

The Vedanta Society of St. Louis

Swami Chetanananda – Minister and Spiritual Teacher

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RAMAKRISHNA ORDER OF INDIA

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We welcome in person attendance, but encourage vaccinations, boosters and wearing masks as covid is still very much present. If you have any covid-like symptoms we would ask that you watch from home on YouTube.

Lectures are live streamed Sundays on our YouTube channel at 10:35 a.m. To request access to the Q&A zoom meeting following the lecture, send an email to join@vedantastl.org. In September, the online Q&A sessions will resume after the lecture on September 25.

Sunday Services 10:35 a.m.

September 4 The Practice of Dharma

Swami Nishpapananda

11 How Can Vedanta Help Us?

Swami Nirakarananda

18 Krishna Festival: Chanting and singing, talk by Swami Shivarchanananda:
Sound of Krishna's Flute. Dinner at 12:45 p.m.

25 Thoughts on the Gita – Part 130

No Tuesday or Thursday Classes in September

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

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

We maintain a bookstore, and an online bookstore is available at www.vedantastl.org.

Sunday lectures are on YouTube at VedantaSTL.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Real religion

If two men quarrel about religion, just ask them the question: "Have you seen God? Have you seen these things?" One man says that Christ is the only Prophet. Well, has he seen Christ? "Has your father seen Him?" "No, sir." "Has your grandfather seen Him?" "No, sir." "Have you seen Him?" "No, sir." "Then what are you quarreling for? The fruits have fallen into the ditch and you are quarreling over the basket!" Sensible men and women should be ashamed to go on quarreling in that way!

So when each man stands and says "My prophet is the only true Prophet," he is not correct — he knows not the alpha of religion. Religion is neither talk nor theory nor intellectual consent. It is realization in the heart of our hearts. It is touching God. It is feeling, realizing that I am a spirit in relation to the Universal Spirit and all Its great manifestations. If you have really entered the house of the Father, how can you have seen His children and not known them? And if you do not recognize them, you have not entered the house of the Father. The mother recognizes her child in any dress and knows him however disguised. Recognize all the great spiritual men and women in every age and country, and see that they are not really at variance with one another.

— Swami Vivekananda, *Vedanta: Voice of Freedom*, pp. 280