

# The Light of Vedanta

The monthly newsletter of the Vedanta Society of Western Washington (established 1938).

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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 is conducted by Swami Bhaskarananda on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM. The subjects currently studied, on alternate Tuesdays, are *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* and *The Bhagavad Gita*.

## 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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<p><i>The Last Frontier</i> Swami Manishananda 11:00 AM</p> <p>Children's Program 11 AM Ram Nam 7 PM 3</p>	4	<p>Class at 7:30 PM on <i>The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i> given by Swami Bhaskarananda</p>	5	6	7	<p>Monthly Retreat at Tapovan, the Society's retreat near Arlington (conducted by Swami Bhaskarananda) 11:00 AM (members only)</p>
<p><i>Buddha His Life &amp; Message</i> Swami Bhaskarananda 11:00 AM</p> <p>Children's Program 11 AM Ram Nam 7 PM 10</p>	11	<p>Class at 7:30 PM on <i>The Bhagavad Gita</i> given by Swami Bhaskarananda</p>	12	13	<p>Swami Manishananda goes to Vancouver, BC</p> 	<p>Karma Yoga Day at Tapovan 9AM-5PM</p> <p>Swami Manishananda returns from Vancouver, BC</p>
<p><i>We Worship Heroes</i> Swami Avikarananda 11:00 AM</p> <p>Children's Program 11 AM Ram Nam 7 PM 17</p>	18	<p>Class at 7:30 PM on <i>The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i> given by Swami Bhaskarananda</p>	<p>Swami Ishadhyanananda arrives</p> 	20	<p><b>Holy Mother's Banquet</b> 7:00 PM (by invitation only)</p>	<p><b>Annual Musical Evening</b> 6:30 PM</p> 
<p><i>The Barrier-Breaking Mother</i> Swami Ishadhyanananda 11:00 AM</p> <p>Ram Nam 7 PM 24</p>	25	<p>Talk at 7:30 PM on <i>The Bhagavad Gita</i> given by Swami Ishadhyanananda</p>	<p>Swami Ishadhyanananda departs</p> 	27	28	29
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**SWAMI ATMAJAYANANDA VISITS THE VIVEKANANDA VEDANTA SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

At the invitation of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia, Swami Atmajayananda will go to Vancouver to give a talk on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He will return the same day.

**MONTHLY RETREAT AT TAPOVAN**

The monthly program conducted by Swami Bhaskarananda at Tapovan, the Society's retreat property near Arlington, will be held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM. **Members only, please.**

**SWAMI MANISHANANDA VISITS THE VIVEKANANDA VEDANTA SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

At the invitation of The Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia, Swami Manishananda will go to Vancouver BC on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, to conduct a service and give a talk. He returns on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**KARMA YOGA AT TAPOVAN**

Karma Yoga Day at Tapovan will be held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 5 PM. There will be a potluck lunch. Please rsvp Swami Brahma-mananda at 360-435-6373.

**CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE HOLY MOTHER, SRI SARADA DEVI**

Swami Ishadhyanananda, the assistant minister for the Vedanta Society of Sacramento, has been invited to be our guest of honor for the celebration. He will arrive in Seattle on Wednesday evening, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and will depart on Wednesday morning, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual banquet in honor of the Holy Mother, Sri Sarada Devi, will be held on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. *This event is by invitation only, please.*

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

On Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 PM, our annual Musical Evening will be held in the Society's

chapel featuring artists from both the Western and Eastern traditions. All are invited to attend. Refreshments follow.

**TALK BY SWAMI ISHADHYANANANDA**

On Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, Swami Ishadhyanananda will speak in our Society's chapel on *The Barrier-Breaking Mother*. All are invited to attend.

**EVENING CLASS**

On Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, Swami Ishadhyanananda will give a talk on *The Bhagavada Gita*. All are invited to attend.

**CHANGES TO THE REGULAR SCHEDULE**

The following regularly scheduled events are cancelled this month:

- The Childrens Program on June 24<sup>th</sup>