

HCCNA

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Presents at the Temple auditorium

A Discourse on

Dharma, Artha, Kama, Moksha in our Daily Life

September 28, 2016, 6:30-9:30 pm (Dinner will be served)

By



Sankara Bhagavadpada

The theme addresses the *timeless moral dilemma of the place and timing* of our mundane pursuits (*artha & kama* - achievement and enjoyment, respectively); vis-à-vis our spiritual pursuits (*dharma & moksha* – ethical (or moral) life and *Jivanmukti*, respectively) - in the whole span of our life. Paradoxically, humans have both contrasting pursuits and neither can be denied or dismissed as irrelevant - in any age. Without having a clear time-tested model and a comprehensive understanding of the human drama in its entirety (from birth to death), we may never have any sensible clarity as to *the place and timing of these two contrasting human pursuits*. By juxtaposing the traditional Hindu model with the modern secular model, and studying both, we come upon *a resolution of the timeless moral dilemma, irrespective of what color, it may take, in any given individual life, or in any given age*.

The format of the event consists of a discourse by Sankara for about an hour. This will be followed by an interactive discussion (*Samalochana*), with plenty of time for questions.

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In his *purvashrama* (Shanker Ramachandran), he got his doctorate from TIFR, India (1980). Between 1980-1982, he was an Alexander von Humboldt, research fellow, at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt (Germany). A spiritual awakening changed his destiny from that of a researcher to a simple spiritual being (one who is at peace with himself). From 1983-1999, he was in the forefront of the spiritual mission of his master, Sri Bhagavan, as the *paramacharya*. In 1991, his master, had given him the spiritual name of Sankara Bhagavadpada, as a blessing. From 1999 onwards, as he felt, he had nothing more to contribute there, he went into *antarmukha*, studying *Jyotisha*, *Advaita* and *Atmajnana* (Self-Realization). In this second contemplative phase of his spiritual life, he studied the traditional as well as the modern teachings of the masters who teach *Advaita*. He did this, with a view to solve the puzzle of his own realization and bridge the gulf between the master Sri. J. Krishnamurti's *self-Knowing* and traditional Self-Realization. In 2009, his astrological-spiritual work, 'Sri Ramana Maharshi's Moksha', was published. In 2011, emerging from the *antarmukha*, he started communicating his realizations through 'Tat Tvam Asi' Meditations (retreats), in India, North and South America (www.tat-tvam-asi.org). For further information, see also www.tat-tvam-asi.org, www.amanaska.yoga, www.hinduworldastrology.net. Sankara also offers consultations in Vedic astrology (*Jyotisha*). Interested seekers may contact him directly via email: at bhagavadpada@gmail.com .

Sankara is a house-holder and lives with his small family in Chennai, India.