Chinmaya Academy Online course – Introduction to Essence of Truth

Frequently Asked Questions

	Question	Answer
1	Where can I register for the course?	Contact Kishor Tanna
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2	When does the course start?	From 1 March 2024
3	Who will lead the course?	Prof. Uma Kambhampati will lead this course
4	Does this course have any lectures?	No there are no lectures. This is a web based online course with monthly group plenary sessions with a tutor via Zoom. There is also a discussion forum for students to exchange their ideas. Students will be able to access the course material from 1 st March 2024
5	What is the structure of the course and what is the course material?	This online 2-part course is based on two introductory Vedanta texts, Tattva Bodha and Ātma Bodha. In the first part, Tattva Bodha is studied followed by Ātma Bodha in part 2. In addition to studying these two texts, students will be provided notes and there will also be a monthly plenary session with the course tutor for students to clarify their doubts.
6	Where can I purchase copies of Tattva Bodha and Ātma Bodha?	You can buy them from Chinmaya Mission UK bookshop <u>Tattva-Bodhah (Vedanta Book of Definitions) - Chinmaya</u> <u>Mission UK - Chinmaya Books</u> (£6.00) <u>Atma Bodha - Chinmaya Mission UK - Chinmaya Books</u> (£6.00)
7	How long is the course?	6 months
9	How much is it to enrol for the course	£50 for the whole course
10	Do we need knowledge of Sanskrit to do the course?	No, there is no need to have knowledge of Sanskrit to do this course
11	What do students get at the end of the course?	Students who successfully complete the course will enhance their understanding of the philosophy underlying the Hindu religion. They will also get a certificate from Chinmaya Academy.
12	How will success be measured? Are there any examinations at the end of the course?	There are questions at the end of each lesson to help with the understanding. The assessment will be based on 2 short essay assignments over 6 months.
13	What is the role of the course leader/tutor?	The regular monthly group plenary zoom sessions with the course tutor Prof. Uma Kambhampati will give students the opportunity to clear doubts and enhance their learning. The tutor will also be available to answer specific individual queries, as necessary, via email.
14	Can anyone attend the course?	There is no age limit for the course.
15	Are there any prior requirements to attend the course?	None, apart from a reasonable grasp of the English language, a passion for learning, and self-motivation to reach the goal.
16	What are the benefits of doing this course?	The student will understand the essence of Truth as it is discussed in the introductory Vedantic texts (Tattva Bodha and Ātma Bodha) and will achieve a basic understanding of the concept of the relationship between the individual and God (either as Braḥman or as Īśvara).