



***Pujya Swamiji gave a series of talks on Geeta Chapter 3 from October 11 to 20, 1978 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. Reproduced is the report in the local newspaper "Milwaukee Sentinel"***

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## **KNOW YOURSELF, SWAMI ADVISES**

**By Kenneth Stoffels**

The message of the contemplative man wearing the saffron robe was to know yourself and consequently be free.

Seated in a yoga position during an interview with a reporter, Swami Dayananda Saraswati of Bombay, India, explained that knowing yourself and being free form the foundation of the Hindu Philosophy of Vendanta.

Vedanta helps a person know himself in relation to himself, the world and God, Dayananda said.

The philosophy helps a person know the cause for the world and himself.

"Once you appreciate yourself in terms of these three, then you see your position clearly.. the whole scheme", he said.

Dayananda, 47, arrived in Milwaukee from Thunder Bay, Ontario, this week to begin a 10 day series of free lectures at the Shorewood Women's Club in Hubbard Park. The talks will be presented at 7.15 p.m. daily through Friday.

Vedanta is more than a mere religion, said the Swami, whose title is conferred

upon a Hindu monk the way "reverend" is bestowed upon an American minister. Swami means "master of myself."

The philosophy he lectures on is "a means of knowledge, like perception, like inference:

Vedanda "points out the basic problem of the human, which is a dislike towards oneself," he said.

"A self dislike is there for everybody because each one feels that he's not acceptable to himself or herself. Each person consciously feels that way because each person feels inadequate. He feels, "I am not the one I want to be."

He continued, "I should discover whether it is possible for me to find myself as a person who is acceptable to myself. A self who is free and who is not dependent, who is adequate, only that self can I accept".

Dayananda said, "I can't accept a person who is inadequate, who is dependent, who is bound. I want a person whom I can love and that person should be every person - an adequate person, a satisfied person."

Audiences is his global travels, the swami said, often asked him about reincarnation. As an answer, he replies that reincarnation is a belief that can't be disproved.

"I don't find anything coming to an end in this creation. You cannot destroy

matter. It is always in one form or another, and you also cannot destroy energy."

Also, he said, "there are so many freak births where people seem to remember what was in the past."

***Report on the 21-days Yagna by Pujya Swamiji at Madras. The Yagna was inaugurated on February 15, 1979 by H.E. Sri Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamil Nadu.***



## THE MAHA - YAGNA

MADRAS has hit the spiritual jackpot again and this time in a 'maha' way! While all these years the seekers were green the joy of hearing only snatches of the 'Song Celestial' at a time now they will hear the entire Song, sung to them by Swami Dayanandaji, and for 21 days!

Inaugurating the Maha Yagna on Feb.15th, H.E. Sri Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamil Nadu, eulogised the work of both Gurudev and Swamiji and likened them to torches which dispel the darkness of the groping humanity. Continuing in the same trend, Sri. P.R. Ramasubrahmaneya Rajha, a leading indulbu.... of Rajapalayam, said in his presidential address that the very fact that so many trained Vedantic teachers have been turned out by the Sandeepany Sadhanalaya shows that Swami Dayanandaji must indeed be a great teacher with the rare gift of communication. Justice Ramaprasada Rao, who came merely to ... was requested to say a few words. In his short

address he said that Madras had become a sacred place by virtue of having held so many glorious Yagnas.

In his introductory speech Swamiji pointed out that the reasoning faculty of man which gives him an edge over animals also poses him many problems, the main being a sense of discontentment and inadequacy. That every human being is ever "in want" is a common feature, only what each one wants differs. The next 18 days he said, were intended to make seekers out of the gropers and help each one live his life fully.

Earlier, Sri Pethachi, president of the Mission, welcomed gathering after Swamiji was received at the Yagnashala with poornakumbham and Sri Ramaswamy, secretary, unfurled the OM flag.

Swamiji will be taking Mundakopanishad in the mornings and a special class for the brahmacharis between 9.30 and 11 a.m.