

## **Shiningworld Newsletter, December 2012**

Hello everyone

We completed the last seminar for 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa and we are looking forward to the India talks in a few weeks. All the seminars were very successful and Shiningworld is growing in leaps and bounds. The year is winding up and the 'new' one is soon to unfold, even though we know nothing is really changing! It has been a great year for us nonetheless, with many blessings and beautiful experiences. We hope that the same can be said for all of you.

We have a few announcements to make:

**Very importantly, I have added the information required for all attending the talks in India, at the end of the Newsletter. Please read them carefully and bring a copy of the proof of your registration. Ram has made an appeal to everyone to abide by these requirements.**

**He has also requested that anyone who is able to bring along some double AA and triple AAA batteries, please to let us know. They need to be high quality long life batteries. The camera and light burn them at a prodigious rate and we can't carry enough of them owing to weight requirements on the airlines.**

**There have been a few changes and additions made to the shop:**

In an effort to bring Vedanta teachings to you at lower prices we have introduced USB Sticks (also known as pen drives) in both video and audio formats.

We have provisionally discontinued the hard drives owing to an increase in the price, but will re-introduce them shortly with more teaching series at a slightly higher price, for those who wish to view the teachings on large screen format. These are particularly suitable for those who wish to watch in a group situation or for burning cd's and videos.

*A note to those of you who make copies of audio and video material: please request that the recipients make a donation to shiningworld to help us continue the dissemination of this priceless knowledge.*

Ram's autobiography *Mystic by Default*, has been re-edited and is now available in Paperback. The DVD documentary of Ram's spiritual search is also available. <http://shop.shiningworld.com/>

We have made a few changes to the teaching schedule for 2013:

The year starts off with the European Teaching Tour in March; no changes have been made to that schedule. The US Teaching Tour starts in June in Toronto. The Princeton seminar has been cancelled and there are several date changes to the rest of the US schedule. Please confirm details as all information is available on the [Events page](#) on Shiningworld.

Ram is busy with his new book, which promises to be his best to date. It is a transcription of one of his best seminars and contains the essence of Vedanta in an eminently more readable format. This will be available next year and there will also be a German translation.

We have updated the Gallery on the website and have uploaded the most recent pics of our seminars, friends, travel and artwork.

[Sundari's latest blog](#), which was sent out in September, is posted on my blog site in "What's New" as well as on Facebook, for those of you who have not read it and would like to.

Ram and I are planning an art project once we have a base and to collaborate on ideas for new pieces. I have been a professional sculptress for most of my working career and Ramji has a very keen artistic eye, we make an excellent team. We plan to offer pieces as a way to raise money for Shiningworld in the near future. I have made my first pieces since selling my business last year. See pics in Gallery in the Ram and Sundari folder.

Ram and I have been very busy replying to emails and have a bumper batch of e-satsangs, with 220 pages of writing that have just been posted on the website.

We are thinking of making a Forum available on Shiningworld, where anyone can post a question or a topic for discussion. Let us have your feedback on this.

Christian Leeby, a self realised person and professional yoga instructor for many years, is going to be contributing his wisdom for the benefit of Shiningworld participants. He will be writing a blog containing valuable information with regard to proper yoga practice, which will be posted under Sundari's blog, in the "What's New" button on the shiningworld website.

Christian Leeby's knowledge of yoga comes from BKS Iyengar and his senior teachers. He says: "The grace of god comes from James Swartz, our beloved Ramji." Christian takes no credit for what he teaches as what is good and truthful in the teachings do not belong to him. Please visit him at: [www.miracleofyoga.com](http://www.miracleofyoga.com).

*Please note: my email address has changed to:  
Sundari.shiningworld@gmail.com*

We wish you all a peaceful and happy festive season and all the very best for 2013. Thank you to all our supporters and those who contribute so generously to Shiningworld.

With much love from Ram and myself

Sundari

## REQUIREMENTS FOR TALKS IN TIRUVANNAMALAI

1. Registration and payment of \$100 entitles attendees to a reserved chair which will be theirs for the duration of their attendance even if the attendee arrives late for the start of the talks, but it will not be kept indefinitely. The onus is on everyone who has registered to inform Shiningworld of their intended arrival date when they register and pay. This fee also entitles the attendee to a printed copy of the text.
2. This payment applies for one talk or both and paying twice is not necessary, unless people choose to make the double payment part of their donation. This payment entitles people who have paid and registered to attend either the first or second talk, or both. Ram has requested that donations be made in Euros or Dollars, if possible, so we do not have to change Indian rupees.

3. The registration fee is non-refundable as Ram has to hire a bigger venue to accommodate larger numbers. This building required extensive additions to the roof and this has been paid up front. This also covers travel and accommodation expenses for Ram. If the registration is cancelled, the fee will be seen as a donation towards the costs involved, which will still have to be paid regardless.

4. The registration fee is only to secure a chair. Although Ram will be holding the talks without charge as usual, a donation is still the required protocol even for those who have registered, in keeping with the great tradition of the Vedanta Sampradaya, of which Ram is a lineage holder.

5. Confirmation of registration and booking will automatically be sent within 24hrs of payment. It is the responsibility of attendees to print their confirmation and bring it with them to India as proof of their registration. There will be a system in place to manage the reserved seats and to check confirmed bookings upon arrival. The chairs will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. People who arrive late will have to take what chairs are available. Indica Jehman and her team of helpers will be managing the logistics of the seminar and will be responsible for overseeing the arrivals and chair allocations.

6. People who do not or cannot register beforehand but still wish to attend can register when they get to Tiru. We will have spare chairs available at a cost of 100\$, plus the printed copy of the text. Those who do not register and have not paid for a chair will have to stand or sit on the floor at the back. Preferential seats will be allocated only to those who have registered and paid for a chair as we have limited space. People who have not registered and paid for a chair will also have to purchase a copy of the text should they wish to; we will have copies available at the entrance.

7. People who arrive late for the start of the talks or people who drop in will have to catch up on their own as Ram will not be back-tracking once he has begun to teach the course. They will also not be allowed to ask questions during the teaching as all questions will be answered only during the Q & A sessions, which will be held every day after the morning session, from 12:00 – 12:30pm.

*Please Note! Ram has requested that everyone arrive promptly for the start of the talks at 10am and to observe a 20 minute silence beforehand.*

8. The talks will be held every morning from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Questions and answers will be held every day from 12:00 to 12:30. Every second day there will be teaching from 4 pm to 6 pm.

9. Ram will be available for private counselling by donation and by appointment only. Arrangements for this can be made before the time or once the talks have commenced. To enquire please email: [Sundari.shiningworld@gmail.com](mailto:Sundari.shiningworld@gmail.com). There will also be an option to book an appointment for via Shiningworld website.

10. Shining World is not responsible for finding anyone accommodation in Tiruvannamalai.