

The Light of Vedanta

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"As many Faiths...so many Paths." – Sri Ramakrishna

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ABOUT VEDANTA

Vedanta, or the Perennial Religion, popularly called Hinduism, is perhaps the most ancient religion in the world. It believes in one God who has both "personal" and "impersonal" aspects. God-vision can be obtained through various paths called "Yogas." It believes in reincarnation, the law of cause and effect and the divinity of all souls. This religion is distinguished in not having any founder. Its holy scripture, the Vedas, consists of divine truths that were revealed to ancient saints of India who preferred to remain anonymous. The idea of harmony of all faiths is inherent in the teachings of Vedanta. The Vedas teach: "God is One, different sages call the same God by different names."

LECTURES AND CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM, a lecture is given by a swami at the Society's chapel on different aspects of the Vedanta philosophy and religion and related subjects. In addition to the Sunday lecture, a study class on *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* is conducted by Swami Bhaskarananda on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Mother's Children is a program for our members' children of ages 3 to 16. It is held every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM. Its aim is to inspire the children through play and moral education to become good and noble individuals while also giving parents the opportunity to attend the lecture.

DEVOTIONAL SINGING

Every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM, we have singing of "Ram-Nam" in Sanskrit and other devotional songs in English, Hindi, and Bengali.

LIBRARY

The Society has a lending library for members. It contains books on Vedanta, religion, philosophy, mysticism, biographies, culture and more.

RETREAT

The Society owns a beautiful 21-acre property called the Tapovan in Snohomish County, 45 miles from Seattle. Every month a day long retreat program consisting of holy readings, devotional songs, and a potluck luncheon is held at the Tapovan. (**This program is for members only, please.**)

BOOKSHOP

The Society's bookshop has a fine selection of books covering all aspects of Hinduism and Vedanta. There are books on other religious traditions as well. Many religiously oriented gifts and items are also available. The bookshop is open before and after lectures; for other times please call.

GLOBAL VEDANTA

The Society has been publishing the quarterly journal *Global Vedanta* since 1996. The journal aims to present Vedanta in a lively and thought-provoking way, with engaging articles, humorous pieces, Vedanta news from around the world, poems, cartoons and more. Subscription rates are \$12/year in the USA; \$14 US/year in Canada and Mexico, and \$18 US/year in all other countries. Please visit our website or call our offices to subscribe or learn more.

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone wishing to express their appreciation and sustained support for the Vedantic ideals may become a member of the Society, subject to the approval of Swami Bhaskarananda. Annual dues are \$60 and life membership is \$1000. For further information, please inquire of Swami Bhaskarananda or the Secretary.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Swami Bhaskarananda is glad to help sincere spiritual seekers with practical instructions in regard to personal prayer and meditation, etc. However, those who receive spiritual instruction from the Swami are expected to be members. Appointments may be made after lectures and classes or by calling the Society.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
			<p>SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT \$10,000 MATCHING DONATION</p> <p>This summer the Vedanta Society will be putting new roofs on the Sarada Niketan and Gadhadhar Hall buildings at Topovan, our retreat property near Arlington, WA, at a cost of about \$14,500. In addition to this, we will be painting various parts of Vivekananda House, which are in need of touchup, at a cost of about \$7000.</p> <p>We are extremely happy to announce that an anonymous member has offered to match, up to \$10,000, all donations directed to these projects by June 30th, 2019. For this reason we are now making an urgent appeal in the hopes that we can meet this goal with the generous help of our friends and members. If you would like to contribute in support of these efforts please be sure to note "Matching donation" on your check or mention it to the treasurer if you are using a credit card or cash.</p> <p>Sincerely yours, Charles S. Wirth, Secretary</p>					1
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<i>Discovering the Mother</i> Swami Satyamayananda 11:00 AM 30	Swami Satyamayananda departs 							

SWAMI BRAHMATMANANDA GOES TO VANCOUVER, B.C.

At the invitation of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia, Swami Brahmamananda will go to Vancouver, B.C., on Saturday, June 1st. On Sunday, June 2nd, he will conduct their service and will give a talk. He will return that day.

KARMA YOGA AT TAPOVAN, THE SOCIETY'S RETREAT

Karma Yoga Day at Tapovan will be held on Saturday, June 8th, from 9 AM to 5 PM. There will be a potluck lunch. Please RSVP Swami Brahmamananda at 360-435-6373.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT TAPOVAN (FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

On Saturday, June 15th, from 11 AM to 3 PM, Swami Bhaskarananda will conduct a spiritual

retreat for members at Tapovan, the Society's property near Arlington. After the service there will be a potluck luncheon.

SWAMI SATYAMAYANANDA – GUEST OF HONOR FOR OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE HOLY MOTHER

Swami Satyamayananda, the assistant head of The Vedanta Society of Southern California, will be the guest of honor at our annual celebration of the Holy Mother, Sri Sarada Devi. He will arrive on Wednesday, June 26th, and will depart on Monday, July 1st.

ANNUAL HOLY MOTHER'S BANQUET

Our annual banquet in honor of the Holy Mother, Sri Sarada Devi, will be held on Friday, June 28th. *(For members only)*

ANNUAL MUSICAL EVENING IN HONOR OF THE HOLY MOTHER, SRI SARADA DEVI

On Saturday, June 29th, at 6:30 PM, our annual Musical Evening, featuring artists from both the western and eastern traditions, will be held in the Society's chapel. All are invited to attend.

SUNDAY MORNING TALK BY SWAMI SATYAMAYANANDA

On Sunday, June 30th, at 11 AM, Swami Satyamayananda will speak in the Society's chapel on *Discovering the Mother*.

CHANGES TO THE REGULAR SCHEDULE

The following regularly scheduled events are cancelled this month:

- The Children's Program on June 30th.
- Ram Nam on June 30th.