

# The Vedanta Society of St. Louis

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We welcome in person attendance, but encourage vaccinations, boosters and wearing masks as covid is still 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](mailto:join@vedantastl.org).

## Sunday Services 10:35 a.m.

- November 6** Some Extraordinary Wishes  
*Swami Shivarchanananda*
- 13** Thoughts on the Gita – Part 133  
*Swami Chetanananda*
- 20** Three Spiritual Practices for Busy People  
*Pravrajika Virajaprana of San Francisco Convent*  
The United States of Vivekananda  
*Pravrajika Vrajaprana of Santa Barbara Convent*
- 27** Light and Darkness  
*Swami Shivarchanananda*

## Classes (by Swami Shivarchanananda) 8:00 p.m.

No classes Nov. 22 and 24, Thanksgiving week

*Tuesdays* Bhakti Sutras of Narada (205 S. Skinker)

*Thursdays* In the Company of Holy Mother (205 S. Skinker)

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.

We maintain a bookstore, and an online bookstore is available at [www.vedantastl.org](http://www.vedantastl.org).

Sunday lectures are on YouTube at VedantaSTL.

ALL ARE WELCOME

### So You Receive Back

[Nagmahasaya] was so very strict in following the Ahimsa Dharma that he would not even allow a poisonous snake to be killed. Once a venomous cobra was seen in the courtyard of his house, which alarmed all persons present there. His wife suggested that it should be killed. Nagmahasaya objected, "It is not the snake of the forest that does any harm but it is the snake that is in the mind that really kills a man." Then he addressed the cobra with folded palms saying, "Thou art the visible manifestation of the goddess Manasa. Thy abode is the forest; may it please thee to leave my humble cottage and go to thine own dwelling." And strange, the snake also followed him with its hood bent down as he showed it out to the jungle. Nagmahasaya often used to say, "The outside world is the projection of your own mind. As you give out to the world so you receive back from it. It is just like looking at the mirror. The reflection on the mirror exactly shows what faces you make at it."

The Saint Durgacharan Nag: The Life of an Ideal Householder, pp. 115-6