

OPENING SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

INAUGURAL FUNCTION 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.
GOPAL SINGH, PH.D., CHAIR

CHANTS FROM THE RIG VEDA 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION 9:45 A.M.
GOPAL SINGH, PH.D., SEMINAR CHAIR

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:
H.H. SWAMI BODHANANDA SARASWATI 10:00 A.M.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS:
ARVIND SHARMA, PH.D. 10:30 A.M.

FOLLOWED BY A VEGETARIAN LUNCH
11:30A.M.—12:30 P.M.— SERVED ON THE LOWER LEVEL

CLOSING SESSION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION 3:30 - 5:00 P.M.
H.H. SWAMI BODHANANDA, CHAIR

VALEDICTORY LECTURE: 3:30 P.M.
NANCY AUER FALK, PH.D.

DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES,
GIFTS, AND VOTE OF GRATITUDE: 4:15 P.M.
RUTH HARRING, PH.D.

CLOSING REMARKS: 4:30 P.M.
H.H. SWAMI BODHANANDA SARASWATI

SHANTI MANTRA FOLLOWED BY 4:50 P.M.
ANTHEMS: INDIA AND AMERICA

EVENING CULTURAL PROGRAMS

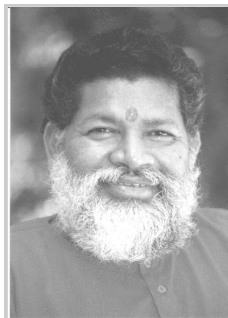
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Seminar on
Hindu Dharma
for the **21st-Century**
inspired by
Swami Bodhananda Saraswati
Spiritual Director & Founder
The Sambodh Society, Inc.

Under the spiritual leadership of Swami Bodhananda, Sambodh Society and SCHE aspire to nurture a community of spiritual seekers who 1) work selflessly for the spiritual uplift of humanity; 2) learn from the best of both Eastern and Western traditions; and, 3) are steeped in Vedanta, a vision which sees the world as one family and that all paths lead to the same Truth.

Eminent scholars and innovative thinkers have been invited to present one-hour presentations and panel discussions on eight foundational pillars of Hinduism identified by His Holiness Swami Bodhananda Saraswati. Their presentations will provide a comprehensive view of contemporary Hinduism, present relevant data from both India and America and articulate how various shifting circumstances and problems impinge upon both Hindu families residing in America and subsequent generations of Hindus.

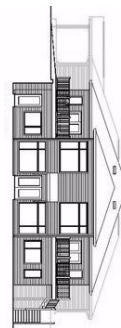
SEMINAR THEMES

- 1) *Sanatana Dharma*
- 2) *Varnashrama Dharma*
- 3) *Karma Siddhanta and Reincarnation*
- 4) *Hindu Rituals and Temple Worship in the Modern Era*
- 5) *Gurus, Teachings and Ashrams*
- 6) *Scriptures and their Interpretations*
- 7) *Caste Conflict and Coalition in Hindu Society and the Specter of Conversion*
- 8) *A Hindu Framework for Interfaith and Science-Spirituality Dialogues*

Just as the European Renaissance of the 14th-century began with the reinterpretation of ancient Greek and Roman culture, so, too, will a global renaissance begin with the interpretation of the deeply spiritual Hindu culture and tradition. We believe that the Vedantic tradition of Hindus will become a beacon for the 21st-century and that American Hindus will play a leading role in the cultural and spiritual global renaissance.

"MAY EVERYONE PROSPER, BE HEALTHY,
HAPPY, AND LIVE HARMONIOUSLY!"
WITH MY BLESSINGS AND LOVE,
SWAMI BODHANANDA

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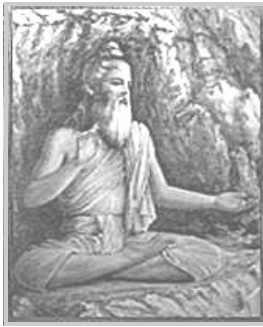
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Thursday, October 1



**Session 1
Sanatana Dharma**

1:00—3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 1

Chair: Vivek Subramanian

This session will be devoted to the discussion of the eternal universal values taught in the *Vedas, Smritis, Puranas, and Darshanas* by the enlightened masters of India. In all ages, these values have been transmitted and sustained as Hindu culture.

Speakers: His Holiness, Swami Bodhananda; and, C. A. Reddy, Ph.D.

Panelists: H.H. Swami Bodhananda; C. A. Reddy, Ph.D.; Arvind Sharma, Ph.D.

**Session 2
Vanashrama Dharma**

3:30—5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 1

Chair: Gopal Singh, Ph.D.

Apart from the awareness of Hindu beliefs and universal human and spiritual values, individuals and communities also have to know how to apply those beliefs and values in an ever-changing landscape of events and outcomes.

Speaker: Renu S. Malhotra, M.B.A., President, Seed the World

Panelists: Arvind Sharma, Ph.D.; C.A. Reddy, Ph.D.; Renu Malhotra, M.B.A.



Friday, October 2



**Session 3
Karma Siddhanta and
Reincarnation**

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Friday, October 2

Chair: Ruth Harring Ph.D.

An examination of these two ideas which have been part of Hindu beliefs and have been burnt into the Hindu DNA since time immemorial and are now a part of popular Western imagination and the frequent subject of their psychological and scientific investigations.

Speakers: Nancy Auer Falk, Ph.D.

Panelists: H.H. Swami Bodhananda; Nancy Falk, Ph.D.; Sudhakar Kulkarni, Ph.D.

**Session 4
Hindu Rituals
and Temple Worship
in the Modern Era**

2:00— 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 2

Chair: Vivek Subramanian



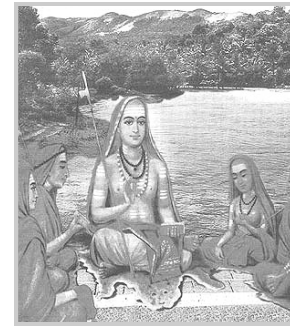
The worship of “many Gods” has been both greatly misunderstood and of great fascination to non-Hindus. Which rituals are basic to modern Hindus? How do Hindu parents grapple with their children’s questioning, explain idol worship, and Hinduism’s relevance to modern life?

Speakers: Sudhakar Kulkarni, Ph.D.

Panelists: Sudhakar Kulkarni, Ph.D.; C.A. Reddy, Ph.D.; Sunder Hattangadi, M.D.



Saturday, October 3



**Session 5
Gurus, Teachings
and Ashrams**

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday October 3

Chair: Lakshmi Subramanian

Central to Hinduism is the institution of *gurus* and *ashrams* and their unbroken flow in teaching the ultimate value of life. We will examine both the historical and the contemporary significance of the *guru* and the *ashram* in the preservation and propagation of Hindu culture.

Speakers: Cybelle Shattuck, M.A., Sunder Hattangadi, M.D.

Panelists: H.H. Swami Bodhananda; Ravi Akkoor, M.S.; Cybelle Shattuck, M.A.; Sunder Hattangadi, M.D.

**Session 6
Scriptures and their
Interpretations**

2:00— 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3

Chair: C.A. Reddy, Ph.D.



The heart of any religion or faith is a revealed scripture, studied and interpreted by balanced and pure-minded individuals. Scriptures are meant to be lived, both personally and communally, and interpreted according to the needs of the times. This process becomes one of humanity’s most important tasks for a dynamic community.

Speakers: Sunder Hattangadi, M.D.; Sripada Raju, Ph.D.

Panelists: H.H. Swami Bodhananda; Sripada Raju, Ph.D.; Sunder Hattangadi, M.D.



Sunday, October 4



**Session 7
Caste Conflict & Coalition
in Hindu Society
& the Specter of Conversion**

10:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

Sunday, October 4

Chair: Renu S. Malhotra, M.B.A.

Caste divisions, based upon accident of birth and caste discrimination, are relics from the deep past of the Hindu society and slow to dissolve. We will take a critical look at this age-old intractable problem along side the current state of affairs, including the effect upon Indo-American parents, their families, their identity, and their faith.

Speakers: H.H. Swami Bodhananda; Sripada Raju, Ph.D.

Panelists: H.H. Swami Bodhananda; Gopal Singh, Ph.D.; Sripada Raju, Ph.D.; Lakshmi Subramanian

**Session 8
A Hindu Framework for
Interfaith & Science-
Spirituality Dialogues**

Sunday, October 4

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Cybelle Shattuck, M.A.



Preserving our Hindu heritage and responding to the changing circumstances of increasing globalism is of significant import. Hindus everywhere have a significant role to play in this global drama. *Hindu Dharma*, and its capstone, *Advaita Vedanta* philosophy, provide an inclusive worldview and culture of coexistence effective for creating interfaith conversation and for integrating modern science with spirituality.

Speakers: Gopal Singh, Ph.D.; Shashi Karve, M.B.A.

Panelists: Gopal Singh, Ph.D.; Chitra Akkoor, M.A.; Shashi Karve, M.B.A.; Renu Malhotra, M.B.A.

