MARCH 2020

SUNDAY LECTURES: 11 A.M.

March 1: NO LECTURE
March 8: “Teachers of Vedanta: Swami Brahmananda”
Swami Vedananda
March 15: “Bhagavad Gita: Song of God”
Swami Vedananda
March 22: “Yoga for Mental Health – Part I”
Swami Tattwamayananda
March 29: “Yoga for Mental Health – Part II”
Swami Tattwamayananda

After the lecture, there is a Q&A session in Vivekananda Hall, and all are welcome.

WEDNESDAY VESPERS: 7:30 P.M.
New Temple Auditorium
Worship, Devotional Singing, and Meditation
March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

BHAGAVAD GITA
FRIDAYS: 7:30 P.M.
Old Temple
2963 Webster Street
(Auditorium Entrance on Filbert Street)
Swami Tattwamayananda conducts the scripture class. No class on March 6 and 20.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 3 p.m. at the Old Temple. Reports of the past year will be presented, the Board of Directors for the coming year will be elected, and urgent matters concerning the Society will be discussed. The meeting is only for members, and all members are earnestly requested to be present.

SOUTH BAY LECTURE SERIES ON VEDIC SCRIPTURES
This scripture class is taught by Swami Tattwamayananda and is held on selected Saturdays at 3 p.m. at 489 Los Coches St. in Milpitas (Sri Satya Narayana Swamy Temple). Please see our website for more details as well as the schedule of classes.
New Temple

**Wednesday Evenings: Vespers & Meditation**
7:30 – 8:15 p.m.

- Devotional Singing, Worship, and Meditation

**TEMPLE HOURS.** The temple is open daily for meditation from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. **On Tuesdays the temple is closed.**

**INTERVIEWS** with Swami Tattwamayananda may be scheduled by those who wish to know more about Vedanta. Specific instruction and guidance are given by the swami to anyone who earnestly desires to undertake spiritual practice. Those wishing to make appointments with the swami may do so by speaking with him after the services or by telephoning 415-922-2323 or by e-mailing: tattwa@sfvedanta.org.

**MEMBERSHIP** in the Society is open to anyone who accepts the principles of Vedanta, who can participate regularly in its activities, and who receives the recommendation of the swami in charge.

**THE SRI SARADA LIBRARY** is open on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., following the lecture, and at other times by appointment.

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**Old Temple**

2963 Webster Street
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**A CLASS on Vedantic scriptures is conducted on Fridays by Swami Tattwamayananda at 7:30 p.m. The text for study is the Bhagavad Gita. There will be no class on March 6 and 20.**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Classes are held on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon for children in first grade through high school to give them a general knowledge of Vedanta, to acquaint them with the basic teachings of the major living religions, and to inspire reverence for the great religious teachers of the world. Parents wishing to enroll their children are invited to speak to the secretary of the Society.

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**BOOKSHOP HOURS**

- **Mondays:** 2 – 5 p.m.
- **Tuesdays:** CLOSED
- **Wednesdays – Fridays:** 2 – 5 p.m.
- **Saturdays:** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Sundays:** 1 – 5 p.m.

The bookshop carries translations of principal Vedantic scriptures, books on Vedanta and other world religions, and children's books. A large selection of books, incense, photos, etc., may be ordered online at sfvedanta.org. Orders may also be placed by phone, fax, and e-mail: books@sfvedanta.org.

Sunday lectures, Friday evening class, and other programs may be viewed live & archived at:
- Facebook.com/sfvedanta
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- Youtube.com/user/sfvedanta
- Podcasts available on all major platforms

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**THE EMBLEM** of the Ramakrishna Order depicts the union of the four paths by which the Supreme Being may be realized. The waves are symbolic of unselfish action; the lotus, love of God; the rising sun, knowledge; the serpent, awakening of spiritual power; and the swan, the Supreme Self.
That all men should be the same, could never be, however we might try. Men will be born differentiated; some will have more power than others; some will have natural capacities, others not. Some will have perfect bodies, others not. We can never stop that. At the same time ring in our ears the wonderful words of morality proclaimed by various teachers: “Thus, seeing the same God equally present in all, the sage does not injure Self by the Self, and thus reaches the highest goal. Even in this life, they have conquered relative existence whose minds are firmly fixed on this sameness; for God is pure, and God is the same to all. Therefore, such are said to be living in God.” We cannot deny that this is the real idea; yet, at the same time, comes the difficulty that the sameness as regards external forms and position can never be attained.

But what can be attained is elimination of privilege. That is really the work before the whole world. In all social lives, there has been that one fight in every race and in every country. The difficulty is not that one body of men are naturally more intelligent than another, but whether this body of men, because they have the advantage of intelligence, should take away even physical enjoyment from those who do not possess that advantage. The fight is to destroy that privilege. That some will be stronger physically than others, and will thus naturally be able to subdue or defeat the weak, is a self-evident fact, but that because of that strength they should gather unto themselves all the attainable happiness of this life is not according to law, and the fight has been against it. That some people, through natural aptitude, should be able to accumulate more wealth than others, is natural; but that on account of this power to acquire wealth they should tyrannize and ride roughshod over those who cannot acquire so much wealth, is not part of the law, and the fight had been against that. The enjoyment of advantage over another is privilege, and throughout ages, the aim of morality has been its destruction. This is the work which tends toward sameness, towards unity, without destroying the whole world.

– Swami Vivekananda
“Privilege,” London