

AMERICAN MISSION – SWAMI BODHANANDA – THE SAMBODH SOCIETY INC.

In 1997, Swami Bodhananda began his mission in America. His first visits were to New York, Michigan, Illinois and California. At the end of this first tour, Swamiji and a group of devotees from both California and Michigan drafted the incorporation papers for The Sambodh Society, Inc.-a non-profit religious organization established for the purpose of teaching meditation and Vedanta.

Since that initial visit, Swamiji has returned annually to the US, teaching meditation, offering lectures in Vedantic wisdom, visiting and discoursing with his devotees across the continent. He has immersed himself in studying both the people and the culture of this continent, reading extensively and observing assiduously.



In the year 2000, Swamiji made his most extensive tour of the US and Canada, visiting devotees and friends of his Society in more than 25 major cities. At the end of this tour, in early November, a 32-acre parcel of wooded land near Kalamazoo, Michigan was purchased, establishing Swamiji's first center and headquarters in the United States.

Swami Bodhananda is an engaging speaker with a lively humor and a keen sense of observation. His knowledge of Vedanta is flawless. He is highly praised for his adaptive rendering of ancient Vedantic wisdom to the modern individual's needs and circumstances, helping people apply spiritual principles and practices to their immediate environment.



In America, Swamiji has given numerous public forums, lectures and meditation sessions in Hindu temples, Christian churches, libraries, homes, businesses 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, week-long seminars and annual retreats on specific Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita. He has given innumerable satsangs in devotees' homes, adorning

practical life with spiritual wisdom and has offered illuminating talks on the lives and teachings of other great Vedantic seers such as Swami Vivekananda and Ramana Maharshi.

As a keen observer of humanity, Swamiji is quick to absorb cultural nuances and the idiomatic expressions of a region, and his presentations are replete with these observations, language usages and insights. As an avid reader, Swamiji keeps abreast of all that is current and is eager to engage the modern global person.

As a master of [meditation](#), Swamiji adeptly blends his personal experience and knowledge of India's ancient wisdom tradition with modern studies in consciousness and psychology.

Some of Swamiji's most unique work integrates traditional, scripture-based Vedantic values with modern economics and corporate management. He has been characterized as a 'cutting edge' Swami, deeply imbued with the perennial philosophy of Vedanta and a living expression of its ideals.

Swamiji exemplifies the highest Vedantic ideals-remaining outwardly active in the world while remaining inwardly detached. Spiritually awakened, Swamiji inspires others to their fullest capacity through his all-pervading love for life and humanity, his wit, humor and capacity to enjoy, his deep spiritual vision, his spiritually inspired values and integrity, and his unique ability to see the ancient in the modern and convey that vision through his teaching. Swamiji is a living example of renunciation and fullness, having attained a most precious spiritual capstone-the capacity to see everything and everyone as an expression of that One integral, joyful whole.

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