

## Ramakrishna-Vedanta in Southern California: From Swami Vivekananda to the Present

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Southern California and Affiliated Centers (1899-2017)<sup>1</sup>

**Southern California**

Vivekananda (1899-1900) to India  
Turiyananda (1900-02) to India  
Abhedananda (1901, 1905, 1913?, 1914-18, 1920-21) to India—possibly more years  
Trigunatitananda (1903-04, 1911)  
Sachchidananda II (1905-12) to India  
Prakashananda (1906, 1924)—possibly more years  
Bodhananda (1912, 1925-27)  
Paramananda (1915-23)  
Prabhavananda (1924, 1928)

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**La Crescenta**

Paramananda (1923-40)  
Akhilananda (1926) to Boston

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Prabhavananda (Dec. 1929-July 1976)  
    Ghanananda (Jan-Sept. 1948, Temporary) to London, England (Names of Assistant Swamis are indented)  
    Asheshananda (Oct. 1949-Feb. 1955) to Portland, OR  
    Vandananda (July 1955-Sept. 1969) to India  
    Ritajananda (Aug. 1959-Nov. 1961) to Gretz, France  
    Sastrananda (Summer 1964-May 1967) to India  
    Budhananda (Fall 1965-Summer 1966, Temporary) to India  
    Asaktananda (Feb. 1967-July 1975) to India  
    Chetanananda (June 1971-Feb. 1978) to St. Louis, MO  
Swahananda (Dec. 1976-2012)  
    Aparananda (Dec. 1978-85) to Berkeley, CA  
    Sarvadevananda (May 1993-2012)  
Sarvadevananda (Oct. 2012-)  
    Sarvapriyananda (Dec. 2015-Dec. 2016) to New York (Westside)

**Resident Ministers of Affiliated Centers:**

**Ridgely, NY**

Vivekananda (1895-96, 1899)  
Abhedananda (1899)  
Turiyananda (1899)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Horizontal line means a new organization)

Atmarupananda (1997-2004)

Pr. Gitaprana (2004-)

    Pr. Shuddhatmaprana

**San Diego, CA**

Buddhananda (1983-87)

Atmarupananda (1987-97) to Ridgely, NY

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Sarvatmananda (1997-2000) to Amsterdam

Ishtananda (2000-07) to St. Petersburg

Harinamananda (2008-)

### **Washington, DC**

Vivekananda (1894, 1899?)

Abhedananda (1898)

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Abhedananda (1905)

Vedanta Group (1908)

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Sister Devamata and Paramananda (1909-17)

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Akhilananda (1930-32)

Vividishananda (1932-36) to Denver

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Atmajnanananda (1997-)

Brahmarupananda

### **Added:**

Santa Barbara (1944), Trabuco Canyon (1949), South Pasadena Vivekananda House (1955), San Diego (1983), Washington, DC (1997), Ridgely, NY (1997), Pinon Hills (2006)

### **Resident Ministers of Private Centers:**

Atlanta (Yogeshananda (1992-2009), Brahmaidyananda (2009-10), Br. Shankara (2010-), Dallas (Brahmaprana), Houston (Atmarupananda), Phoenix (Akhandaprana), Austin, Las Vegas, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, and Tucson.

## Appendix II: Ramakrishna Vedanta Swamis (1893-2017)

(Much of the material is from Edith Tipple, assisted by Pravrajika Dhyana-prana, "Vedanta Centres and Indian Swamis Outside of India," *Prabuddha Bharata* (1997), pp. 88-95).

### **Berkeley, CA**

Ashokananda (1939-69)

Shantaswarupananda (1953-69) (Names of Assistant Swamis are indented)

Shantaswarupananda (1969-70) to India

Swahananda (1970-76) to Hollywood

Swananda (1977-85) to India

Aparananda (1985-)

Prasannatmananda (2011)

Added San Jose, CA (1975)

### **Berkshire Hills, CT Retreat**

Abhedananda (1907-19)

### **Boston, MA I**

Vivekananda (1894, 1896)

Saradananda (1896-97)

Abhedananda (1898)

Turiyananda (1899)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Horizontal line means a new organization)

Paramananda (1909-40)

Akhilananda (1926-28) to Providence

Added: La Crescenta, CA (1923)

Cohasset, MA (1929)

Dacca, India (1931)

### **Boston, MA II**

Akhilananda (1941-62)

Aseshananda (1949) to Hollywood

Sarvagatananda (1954-62)

Sarvagatananda (1962-2002/09)

Sarvatmananda (1985-96) to Los Angeles

Tyagananda (1998-2002)

Tyagananda (2002-)

Added Marshfield, MA Ashrama (1946)

### **Brooklyn, NY**

Nirmalananda (1905-06) to India

### **Chicago, IL**

Vivekananda (1893-96, 1899-1900)

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Gnanaswarananda (1930-37)

Vishwananda (1938-65)

Bhasyananda (1965-93)

Chidananda (1991-93)

Chidananda (1993-2013)

Ishatmananda (2013-)

Added Ganges, MI (1969)

**Denver, CO**

Abhedananda (1901, 1908)

Vedanta Group (1908)

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Vividishananda (1936-38) to Seattle

**Kansas City, MO**

Satprakashananda (1947-79)

Chetanananda (1979-)

Paritushtananda (2017-)

**La Crescenta, CA**

Paramananda (1923-40)

Akhilananda (1926) to Boston

**New York, NY: Eastside**

Nikhilananda (1933-73)

Asheshananda (1947-49) to Boston

Ritajananda (1954-59) to Hollywood

Budhananda (1959-64) to Hollywood

Bhashyananda (1964-65) to Chicago

Adishwarananda (1968-71)

Adiswarananda (Joint Head, 1971-73)

Adishwarananda (1973-2007)

Yuktatmananda (2007-)

Added: Thousand Island Park, NY (1947)

St. Petersburg, FL (1985)

**New York, NY: Westside**

Vivekananda (1894-96, 1899-1900)

Saradananda (1896-97)

Turiyananda (1899-1900) to San Francisco

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Abhedananda (1897-1910) to Berkshire, CT

Nirmalananda (1903-05) to Brooklyn

Bodhananda (1906-07) to Pittsburgh

Paramananda (1906-08) to Boston

Bodhananda (1912-32)

Raghavananda (1923-27) to India

Gnaneswarananda (1927-29) to Chicago

Devatmananda (1930-32) to Portland

Nikhilananda (1932-33) to New York: Eastside

Bodhananda (1932-33)

Bodhananda (1933-50)

Pavitrnananda (1951-77)

Tathagatananda (1977)

Tathagatananda (1977-2016)

Paritushtananda (2008-16)

Paritushtananda (2016-17) to Kansas City

Sarvapriyananda (2017-)

**Philadelphia, PA**

Raghavananda (1924-27) to India

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Yatiswarananda (1942-49) to India

**Pittsburgh, PA**

Bodhananda (1907-12) to New York: Westside

**Portland, OR**

Vedanta Group (1904-05)

Trigunatita 1905?

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Prabhavananda (1925-29) to Hollywood

Vividishananda (1929-30) to San Francisco

Devatmananda (1932-54) to India

Aseshananda (1955-96)

Shantarupananda (1991-96)

Shantarupananda (1996-2015)

Chandrashekharananda

Added: Scappoose, OR Retreat (1936)

**Providence, RI**

Akhilananda (1928-62)

Nikhilananda (1931-32) to New York: Westside

Satprakashananda (1936-37) to St. Louis

Sarvagatananda (1954-62)

Sarvagatananda (1962-2001)

Sarvatmananda (1985-96) to Holland

Yogatmananda (2001-)

**Sacramento, CA**

Ashokananda (1949-69)

Shantaswarupananda (1969-70) to India

Shraddhananda (1970-96)

Pramathananda (1982-89) to Toronto

Prapannananda (1989-96)

Prapannananda (1996)

**St. Louis, MO**

Abhedananda (1904-05)

Vedanta Group (1908)

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Prabhavananda (1927)

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Satprakashananda (1938-79)

Yuktananda (1974-75) to India

Chetanananda (1978-79)

Chetanananda (1979-)

Added: Kansas City, MO (1947/1985 property purchased)

**St. Petersburg, FL**

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Yuktatmananda (2006-07) to New York: Eastside

Ishtananda (2007-)

### **San Francisco, CA**

Vivekananda (1900) to India

Turiyananda (1900-02) to India

Trigunatitananda (1903-15)

Prakashananda (1906-14)

Prakashananda (1915-27)

Prabhavananda (1923-25) to Portland

Dayananda (1926-27)

Madhavananda (1927-29) to India

Dayananda (1927-29)

Dayananda (1929-31) to India

Vividishananda (1930-32) to Washington, DC

Ashokananda (1931)

Ashokananda (1932-69)

Shantaswarupananda (1948-69) to Berkeley

Sraddhananda (1957-70) to Sacramento

Swahananda (1968-70) to Berkeley

Shantaswarupananda (1969-70) to India

Prabuddhananda (1970-2014)

Tattwamayananda (2012-14)

Tattwamayananda (2014-)

Added: Shanti Ashrama, CA (1900)

Lake Tahoe, CA (1937)

Olema, CA (1946)

### **Seattle, WA**

Vividishananda (1938-80)

Bhaskarananda (1974-80)

Bhaskarananda (1980-)

Avikarananda

Added: Honolulu, HI (1954)

Arlington, WA Retreat (1975)

Vancouver, BC (1978)

### **Toronto, Canada**

Pramathananda (1989-2003)

Kripamayananda (2003-)





Appendix III: Presently Existing Ramakrishna Vedanta Centers  
in North America (2017)<sup>2</sup>

<u>Year</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>Founder</u>
1894	New York, NY: Westside,	Vivekananda
1900	San Francisco, CA,	Vivekananda
1900	Shanti Ashrama, CA,	Turiyananda
1925	Portland, OR,	Prabhavananda
1928	Providence, RI,	Akhilananda
1929	Hollywood, CA,	Prabhavananda
1930	Chicago, IL,	Gnaneswarananda
1933	New York, NY: Eastside,	Nikhilananda
1936	Scappoose, OR Retreat,	Devatmananda
1937	Lake Tahoe, CA,	Ashokananda
1938	St. Louis, MO,	Satprakashananda
1938	Seattle, WA,	Vividishananda
1939	Berkeley, CA,	Ashokananda
1941	Boston, MA,	Akhilananda
1943	Santa Barbara, CA,	Prabhavananda
1946	Marshfield, MA Retreat,	Akhilananda
1946	Olema, CA,	Ashokananda
1947	Kansas City, MO,	Satprakashananda
1947	Thousand Island Park, NY,	Nikhilananda
1949	Sacramento, CA,	Ashokananda
1949	Trabuco Canyon,	Prabhavananda
1954	Honolulu, HI,	Vividishananda
1955	South Pasadena,	Prabhavananda
1969	Ganges, MI,	Bhasyananda
1975	Arlington, WA Retreat,	Vividishananda
1975	San Jose, CA,	Swahananda
1978	Vancouver, BC,	Vividishananda
1983	San Diego, CA,	Swahananda
1985	St. Petersburg, FL,	Adishwarananda
1989	Toronto, Canada,	Pramathananda
1992	Atlanta, GA	
1997	Ridgely, NY,	Swahananda
1997	Washington, DC,	Swahananda
2002	Houston, TX	
2006	Dallas, TX ,	Swahananda
2008	Raleigh, NC,	Swahananda
2009	Pittsburgh, PA,	Swahananda
2010	Tucson, AZ,	Swahananda
2012	Austin, TX,	Swahananda
	Las Vegas, NV	
	Phoenix, AZ	

Appendix IV: Ramakrishna-Vedanta Swamis from India in North America  
(1893-2017)

Vivekananda (1893-96, 1899-1900)  
Saradananda (1896-98)  
Abhedananda (1897-1921)  
Turiyananda (1899-1902)  
Nirmalananda (1903-06)  
Trigunatitananda (1903-15)  
Sachchidananda II (1904-12)  
Bodhananda (1906-50)  
Paramananda (1906-40)  
Prakashananda (1906-27)  
Prabhavananda (1923-76)  
Raghavananda (1923-27)  
Akhilananda (1926-62)  
Dayananda (1926-31)  
Gnaneswarananda (1927-37)  
Madhavananda (1927-29)  
Vividishananda (1928-80)  
Devatmananda (1930-54)  
Ashokananda (1931-69)  
Nikhilananda (1931-73)  
Satprakashananda (1936-79)  
Vishwananda (1938-65)  
Yatiswarananda (1940-49)  
Aseshananda (1947-96)  
Ghanananda (1947)  
Shantaswarupananda (1948-70)  
Pavitrnananda (1951-77)  
Ritajananda (1954-61)  
Sarvagatananda (1954-2009)  
Vandananda (1955-69)  
Shraddhananda (1957-96)  
Budhananda (1959-66)  
Bhashyananda (1964-93)  
Sastrananda (1964-67)  
Asaktananda (1967-75)  
Adishwarananda (1968-2007)  
Swahananda (1968-2012)  
Prabuddhananda (1970-2014)  
Chetanananda (1971-)  
Bhaskarananda (1974-)  
Tathagatananda (1977-2016)  
Aparananda (1979-)  
Pramathananda (1982-2003)  
Buddhananda (1983-87)

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Sarvatmananda (1985-2000)  
Prapannananda (1989-)  
Chidananda (1991-2013)  
Shantarupananda (1991-)  
Sarvadevananda (1993-)  
Tyagananda (1998-)  
Ishtananda (2000-)  
Yogatmananda (2001-)  
Kripamayananda (2003-)  
Yuktatmananda (2006-)  
Paritushtananda (2008-)  
Prasannatmananda (2011-)  
Tattwamayananda (2012-)  
Avikarananda  
Ishatmananda (2013-)  
Sarvapriyananda (2015-)  
Paritushtananda (2016-)  
Chandrashekharananda

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- CWSA *Complete Works of Swami Abhedananda* (Calcutta: Ramakrishna Vedanta Math, 1970).
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Vidyatmananda4	<a href="http://www.ramakrishna.eu/en/vidyatmananda/Chapter8.php">http://www.ramakrishna.eu/en/vidyatmananda/Chapter8.php</a>
Vidyatmananda5	<a href="http://www.ramakrishna.eu/en/vidyatmananda/Chapter11.php">http://www.ramakrishna.eu/en/vidyatmananda/Chapter11.php</a>
Vidyatmananda6	<a href="http://www.ramakrishna.eu/en/vidyatmananda/Chapter12.php">http://www.ramakrishna.eu/en/vidyatmananda/Chapter12.php</a>
VK	<i>Vedanta Kesari</i> (India), VSSC Archives.
VMB	<i>Vedanta Monthly Bulletin</i> (New York, 1905-09).
VSSC	Vedanta Society of Southern California. <a href="http://www.vedanta.org">www.vedanta.org</a>
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WARHD	Gopal Stavig, <i>Western Admirers Of Ramakrishna And His Disciples</i> , ed. Swami Shuddhidananda (Kolkata: Advaita Ashrama, 2010).
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WWSV	Pravrajika Atmaprana ed., <i>Western Women in the Footsteps of Swami Vivekananda</i> , (New Delhi: Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, 1995).
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Appendix I: Ramakrishna Vedanta Swamis  
Southern California and Affiliated Centers (1899-2017)

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The word meanings for the abbreviations used in the endnotes can be found at the end of the eBook in the “Bibliography Alphabetized by Abbreviation” Section.

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<sup>2</sup> Taken from Appendix II.