
See vedantalifeacademy.com for spiritual courses.
- See sandiegovedanta.org for listings
- See 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 – 12:30 PM; 1 – 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

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For information: vedanta.org

For the online bookstore: vedanta.com

For courses: vedantalifeacademy.com

For online talks: youtube.com/vedantaorg

ABOUT THE VEDANTA SOCIETY

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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.

From *What the Disciples Said About It* by Edith Tipple Swami Vijnanananda

The Kundalini or life-giving energy, which lies coiled up at the bottom of the spine, has to be activated into moving up once or twice to the brain. One who succeeds in doing this, conquers Time, and thus knows the past, present, and future. He triumphs over death and becomes one with eternity. Conquering Kala (Time), Shiva has become Mahakala (the Lord of Time). The Divine Mother dances upon His breast. And what does Mahakala do? As if swallowing the whole universe, He lies merged in Brahman.

The Master was the living embodiment of purity. Contemplation of him or taking his name makes you free from all evil thoughts. The mind goes up on a higher plane, the kundalini (coiled-up vital force) is roused.

Brahman is like a motionless snake. Shakti is like a snake in motion, and that is the kundalini. When this spiritual energy moves upwards, the mind also gets elevated; and when it moves downwards, it draws the mind down to a state of darkness and ignorance. I find that in women this upward trend of energy is more evident. That is because they are a part of the divine Shakti

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