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— of Northern California —

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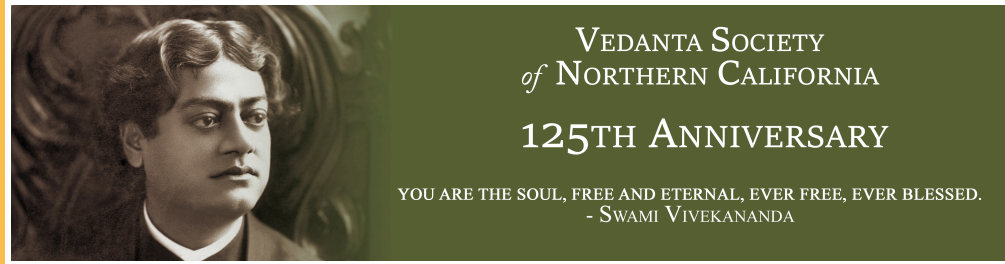


MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL PROGRAM **— Celebrating our 125th Anniversary —**

Monday • May 26, 2025 • 10 a.m.
Vedanta Retreat, Olema, Marin County



**We most cordially invite you to a special program,
celebrating our 125th Anniversary on Monday, May 26,
at the Vedanta Retreat in West Marin County.
RSVP by May 22, on our [website](#).**



This program will present a retrospective view of 125 years of Vedanta in the Bay Area, highlighting the contributions of Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda, and the American women pioneers of Vedanta. It will also present the importance of the harmony of all religions, according to Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda, as well as how to live a meaningful life according to Vedanta. Swamis Chetanananda, Shantatmananda, and Atmarupananda will be our guest speakers, along with Pravrajika Brahmaprana. Swami Tattwamayananda will also participate in the program.

There will also be meditation, chanting, and devotional music. Lunch and a light supper will be served. If you would like to attend, **RSVP** on our [website](#) **by May 22**, so that we know how many to expect that day. Thank you.

• SPEAKERS •

Swami Chetananda

A senior swami of the Ramakrishna Order, the swami is the minister in charge of the Vedanta Society of St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri. In 1960 he joined the Order as a monk. From 1971-78, he served as the assistant minister of the Vedanta Society of Southern California, Los Angeles. In 1978 he was transferred to be the assistant minister of the Vedanta Society of St. Louis and became the minister in charge in January 1980. The swami has written, translated, and edited many inspiring and informative books.

Swami Shantatmananda

A senior monk of the Ramakrishna Order, the swami is currently the head of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Institute of Values, Gurugram, India. He joined the Order in 1977 and served for thirty years at the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, in Kolkata, India, exercising his expertise in the areas of financial administration. The swami has also initiated programs in the fields of disaster management, values education for youth, women's empowerment, interfaith dialogue, and world peace.

Swami Atmarupananda

The swami discovered the Vedanta tradition while studying as an American exchange student in Sweden. In 1969 he joined the Order in Chicago. He then spent many years in India. He was instrumental in founding the San Diego center, the Vivekananda Retreat in upstate New York, and the Vedanta work in Puerto Rico. From 2012 to 2017, while in India, he edited the new edition of the *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*. In 2017 he became the resident minister of the Vedanta Society of Greater Houston. In April 2022, he was transferred to the Centre Vedantique Ramakrishna in France to become its minister in charge and spiritual director.

Pravrajika Brahmaprana

Pravrajika Brahmaprana is currently the resident minister of the Ramakrishna Vedanta Society of North Texas in Dallas, which is affiliated with the Vedanta Society of Southern California. She has been a member of the Sarada Convent in Southern California since 1973. She has compiled and edited several books on Vedanta, including *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Volume 9; Vivekachudamani of Sri Shankaracharya*, translated by Swami Turiyananda; and *With the Swamis in America and India*.

Swami Tattwamayana

The swami has been the minister in charge of the Vedanta Society of Northern California in San Francisco since 2014. Previously, he was a teacher at the Ramakrishna Order's Monastic Probationers' Training Center at its headquarters in Kolkata, India. A scholar in Sanskrit, Vedic studies, and Indian philosophy, he has taught Hindu and Buddhist scriptures as well as having served as editor, publisher, and writer in various capacities in the Order. He came to the U.S. in 2012 as assistant minister of the San Francisco Vedanta Society.



MONDAY, MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 26, 2025

10:00 a.m. — Invocation by Dr. Radha Ivaturi; Meditation

10:30 a.m. — Welcome Address by Swami Prapannananda

**"Swami Vivekananda and Vedanta in the Bay Area:
A Retrospective View of 125 Years"**

Swami Tattwamayana

"How Ramakrishna's Message Encircled the Globe"

Swami Chetananda

"Women Pioneers of the Vedanta Movement in No. California"

Pravrajika Brahmaprana

12:45 p.m. — Light Lunch

2:00 p.m. — Meditation; Devotional Music: VSNC Bhajan Group

"Vedanta: A Blueprint for a Meaningful Life"

Swami Atmarupananda

**"Vedanta and the Harmony of Religions according to
Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda"**

Swami Shantatmananda

Devotional Music by Kailash Brumwell

Bobby Coleman

Vote of Thanks by Swami Vedananda

4:30 p.m. — Refreshments

*Care of children under the age of fourteen will be provided. NO PETS, please.
RSVP on our website: sfvedanta.org by May 22. Thank you.*

We hope that you will be able to attend this special program.

SUNDAY LECTURES

Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m.

***"Shankaracharya's Message for a Fragmented
Modern World"***

Swami Tattwamayana



Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m.

"Swami Vivekananda's Reverence for Buddha"

Pravrajika Virajaprana



Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m.

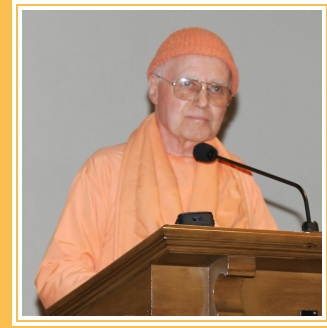
"Swami Vivekananda in Samuel Taylor Park"

Swami Vedananda

Sunday, May 25, 11 a.m.

NO LECTURE – Special program at Olema

Links: [YouTube](#) • [Facebook](#)



— **SUNDAY ONLINE CLASS** —



THE FOUNDATIONAL TEXTS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

by Swami Tattwamayanda

This class is hosted by the Stanford Hindu Students Association.

Sundays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. PDT

There will be no class on May 25.

This program will be broadcast live at these links:

[Zoom Link](#) • [YouTube](#) • [Facebook](#)

*"The authority of the Vedas extends to all ages, climes, and persons;
that is to say, their application is not confined to
any particular place, time, and persons."*

- Swami Vivekananda

VESPERS & MEDITATION

Wednesdays • 7:30 p.m.

New Temple Auditorium

- Worship
- Devotional singing

- Meditation

VIVEKACHUDAMANI OF SHANKARACHARYA
FRIDAYS • 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. PDT
OLD TEMPLE, AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE ON
FILBERT ST.



Swami Tattwamayanda gives a scripture class on Friday evenings at the Old Temple at 7:30 p.m. The subject for study is the Shankaracharya's *Vivekachudamani*. *There will be no class on May 23.*

"Vivekachudamani," which means "The Crest Jewel of Discernment," is a poem by Adi Shankaracharya that summarizes Advaita Vedanta philosophy and is one of its important introductory texts.



Links: [YouTube](#) • [Facebook](#)

The New Temple is open for meditation every day from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., except on Tuesdays, when the temple is closed. Please dress conservatively when visiting the temple. Thank you.

Child care is available during Sunday lectures and on special occasions.

Sunday school is held in person at the Old Temple. An option to attend online is also available.

The bookshop is open on Sundays after the lecture until 4 p.m. as well as on Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m. Bookshop orders may be placed [online](#) and by phone.



VISITING THE VEDANTA RETREAT

DAY VISITS

Sincere spiritual seekers are welcome for the purpose of meditation and contemplation from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. every day. All day visitors are welcome in the meditation room as well as in the library of the Men's Retreat House. The Women's Retreat House is not open for day visits. When you arrive please park your car in the parking lot near the monastery (green barn) and ring the bell so that we may orient you to the property.



OVERNIGHT STAYS

The purpose of the retreat houses is to provide a quiet and secluded place where seekers may devote themselves to serious spiritual study, prayer, and meditation, free from distraction. There are no scheduled classes or activities. Each person plans his or her own retreat. This is a uniquely valuable opportunity for cultivating deeper spiritual practice. Sincere spiritual aspirants are welcome to retreat in silence and solitude. Retreats may be



taken for 1-5 days, not more than once a month. If you have been an overnight retreatant before, you may call the reservation desk on Mondays and Fridays from 2-4 p.m. to schedule a retreat. New candidates for a retreat may call to request an interview with a swami at the same hours. The phone

number is 415-922-2323. Further information on the [retreat](#) is available on our website.

Except for worships, most of our online programs are streamed from the Old Temple. **Our Sunday lectures, classes, and retreats are available as podcasts on all major platforms.** Please continue to monitor our website sfvedanta.org for the latest information. Inquiries can be emailed to temple@sfvedanta.org.



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