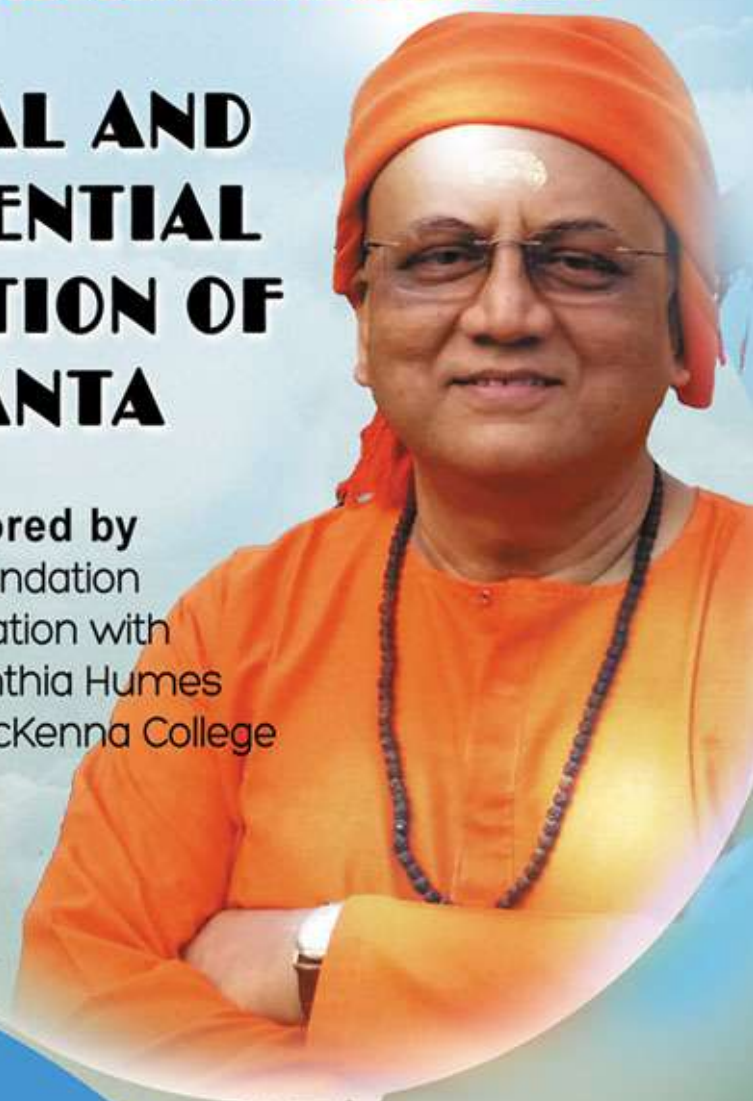


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# Swami Nirvisheshananda Tirtha



Swami Nirvisheshananda Tirtha ji

Swami Nirvisheshananda Tirtha evinced a strong inclination for the spiritual path from a very young age. At 24, he was initiated into Brahmavidya by Baba Gangadhara Paramahansa of Dakshinkhanda, West Bengal. Although he chose the spiritual path, his quest for scientific knowledge drove him to enter the academic arena. In college while taking courses he fell in love with physics, earning a Ph.D. in it. If physics gave him an expansion of mind, Indian philosophy gave him dispassion. Together they provided him with a balanced view of life.

After earning his Ph.D. in physics, he joined Indian Institute of Technology in Kharagpur as an assistant professor. But his thirst for spirituality won him over. In 1987, he renounced his household and academic lives to become a sanyasi under the tutelage of Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha.



Swami Nirvisheshananda Tirtha's special focus has been to spread the concept of Brahman found in Vedanta in a simple and practical manner by using schematic diagrams and examples, without compromising the depth and profundity of the subject. Swamiji's rational exposition of the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita coming from his deep experiential knowledge of Truth has helped people from different walks of life to apply spirituality in all life situations.

Swamiji revels in expressing the lofty dimensions of the human mind enshrined in India's culture and literature. His rational analysis of Hinduism has helped many discover their real cultural roots, which not only have reinforced their understanding, but also have enabled them to pass on the legacy to their children. The series of presentations titled 'Science and Spirituality' have helped scientists, researchers, and academicians better understand the real purpose of life.

Swami Nirvisheshananda Tirtha regularly conducts public discourses and classes on Upanishads and Bhagavad Gita in the ashram as well as in various cities of India, of Malaysia, of Indonesia and of the U.S. Swamiji believes that the main aim of spiritual pursuit is to gain the right knowledge of oneself as well as of the world, so that one can live a life of freedom and fulfillment.

## Swami's Message

The purpose of spiritual pursuit is to gain the right knowledge about the world as well as our own personality. Spirituality takes us from "selfishness to Selfness" – from the constricted individual identity to the comprehensive universal identity. So, the journey is from the constricted body-mind identity to the unlimited universal identity.

*"Vedanta, the science of Reality, is not confined to any religion, race, community or caste, but is universally applicable to all. This knowledge, dealing with the Subject perceiver that finally turns out to be the Reality behind the objective world, has been sought after and perfected in India over thousands of years."*

# About the ashram



Ashram in Narayan Tapovanam, Trissur, and the Center for Inner Resource Development

Narayanashrama Tapovanam, his ashram, is located in Kerala, India. It also serves the headquarters of the Center for Inner Resources Development, which has its branches in many countries, including the United States. The ashram is established to fulfill the noble mission of his guru Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha to promote knowledge dissemination, to engage in socio-religious reformation movements, and to protect the environment.

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Introduction to Swami Nirvisheshananda Tirtha ji

— Dr. Anshu Vasistha

Talk— Swami Nirvisheshananda Tirtha ji

Q & A

Program adjourns.

Please join us in the courtyard for a reception  
hosted by Sushma Lal.

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