

# VEDANTA NEWSLETTER

The Quarterly Newsletter of  
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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. We also have a Life Membership, which is \$500.00 for a couple, and \$300.00 for a single person. 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 3:00 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 very short notice.

*Learning and wisdom are superfluties, the surface glitter merely, but it is the heart that is the seat of all power. Deep as the ocean, broad as the infinite skies, that is the sort of heart we want.*

— Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902)

# Coming Events

## January 2017

- Sun, Jan 1                    There will not be Sunday Service in January.
- Sat, Jan 14                  Meditation Meetings at the Vivekananda House at 3:00 pm.
- Sun, Jan 29                  Arati & Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.

## February 2017

- Sun, Feb 5                    Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Sw. Manishananda.  
Title of Swami's lecture: **"Karma and Reincarnation"**  
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch will follow.
- Sat, Feb 11                    Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 3:00 pm.
- Thu, Feb 16                    Sw. Brahmattmananda arrives at the Vivekananda House.  
There will be arati, devotional singing and satsang at **5:30 pm.**  
A potluck supper will follow.
- Fri, Feb 17:                    A free public lecture **"Ramakrishna's Sadhanas – Part 4"** by Sw.  
Brahmatmananda.  
Venue: Vivekananda House. Time: 5:30 pm. A potluck supper will follow.
- Tue, Feb 21                    Swami Kripamayandaji, Head of Vedanta Society of Toronto, arrives at YVR  
at 6:10 pm. After supper Swamiji will have rest for the night.
- Wed, Feb 22                    Swami Kripamayandaji will do a little sightseeing earlier during the day.  
Devotees may attend satsang with Swamiji at 5:30 pm followed by potluck  
supper.
- Thu, Feb 23                    A VVSBC Board meeting with Swami Kripamayandaji at 6:00 pm.
- Fri, Feb 24                    Shivaratri and Sri Ramakrishna Pooja with Swami Kripamayandaji at 6:00 pm.
- Sat, Feb 25                    Swami Kripamayandaji's flight departs YVR at 4:00 pm.
- Sun, Feb 26                    Arati and Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.

## March 2017

- Sun, Mar 5                    Sunday Service by Sw. Atmajayananda, **"The Invisibility of God"**, 11:00 am.  
A potluck lunch will follow.
- Sat, Mar 11                    Meditation Meetings at the Vivekananda House at 3:00 pm.
- Thu, Mar 16                    Sw. Manishananda arrives in Vivekananda House. There will be arati, devotional  
singing and satsang at 5:30 p.m. A potluck supper will follow.
- Fri, Mar 17:                    A free public lecture **"Spiritual Anchors"** by Sw. Manishananda at 5:30 pm.  
Venue: Vivekananda House. Tea and snacks will follow.
- Sun, Mar 26:                    Arati and Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.