

August 2026

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Unless Otherwise Noted

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 2 Sadhana: How and Why
Swami Mahayogananda
- 9 Vision of God
Swami Ishtananda
Vedanta Center of St. Petersburg,
Florida
- 16 Crossing Maya
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 23 The Anthem of the Infinite
Pravrajika Matriprana
- 30 India 2.0
Swami Arupeshananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM Online Only

- 18,25 *Srimad Bhagavatam*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 4 The Question that Drives Our
Whole Life
Swami Ishadhyanananda
Vedanta Society of Sacramento
- 11,18,25 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
- 5 Swami Jnanasudhananda
- 12,19,26 Swami Sarvadevananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 6 Pure Like the Sky
Pravrajika Matriprana
- 13,20 *Katha Upanishad*
Swami Jnanasudhananda
- 27 *Letters of Swami Vivekananda*
Swami Mahayogananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

Classes suspended during July and August

- 21 Crystal Bowl Meditation
Swami Atmavidyananda and Alok

Other Events

Saturdays

- 1 **7:30 PM Kirtan with Swami Nirvanananda Saraswati**
- 15 6 -8:30 AM Antaryoga Retreat
On Thakur from Swamiji's Words
Register by Aug. 13

8, 22,29 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class

Pr. Dayaprana Online Only

dayaprana@vedanta.org

22 9:15 AM – Noon

Karma Yoga

Sundays 9-10:35 AM Online Only
Sanskrit Class Sukirtha
Alagarswamy
Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org

28 **Friday** 7 AM Vigil

VIVEKANANDA HOUSE

South Pasadena

16 Sunday 4 - 7 PM Retreat

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 2 Who Stole Our Light?
Swami Ishadhyanananda,
Vedanta Society of Sacramento
- 9 The Lord of Love
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 16 First Principles
Swami Vedarupananda
- 23 Crossing Maya
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 30 Spiritual Practice for Today
Swami Mahayogananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Swami Trigunatitananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays

- 8 9:15 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga Day
- 1 5 PM
Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Ishadhyanananda
- 8 Sabari of *Ramayana*
Swami Ishtananda
Vedanta Center
of St. Petersburg, Florida
- 15,29 *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 22 *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda

ORANGE COUNTY CENTER TRABUCO

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

**No Sunday Services during
July and August**

Wednesdays

6:30 PM In person and online
Arati
7:30 Satsanga with Trabuco
Brothers

SAN DIEGO CENTER

**No Saturday Services during
July and August**

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 Rd,
San Diego, CA 92103 (619) 291 9377

HIGH DESERT PINON HILLS RETREAT

P O BOX 720575 720 Sage Rd,
Pinon 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.
For the online bookstore: vedanta.com.
For courses: vedantalifeacademy.com
For recent talks: youtube.com/vedantaorg
For other Centers: Vedanta.org/north-American-centers

ABOUT THE VEDANTA SOCIETY

The Vedanta Society of Southern California was founded in 1930 by Swami Prabhavananda. The Society maintains a temple, convent, and monastery in Hollywood and Santa Barbara; a monastery and shrine in San Diego and Orange County Center; 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 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 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.

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

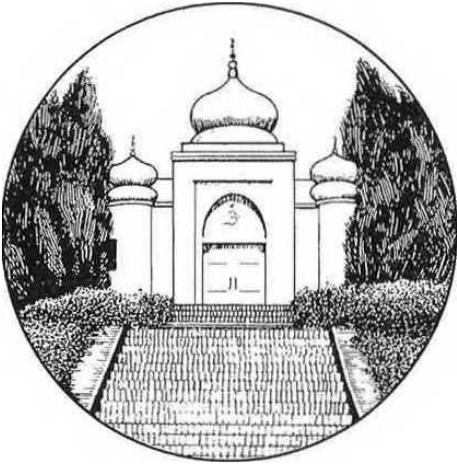
From *The Eternal Companion*, teachings of Swami Brahmananda

The only way to remain safe from sense objects is to give yourselves up wholeheartedly to God. Be strong in his strength, and this very strength will free you from the net of Maya.

In the domain of Maya there is both vidya (that which leads a man to God) and avidya (that which leads a man away from God). Vidya is spiritual discrimination and renunciation. By taking refuge in vidya, you take refuge in God; while avidya, which consists of lust, anger, greed, egotism, attachment, and envy drags a man down to the level of a brute. If you cultivate discrimination and renunciation, avidya will be destroyed.

If you yield to avidya, God remains far away and suffering will be your lot. There are both vidya and avidya. Man has the power to choose the one or the other...

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Hollywood Temple

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of Southern California
Ramakrishna Order of India
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