

vedanta

The Yoga of Objectivity



Vedanta: a spiritual tradition with timeless relevance

In the complex world we are living in, it is inevitable that a thinking person is confronted with one of these questions at some point:

- What meaning and direction can I give to my life?
- What is it that I am really looking for beyond the accepted norms of society that can give me a sense of fulfillment?
- What is my place in the entire scheme of things?
- How to become a mature human being who is able to respond to challenging situations objectively?
- How to be free from the sense of helplessness and isolation that I sometimes feel?



Vedanta, an Indian spiritual tradition of teaching based on the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita, addresses all the above predicaments of human being in a profound way. Vedanta has a unique vision which can fundamentally transform the way we look at ourselves and the world around us.

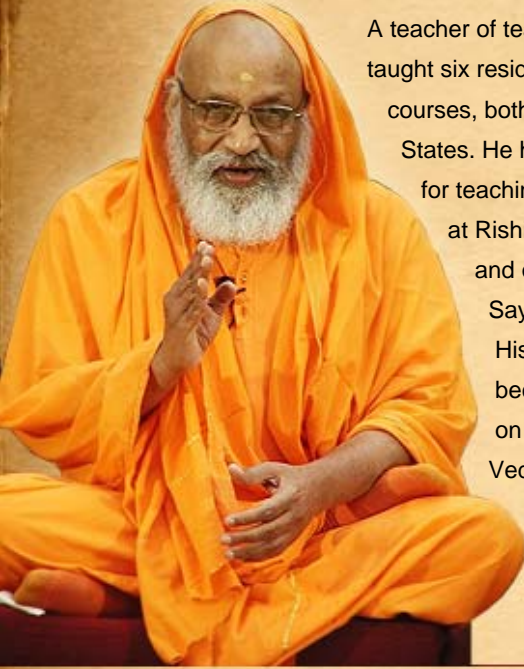
In our seminars and retreats, we are committed to unfold the teaching of Vedanta in a way that is directly relevant for every individual living in the contemporary society. Our approach to teaching Vedanta is immediately accessible to all, as we deliberately avoid using overly technical or scholarly details without in any manner compromising the authenticity and depth of the teaching. In order to enhance learning and assimilation process, our sessions encourage active participation, engage everybody in a lively interaction and constructive dialogue.

The participation in our seminars and retreats do not require one to belong to any religious tradition in particular. The emphasis is here on unfolding the wisdom of Vedanta to live ones life effectively.

We are confident that any well-educated thinking person Indian or Western who is spiritually or philosophically inclined, interested in personal growth, or simply attracted to Indian culture would find our programs extremely enriching.

About our teacher

Swami Dayananda Saraswati is a teacher of Vedanta in the tradition of Sankara and a scholar in Sanskrit. Swamiji has been teaching Vedanta in India for more than five decades and around the world since 1976. His deep scholarship and assimilation of Vedanta combined with a subtle appreciation of contemporary problems make him that rare teacher who can reach both traditional and modern students.



A teacher of teachers, Swami Dayananda taught six resident in-depth Vedanta courses, both in India and in the United States. He has established 4 centers for teaching of Vedanta three in India at Rishikesh, Coimbatore, Nagpur, and one in the U.S. at Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania. His students have now become teachers and carry on the same tradition of Vedantic teaching in more than one hundred centers all over the world.

In addition to teaching, Swami Dayananda has initiated various humanitarian activities and established 'All India Movement for Seva' in 2000. This organization is committed to serving people in the remote areas of India, mainly in the field of Education and Health Care. AIM for Seva has been awarded consultative status with ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) by the United Nations in 2005.

Swami Dayananda Saraswati has also promoted several international events and participated in global forums, among which are the United Nations 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Millennium World Peace Summit, the International Congress for the Preservation of Religious Diversity, the Conference on the Preservation of Sacred Sites, the Youth Peace Summit.

About us



Neema Majmudar has completed Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University, New York. She has worked at the United Nations in New York and Bangkok in the development field for 13 years.

She met Swami Dayananda in the USA in 1986, and since then, has been studying Vedanta with him. From 1995 to 1998, she attended a three and half year residential course with Swami Dayananda at Coimbatore, and is now teaching Vedanta in India and abroad.



Surya Tahora has a Doctorate in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Paris University and a MBA. He has been working in international marketing positions in the corporate world both in Paris and Bangkok for 14 years.

He attended several short term and long term courses conducted by Swami Dayananda from 1995 onwards at two of his institutions at Coimbatore in South India and Rishikesh, in the foothills of the Himalayas. He conducts conferences and retreats on Vedanta.