

Public Lecture

by

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Venue

**Satish Dhawan (CSIC) Auditorium,**  
(Near Dept of Management Studies)  
Indian Institute of Science, Malleswaram  
Bangalore

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## Theme

The Indian wisdom tradition unfolds as a dynamic and dialectical interaction between two streams of thoughts and practices, namely the Vedic and the Yogic. The Vedic thought is more concerned with this world and human effort to create a happy, fulfilling material life, and the Yogic thought is concerned with the mind, that which is beyond the mind and discovering one's fulfillment and happiness by realizing the inner spirit. The present day Indian culture and tradition is a confluence of these two fundamentally different traditions, like the Ganga and the Jumna. They meet, like in Prayag, in creating the grand confluence of the present day syncretistic Indian culture. Epics Mahabharata, Ramayana and the final crown of Indian wisdom traditions – the Bhagavad Gita represent the spirit of such a pluralistic unity. As India is aspiring for its legitimate place in the global political and economic chessboard, awareness of our wisdom tradition will be helpful in projecting India as a responsible and pro-active world power. Swami Bodhananda in this presentation tries to trace the roots of Indian mind-set and the relevance of Indian ethos in addressing the problems of the contemporary world.

## Speaker

Swami Bodhananda Saraswati is highly respected in America and India as an accomplished teacher of Vedanta and meditation. Presently, Swami Bodhananda is the Spiritual Founder and Director of 11 organizations and ashrams under the umbrella of the Sambodh Foundation, New Delhi, India (1991); the Bodhananda Research Foundation for Management and Leadership Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala, India (1994); and, The Sambodh Society, Inc. (1997), United States of America. Each ashram is unique, tailored to the needs, interests and special capabilities of his students and colleagues engaged therein. Through these organizations, and under Swamiji's guidance, his devotees receive scriptural knowledge, spiritual training and perform social service. In India and America, Swamiji has given numerous public forums, lectures and meditation sessions in Hindu temples, Christian churches, libraries, homes, business houses and universities. His theme has been to infuse modern society with spiritual values and the individual with the knowledge of his/her spiritual identity. For serious-minded students of Vedanta, he has offered more extensive programs, weeklong seminars and annual retreats on specific Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, Bhramasutras and the Yogasutras. For further information see [www.sambodh.org](http://www.sambodh.org) and [www.sambodh.com](http://www.sambodh.com) or call 94484.72700