



SWAMI VEDA BHARATI was born into a Sanskrit speaking family and raised in the centuries old Sanskrit tradition. From the age of nine he has captivated audiences with the depth of his knowledge and intuition in the Vedas and Patanjali's Yoga Sutras. All of his knowledge has come intuitively through which he has attained the highest academic degrees; BA (Honours) (London), MA (London), D. Lit. (Holland), and is the author of many books.

Swami Veda is the founder and Spiritual Guide of both the world-wide organization, Association of Himalayan Yoga Meditation Societies International (AHYMSIN) and the Swami Rama Sadhaka Grama in Rishikesh, India. He is also the Spiritual Guide of Sadhana Mandir Ashram, his master's ashram in Rishikesh and of the Himalayan Institute Hospital Trust and Chancellor of the HIHT University in Dehradun, India.

He was initiated into one of the highest paths of meditation and yoga by his master, the celebrated yogi Swami Rama of the Himalayas.

His immense experience and scholarship enable him to lecture on a wide variety of topics. He is able to conduct meditation in seventeen languages. His ability to guide his audiences to calm states and meditative stillness is well known to his students in the various centers he has established all over the world.

Swami Veda Bharati combines the best of the ancient and the modern. He is an inspired and loving teacher, a prolific author, poet and an international lecturer. With his unique personality he radiates peace, divine love and joy wherever he is. He was honoured by the Swamis of India who conferred on him the title of Mahamandaleswara, placing him among the top 30 or so Swamis of India. The only title above Mahamandaleswara is that of Shankaracharya, a title that was bestowed on his master the Honorable Shri Swami Rama of the Himalayas.

SWAMI RITAVAN BHARATI ERYT 500 has been serving H.H. Swami Rama of the Himalayas and Swami Veda Bharati's work for the past thirty years. He was formerly known as Pandit Ananta. In February 2007 he took his vow to Swami-hood and was given the name of Swami Ritavan Bharati. He is a highly trained yoga and meditation teacher. Swami Ritavan holds a master's degrees in management, in education and in holistic philosophy. He has led silence retreats throughout the world on behalf of the institute and lives at the ashram.

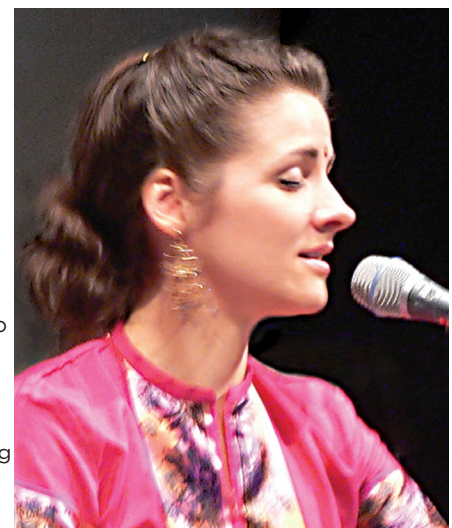
JIM NELSON graduated magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota while serving as Honors Student Council President. He worked as a consulting psychologist for a Mental Health Clinic and currently works for a school district counseling students with learning and mental health disabilities. He is a member of The Who's Who of American Teachers and received Medtronic's Outstanding Teacher Award. Jim has taught yoga for decades and is Vice President of North American.

SALVATORE LAMBITO began his exploration of yoga as student in 1967 and as a teacher in 1968. He has established several yoga centers in the USA and taught yoga-related subjects in institutes and universities around the world. Salvatore is the founder of the Yoga-Sutras Institute and the author of The Unadorned Thread of Yoga, a text analysis and comparison of translations of the Yoga-Sutra.

He lives with his wife, dogs, and a flock of pampered chickens on a tiny hobby farm in western Washington state.

DALE M. BUEGEL, M.D. began his formal training in yoga in 1974 at the Center for Higher Consciousness in Minneapolis with Swami Veda. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Buegel was initiated by Swami Rama. He has been teaching yoga and meditation for more than thirty years both in his complementary medicine practice and in more formal classes and seminars. He is currently a faculty member of the Kanyakumari School for Ayurveda and Yoga Teachers' Training. As a contributing author to Yoga International and Himalayan Path magazines, Dr. Buegel has illuminated such topics as breath mastery and sacred connections of the heart.

RAGANI met Swami Rama at the age of eight, and under his tutelage, she was personally trained in the sciences of yoga, meditation and eastern music, including kirtan. In the 1980's, Ragani served for eight years as a personal assistant to Swami Rama, and she traveled with him to India and the Far East in the early 1990's. An award-winning recording artist and producer, Ragani has been leading kirtan in the US for the past 25 years. Ragani has been featured on FOX and NBC affiliates.



STEPHEN (STOMA) PARKER, PsyD., ERYT 500

is a Sanskrit scholar and a leading teacher of yoga and meditation under Swami Veda. He is a licensed psychologist with a private practice in St. Paul, Minnesota. Stoma did his doctoral training under Bradford Keeney Ph.D., a family therapist acclaimed for experience with indigenous healers. He is an adjunct assistant professor at Saint Mary's University and at the University of St. Thomas School of Professional Psychology. Stoma has lectured throughout the world on yoga. In addition, he has remained an active member at Spirit of the Lakes United Church of Christ.



PETER J. FABIAN, P.T., C.F.P. is a member of faculty for the Himalayan Yoga Tradition - Teacher Training Programme as well as Swami Rama Sadhaka Grama, Rishikesh India.

He holds a BA degrees in Psychology and BS in Physical Therapy. He also holds a Certificate as a Feldenkrais Practitioner. He has taught Physical Therapy and advanced manual therapy approaches internationally.

He has been teaching yoga for many years. He met Swami Rama of the Himalayas and Swami Veda Bharati in the late 1970's.

ASHUTOSH SHARMA is an expert Hatha yoga instructor. He was born in a Brahman family in 1972 in Rishikesh. From an early age, he studied asanas, pranayama and subtle-body relaxation techniques.



In 1992, he met Swami Rama of the Himalayas who directed him to Swami Veda Bharati to learn meditation and to intensify his practices. Since 1996 he has taught internationally.

Ashutosh now serves as a senior Hatha Instructor for HYT-TTP. Presently he lives in Berlin, Germany, with his wife Andrea Sharma who also teaches hatha yoga.

MAYA BALOG ERYT 500 is a former nurse and an internationally recognized Hatha Yoga instructor in Edmonton, Canada. Since 1962 she has studied yoga (meditation, traditional hatha and the Iyengar system), theosophy and the healing arts of naturopathy, homeopathy and Ayurveda in Europe, Canada, India, and the USA. She has been teaching classes, teacher training, workshops and retreats for over 20 years. Since 1981, she has been a student of the Himalayan Tradition and was initiated in 1983.

SWAMI MA RADHA BHARATI. MA and PhD work Comparative Philosophy; MA Public Policy, Humphrey Institute Fellow

Disciple of Swami Rama of the Himalayas since 1971. Academic Director of Swami Rama Sadhaka Grama in Rishikesh, India.

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SWAMI NITYAMUKTANANDA

(Dr. C. Herrmann, PH.D; MA; M Ed; Dip.Theol; Dip. Ed; D.A.D; Dip.Rfl. Dip.HSEC.)

German by birth, naturalized British is based in UK. She studied Theology, Education, Psychology, Philosophy and Art and Design etc. Extensive travel study and work at universities awakened her interest in Eastern Philosophy (Taoism and Zen) which lead to her becoming a ceramic artist, exhibiting worldwide.

Over the last 20 years she has worked with several great spiritual Masters, which eventually brought her to the feet of M.M. Swami Veda Bharati. Although she has been a Swami for several years, she confirmed her vows of Sannyasa in 2007 with Swami Veda Bharati..

Her doctorate is in Eco-philosophy on the Mahabhutas (Five Great Elements) and in 1997 she was awarded a "World-Peace Prize" (LGWPF/ NGO of UN). She is the author of several books.



DR. DINESH SHARMA belongs to the third generation of a well-known family of Vedic tradition in Rishikesh (India). In 1979 Dr. Sharma became a Ayurvedacharya (Ayurvedic physician) from Maharishi Dayanand University and started practicing Ayurveda from 1981.

For the last 27 years Dr. Sharma has been promoting Vedic Astrology, Ayurveda and Sthapatya Veda (Vastu Shastra) internationally and worked on thousands of patients in India and rest of the world.

In Feb 2005 Dr. Dinesh Sharma met his spiritual guide Swami Veda Bharati and decided to dedicate his humble work to AHYM-SIN.

