

The Vedanta Society of St. Louis

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RAMAKRISHNA ORDER OF INDIA

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Due to COVID-19, public attendance at Sunday lectures has been suspended. Lectures will be live streamed Sundays on our YouTube channel starting at 10:35 a.m. To request access to the Q&A zoom meeting following the lecture, send an email to join@vedantastl.org.

NEW! – Swami Nirakarananda’s arati in our shrine is now being live streamed daily at 5:30 p.m. on our YouTube channel (VedantaSTL). Previous streams are also available in the Arati playlist.

Sunday Services 10:35 a.m.

- October**
- 4 God’s Will
 - 11 Thoughts on the Gita – Part 110
 - 18 Stories of Vedanta Monks – Part 33
 - 25 Two Aspects of the Divine Mother (*Anniversary Service*)

No Tuesday or Thursday Classes in October

Appointments for phone interviews should be made with the Swami in advance at 314-721-5118.

Membership in the Society is open to all who accept Vedantic teachings.

The library and bookstore are closed until we reopen. The online bookstore is available at www.vedantastl.org. Lectures are on YouTube at VedantaSTL.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sincerity is the only thing needed

If the Lord is pleased, everyone is pleased. Therefore, never forget to serve the Lord first. But generally it becomes the reverse. Instead of serving the Lord, we enjoy ourselves during the time of festivity. This is one of the greatest drawbacks to the religion of service. One is protected from this if one is careful, mindful, prayerful, and dispassionate.

In the immature state, every religious path is attended with the fear of falling and failure. There is no fear, however, if the love of God deepens. But this intense love does not arise unless one is free from selfishness. Whatever path you follow, spirituality cannot be fully manifested unless egoism, selfishness, and craving for sense-enjoyment are eliminated.

A devotee of God has nothing to fear because the Lord protects his devotee if he has the right attitude. Sincerity is the only thing needed. To unite the mind and speech is the supreme sadhana. Although it cannot be accomplished all at once, there is no doubt that it can be done by gradual practice. The Lord himself helps one to do this. Without his grace everyone is helpless. . . .