

The Spiritual Search: Moving Beyond East and West to a Truth Beyond Expression

with Ravi Ravindra

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT

August 1, 8, 15, and 29 with no class on August 22 (4 classes)

The spiritual search is defined by a desire to learn why you have been created and what the meaning of your life is, and it's an urge that is embedded in every person's soul. The general religious and philosophical institutions often interfere with serious search, owing to their commitment to a specific religious perspective. In this class, we will explore how different religious perspectives can assist our search, and how they interfere.

If we can explore with sympathy and compassion the perspectives of religious traditions other than our own, it is possible to go beyond any particular expression as all the great sages have insisted that Truth or God is beyond expression.

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Course Topics:

- The basic attitudes and tendencies of the major East and West religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- The common features of spiritual search in East and West, especially in the mystical experiences of the sages everywhere
- How these traditions have influenced all aspects of the cultures, including philosophy, theology, music, the arts, and poetry.

- The myth of creation in the West vs the myth of emanation in the East
- How do we reconcile these perspectives without thinking that half the sages got the matter wrong?

Program Format

This is a live, interactive online class that will also be recorded for on-demand viewing. Our goal is to send recordings to you within two business days, often sooner. Recordings will be available for on-demand viewing for one week following each class date.

Software Platform

Zoom Meetings for Windows, Mac, or mobile device; microphone or telephone connection required; webcam preferred; minimum recommended network bandwidth 1.5 Mbps. Please download Zoom for free at zoom.us/download, and test your connection at zoom.us/test. Please email webinars@theosophical.org for further information.