

## [Inspired Talks Voice Traditional Hindu Values](#)

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Recent discourses of Master Subramuniya published in new format stress devotion and commitment to faith

The Inspired Talks have been a tradition of the Saiva Siddhanta Church since 1963 when devotees first recorded the oral teachings of Master Subramuniya and published them for friends and devotees who would otherwise miss their message. In 1972 the Inspired Talks were published as the Pathfinder's Library and the On the Path series of books. The beginning of 1979, the Year of Stability, ushered in a third series of Inspired Talks which promises to speak out courageously and insightfully to Hindus of the East and the West.

The new series was officially inaugurated on January 5th, 1979, the auspicious 52nd Jayanthi of our Gurudev, Master Subramuniya. The series has already shown itself to be prolific. Its talks already number several dozen, laying great stress on temple worship, development of bhakti or devotion, wholehearted and courageous commitment to this most ancient religion on the planet and to the adjustments that Hindus of the East must make when they live in the Western nations and Western Hindus must make when they fully and formally accept Hinduism as their religion.

The first Inspired Talk to be published in 1963 was of a talk delivered by master at the Palmer School of Chiropractic Medicine in the Midwest. The modest pamphlet, titled "Who am I?", was distributed freely. It was so well received that dozens of talks were added to the program over the next few years. For a long time it was the sole means of sharing Master's teachings with the general public, and its small invitation to study the Master Course brought in many students.

When Comstock House bought its own press in the early 1970's, a new beauty was brought into the program and the On the Path and Pathfinder's Library books were produced within the monastery itself, once again including an ad for the Master Course. From this series the Wailua University of Contemplative Arts evolved its "Action Card" program which distributed the books freely to all who requested

them and spread the message of the Truth within as the foremost message of the Sanatana Dharma.

For six years, since 1972, the Action Cards have found their way into the libraries, colleges, health food stores and community bulletin boards of America and Canada. With the advent of this third Inspired Talks series, the Action Cards has metamorphosed into the "Action Ad" which will not be hung on the walls but on the pages of newspapers, magazines and other publications.

The Action Ad is an advertisement designed and typeset by Siddhanta Press. It describes the history, content and purpose of the Inspired Talks program, inviting those interested to write to the church and enroll in the program. The Action Ad has two formats, large and a small. Both will be placed in the next few issues of Inner Paths: A Magazine of Eastern & Western Spiritual Thought."

The Inspired Talks Action Ad invites the general public to receive as a free gift these discourses on Hinduism by Master Subramuniya. Guruji perceives this new series as a much-needed message both for the Western Hindu who has converted through belief and for the orthodox Eastern Hindu, especially those who have immigrated to the West. The message of the new talks lays great stress on the traditional Hindu values, on temple worship, on devotion, on the profound depths of the world's most ancient religion and on the state of Hinduism today. As the talks themselves state, Hinduism does not seek converts for it does not see itself, or any other path, as the singular means of liberation. For this reason, the series specifically addresses itself to Hindus, by birth or by conversion through belief. Its message is essentially for the friends and members of Hinduism as it speaks strongly of our Hindu roots, convictions and philosophy.

One of the blessings of the Inspired Talks is that they are free. Master has always contended that spiritual teachings should be given freely, and we are fortunate to have received sufficient support to be able to continue to make this possible. Of course, in order for many to receive the talks freely, a few must be willing to offer financial support.

The program will continue to be supported by voluntary donations, and the extent to which we are able to publish the many talks that Gurudev has been recently

inspired to record will be directly in proportion to the generosity of those who are in a position to contribute. Twice a year the Church will request financial support - at Jayanthi in January, and again on Guru Poornima in July.

Those who enroll in the Inspired Talks program will receive the talks regularly each month for a year, at which time they may be requested to confirm that they wish the mailings to continue. In the United States the first talk will be mailed first class, with subsequent issues sent by bulk rates. Canadians enrolled in the program will receive two copies of each talk by third class mail. Booklets sent to foreign countries such as Sri Lanka, India and the European countries will be sent talks bimonthly at the printed matter rate.

The first talk in this new series was given, quite appropriately, at the Hindu Temple in Flushing, New York, on September 16, 1978, following the Sunday abhishekam for Maha Ganapati. It was to be titled Thoughts on Hindu Temple Worship. A few days later, at the Guru Temple in San Francisco, once again before the shrine for Lord Ganesha, Gurudev spoke on Free Will and the Deities in Hinduism, and the series was launched. Since then Gurudev has given approximately 50 inspired talks, of which most have been transcribed and are now awaiting their turn at the typesetter. And they continue as he is inspired to speak during the evening bhajan satsang gatherings. The third talk which will be published during the first week in February, 1979, is called Hinduism: The Greatest Religion in the World.

Notice was recently received from Dr. B. Natarajan that Free Will and the Deities in Hinduism will be reprinted in the "Saiva Siddhanta Journal" in Madras, South India. Perhaps future talks may also.

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