

# VEDANTA NEWSLETTER

The Quarterly Newsletter of  
**Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia**  
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***God is one. Different sages call Him by different names – Rig Veda***

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## Membership in the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of BC

Membership of the Society runs on a calendar year basis. Members, please renew your membership in time. The Annual Membership fee for a couple is \$60.00, and for a single person \$40. Please contact our Treasurer Mrs. Purabi Das at (604) 942-9377 or during the Society's functions.

## Sunday Service

The Society holds a Sunday Service on the first Sunday of every month at the Vivekananda House. One of the Swamis from the Vedanta Society of Western Washington in Seattle would arrive for the day and conduct the Service at 11:00 am. The program consists of arati, singing of devotional songs, and a talk by the Swami on a title of his choice. A potluck lunch would follow. Please phone (604) 228-9987 OR (604) 942-9377 first to confirm.

## Meditation Meetings

The members of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society meet for Meditation and Scripture reading at the Vivekananda House on the second Saturday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Please phone (604) 942-9377 first to confirm.

## Monthly Ramnam

Monthly Ramnam sessions are held by the Society at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm on the last Sunday every month. There will be arati and singing of devotional songs on Lord Rama and other Divine incarnations. Please phone (604) 228-9987 first to confirm.

## Book Sale

Audiotapes and CDs of lectures by Swamis, tapes of bhajans and other devotional music are also available. For all your needs on books about Vedanta and other spiritual subjects, please contact our secretary, Mrs. Radha Chaklader. Phone: (604) 228-9987. All the popular titles are available. Any book that is not in stock will be made available at short notice.

*Spiritual Attainment does not depend on any dogma, or doctrine or belief. Whether one is Christian, or Jewish or Gentile, it does not matter. Are you unselfish? That is the question. If you are, you will be perfect without reading a single religious book, or without going to a single church or temple.*

— Swami Vivekananda (1863 – 1902)

# Coming Events

## January 2016

- Sun, Jan 3, 2016: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Swami Brahmatmananda.  
Title of Swami's talk: **"Ramakrishna as the Kalpataru"**  
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, Jan 9, 2016: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
- Thu, Jan 21, 2016: Swami Atmajayananda arrives at the Vivekananda House.  
Arati, devotional singing and meeting with the devotees at 7:30 pm.  
A potluck supper would follow.
- Fri, Jan 22, 2016: A free public talk by Swami Atmajayananda at 7:30 pm.  
Title: **"The Science of Unknowing"**.  
Venue: Vivekananda House. A potluck supper will follow.
- Sun, Jan 31, 2016: Arati & Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
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## February 2015

- Sun, Feb 7, 2016: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Sw. Manishananda.  
Title of Swami's talk: **"The Art of Spiritual Unfoldment"**  
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, Feb 13, 2016: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
- Thu, Feb 18, 2016: Sw. Brahmatmananda arrives at the Vivekananda House  
Arati, devotional singing and meeting with the devotees at 7:30 pm.  
A potluck supper would follow.
- Fri, Feb 19, 2016: A free public talk by Swami Brahmatmananda at 7:30 pm.  
Title: **"The Three Gunas and Spiritual Life"**.  
Venue: Vivekananda House. A potluck supper will follow.
- Sun, Feb 28, 2016: Arati and Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
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## March 2015

- Sun, Mar 6, 2016: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Sw. Atmajayananda.  
Title of Swami's talk: **"Freedom — A Sacred Inner Thing"**  
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, Mar 12, 2016: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
- Thu, Mar 17, 2016: Sw. Bhaskarananda arrives at the Vivekananda House before noon.  
Arati, devotional singing and meeting with the devotees at 7:30 pm.  
An informal talk on **"The Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna"**  
A potluck supper would follow.
- Fri, Mar 18, 2016: Swami Bhaskarananda will perform a **"puja in honor of Sri Ramakrishna"**.  
Venue: Vivekananda House. A potluck supper will follow. Time: 6:30 pm.
- Sun, Mar 27, 2016: Arati and Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.