

The Vedanta Society of St. Louis

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RAMAKRISHNA ORDER OF INDIA

July-August 2024

NOTE: All pre-recorded lectures in July and August are new to our YouTube channel and can be found at youtube.com/user/VedantaSTL under the 2024 lectures playlist on or after 10:35 a.m. on the scheduled date. (There will be no Q&A on zoom until fall.)

Special Thursday Event 10:35 a.m.

July 4 Vivekananda Festival

Reading, singing, "America's First Guru" documentary, comments by filmmaker Raja Choudhury. (Lunch following at 12:45 p.m.)

Sunday Services 10:35 a.m.

July 7 Swami Shantananda

Swami Sridharananda (video)

14 Sarada Devi's Advice to Working People

Swami Prabuddhananda (video)

21 The Gospel of Ramakrishna

Swami Yogatmananda (video)

28 The Power of Relaxation

Swami Sarvadevananda (video)

August 4 My Early Days in Vedanta

Huston Smith (video)

11 Active and Contemplative Life of Holy Mother

Swami Shantarupananda (video)

18 Message of the Gita

Swami Sarvadevananda (video)

25 Yoga Psychology

Swami Shantarupananda (video)

There will be no evening classes in July and August. They will resume in September.

Appointments for 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.

Sunday lectures are on YouTube at VedantaSTL.

ALL ARE WELCOME

God Sets Everything Right

Truly, it is not easy to get rid of all desires; but if the mind is endowed with discrimination, then desires cannot overpower it. The sage Vashishtha told Ramachandra, "If one has discrimination, then even in a great crisis one is unperturbed." Indeed the power of delusion cannot overwhelm if one can keep the discriminative faculty ever steady. What harm can desire do to that person who always thinks that everything is transitory? There is nothing to fear from trifling desires. That desire is really harmful which takes the mind away from God. If the mind is fixed on God, cravings cannot mislead a person even if he is in family life. Pray to God and open your heart to him; he will set everything right.

– **Spiritual Treasures: Letters of Swami Turiyananda**, p. 182