

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 which 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 A.M., a lecture is given 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 is conducted by Swami Bhaskarananda on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M. The current subjects, presented on alternate Tuesdays, are *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* and *The Upanishads*.

DEVOTIONAL SINGING

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

RETREAT

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

LIBRARY

The Society has a lending library for members. It contains a selection of books on various philosophies and religions, including Vedanta. The library is open before and after all lectures; for other times, please call the Society.

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. A catalog is available upon request, or it can be downloaded from our website.

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 confer with those who are sincerely interested in knowing about Vedanta. He is equally glad to help sincere spiritual seekers with necessary practical instructions in regard to personal prayer and meditation. 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
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<p><i>The Conquest of Death</i> 11:00 AM Swami Bhaskarananda</p> <hr/> <p>Children's Program 11AM Ram Nam at 7 PM</p>		<p>Class 7:30 PM <i>The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i></p>		<p>Swami Bhaskarananda goes to Vancouver, BC</p> 		<p>Swami Bhaskarananda returns from Vancouver, BC</p> 
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<p>Swami Vivekananda ~My Life's Hero~ 11:00 AM Swami Bhaskarananda</p> <hr/> <p>Ram Nam at 7 PM</p>		<p>Class 7:30 PM <i>The Upanishads</i></p>				
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<p><i>The Concept of Shiva</i> 11:00 AM Swami Bhaskarananda</p> <hr/> <p>Children's Program 11AM Ram Nam at 7 PM</p>	<p>Shiva Ratri 7 PM Worship in the Society's Chapel</p> 	<p>Class 7:30 PM <i>The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i></p>		<p>Sri Ramakrishna's Birthday 7 PM Worship in the Society's Chapel</p> 		<p>Philosophical Dialogue Program Green Lake Library 1:15 PM – 4:30 PM</p>
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<p><i>Understanding Sri Ramakrishna</i> 11:00 AM Swami Bhaskarananda</p> <hr/> <p>Ram Nam at 7 PM</p>		<p>Class 7:30 PM <i>The Upanishads</i></p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY</p> <p>Dear Members,</p> <p>I would like to request you to renew your membership for 2012, if you have not already done so. Annual dues are \$60 and life memberships are also available.</p> </div>		
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MOTHER'S CHILDREN

Our Sunday morning program for our members' children ages 3 to 12, will be held on February 5th and 19th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

SWAMI BHASKARANANDA'S VISIT TO VANCOUVER, BC.

At the invitation of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia, Swami Bhaskarananda will go to Vancouver on Thursday, February 9th. While there, he will perform a worship in the evening of February 9th and also give a talk on February 10th. He will return to Seattle on Saturday, February 11th.

SHIVA RATRI – WORSHIP IN HONOR OF LORD SHIVA

Everyone is invited to attend the worship in honor of Lord Shiva at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 20th. After the worship, there will be devotional singing followed by Prasad.

WORSHIP IN HONOR OF

SRI RAMAKRISHNA'S BIRTHDAY

Everyone is invited to attend the worship in honor of Sri Ramakrishna at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 23rd. After the worship, there will be devotional singing followed by Prasad.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM

The Philosophical Dialogue Program will be held on Saturday, February 25th at the Green Lake Branch Library, 7364 E. Green Lake Drive N., Seattle, from 1:15 PM to 4:30 PM. Swami Brahmamatmananda will present the topic *Harmony of Religions*. The session will open with a one hour introductory presentation of the day's topic, followed by a short coffee and tea break, then about two hours of guided dialogue where attendees can actively explore the topic in greater depth.

MONTHLY RETREAT PROGRAM

The monthly retreat is cancelled for February.

In Memoriam

With great sadness of heart we inform that Dr. Nalini Bhat, a very dear and beloved member of our Society and the President of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia, passed away peacefully on January 10th. She was 71 years old.

May her soul find eternal peace in the blissful abode of Sri Ramakrishna.

Swami Bhaskarananda