



November 2022

Hari Om!

"The battle within ourselves is fierce, but with the help of the great Lord within, nothing is impossible." ~ Swami Chinmayananda

Should I... [do sadhana, exercise, enroll in that master's program, get married, etc.]?

Or... should I not?

Whichever way we may choose to fill in the blank, lightly or deeply, it can be observed that this doubt-filled internal dialogue is ever operating and universal to us all. Our minds propose doubts, which perpetually occupy our attention in myriad ways, always directing us away from our potential.

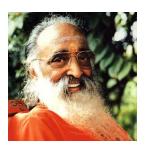
Our Rishi-s (those who can see what we cannot) have carefully defined this for our understanding as samshaya (a mind filled with doubt).

Living indecisively is not only inefficient but also frustrating. So, how can we practice and live with the opposite virtue of nishchaya (an intellect filled with decisiveness)?

Let us ask our intellect, which is none other than Bhagavan Krishna Himself. In Chapter 2 of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Shri Krishna shares with a doubtful Prince Arjuna (us) that on the battlefield of life, where we must fight, we will be met with both positive and negative outcomes. This knowledge must not hinder our action, but rather, empower us to be decisive irrespective of the outcome.

Following His guidance this month, let us practice being decisive! We must not worry about the results of our actions and accept the uncertainty. This is not an easy practice yet is worthwhile. If you find yourself stuck in indecision, flip a coin! With the right vision, all will work out in your favor.

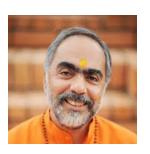
-Shri Vivekji



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The Happiness Series VI

December 5 - 8, 8:30 - 10:00 pm Shri Vivekji Virtual lu.ma/TheHappinessSeries6

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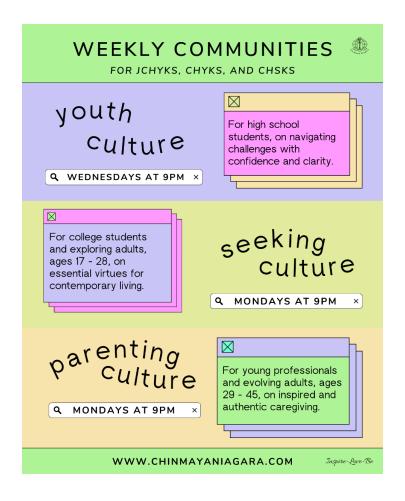


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& Prakamya (Adaptability)

Day 4 - Isitvam (Leadership)

& Vasitvam (Love)

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DEC 5-8

8.30p - 10.00p ET

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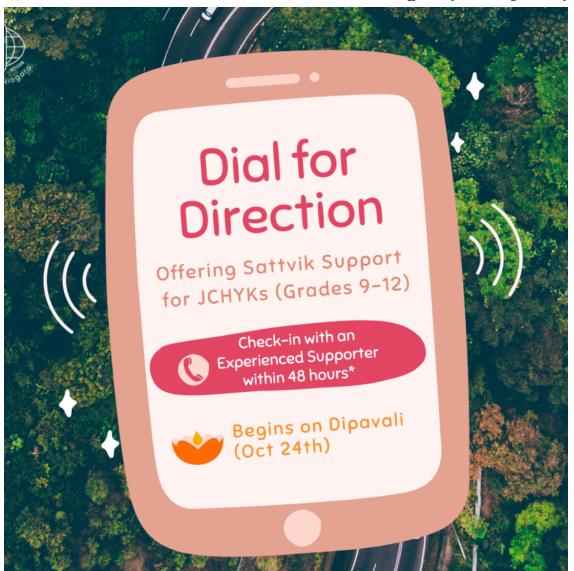
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SIX PERSPECTIVES ON KSHANTI, FROM FUNDAMENTAL TO FUNCTIONAL

I spirit

From the highest perspective, everything is One -- so there is no forgiveness to practice.

2

ego

From the perspective of the ego, remember all have specific blueprints (vasanas) that are custom-designed for our development.

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3 intellect

Focus on strengths over weaknesses. When we focus on ideals, it becomes easier to forgive.

5 breath/body

Our bodies are clumsy and silly. Just let go! Do you get mad yourself when you bite your tongue?

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mind

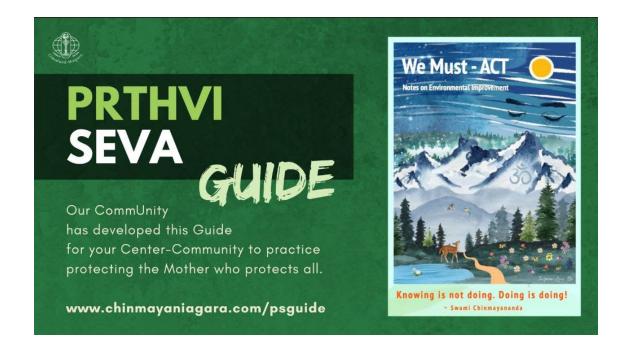
Forgiving someone brings mental peace (shanti). After all, don't we think about people we dislike more than people we like?

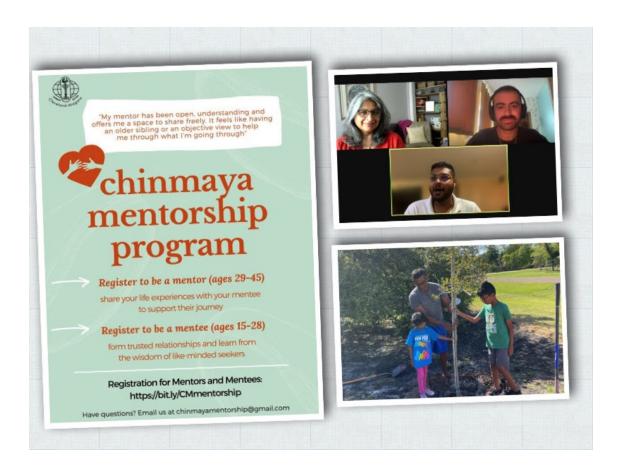
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lifestyle

Forgive, because that is how you would want to be treated, too!

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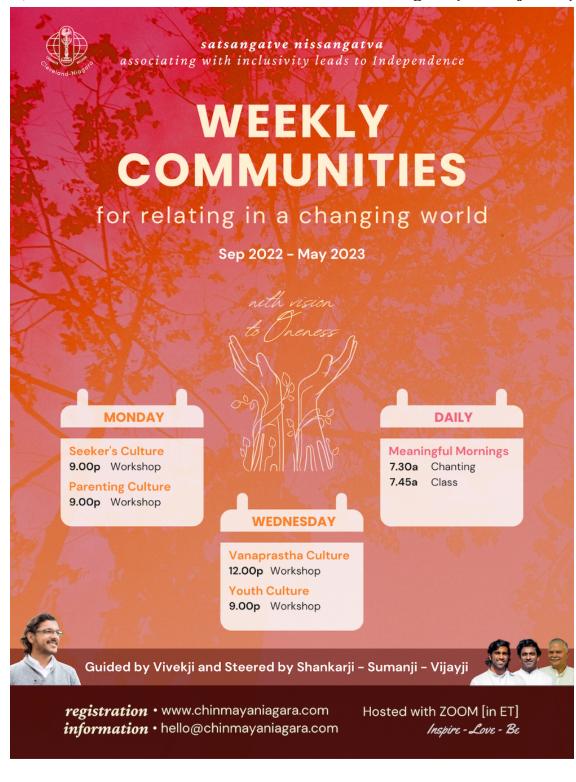


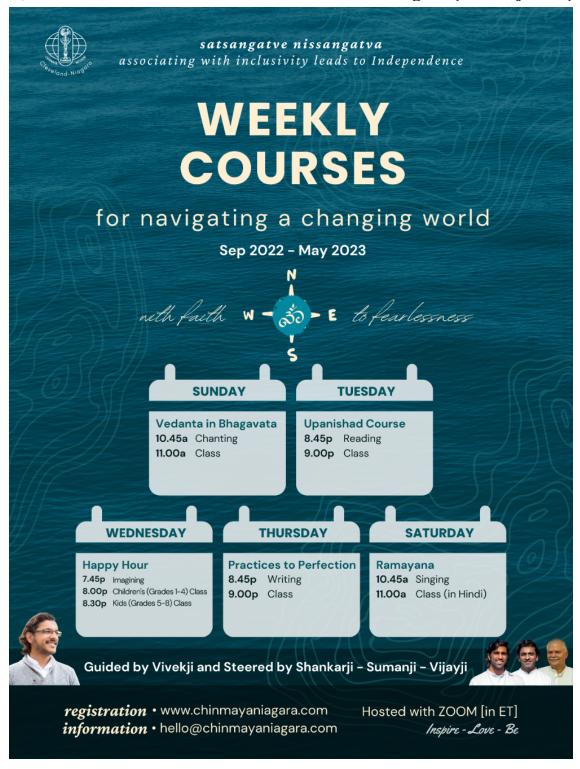


Key Takeaway from Meaningful Mornings:

Among the great Seers, Shri Krishna is Rishi Bhrigu, whose footprint is worn by Lord Narayana. Among the words, Shri Krishna is the sound syllable AUM, which leads one to be silent. Among the practices, Shri Krishna is Japa, a catalyst to remembering the Divine. Among the unmoving, Shri Krishna is the Himalayas, which symbolize protection. When we dedicate everything towards the Divine, we have the strength to endure any negativity that comes towards us.

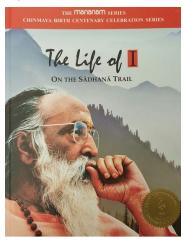
Chapter 10, Verse 25 **Srimad Bhagavad Gita**





Book of the Month The Life of I - On The Sadhana Trail

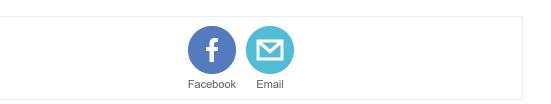
By Swami Ishwarananda and Nimmi Raghunathan



This book uses the method of dialogue to break down complex thoughts with the words of the Master and make it approachable to all. It is a guide for the new traveler, who might have begun this journey by chance and grace, and also for the seasoned seeker already dedicated to his or her Sadhana.

If you would like to purchase a copy of The Life of I on the Sadhana Trail, please visit the <u>Chinmaya</u>

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