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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

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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.

For further information about the program and Sankara’s visit to Huntsville, please contact: Dr. Ramaraoo Inguva, at: 256 698 6925; Dr. Narayan Bhatt, at: 256 508 1296 and Smt. Lakshmi Inguva, at: 256 716 0000.
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 Bhagavadvpada, 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 bhagavadvpada@gmail.com.

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