



Shiva Vishnu Temple presents

Talks by
Sri. Dhira Chaitanyaj

"SRI SUKTAM"

Wednesdays October 3rd and October 10th 2018

Sri Suktam is a Vedic prayer and as such is scriptural, meant to be recited with *svaras*, intonations and by following *Vidhis* or scriptural protocol. It is quite well known and regularly recited during Vedic rituals and *pujas* in temple worship. It is a prayer to Sri Mahalakshmi, the consort of Sri Vishnu. She is the goddess of prosperity in all its forms. While humbly praising Her greatness the devotee seeks Her grace. In two talks Sri Dhira Chaitanyaji will unfold the meaning of Sri Suktam, a prayer recited for thousands of years in the Vedic tradition. When one recites the prayer or hears it being recited with an understanding of its meaning it takes the devotee to a higher level of communion with the Devi.

"Mantrapushpam"

Mantrapushpam forms an integral part of a *puja* whether performed in a simple 16 step format, *shodashopacharapuja* or performed elaborately in a temple as a part of daily worship. In its simple meaning it is an offering of flowers in the form of mantras. The words of the prayers themselves are very profound and cryptic with hidden meaning. The very essence, the source of the manifest world, called as Brahman, is recognized in Its manifestation as water, *Apah*, which is the very source of life. Understanding this prayer helps an individual bring Bhagavan into every aspect of one's life.. In two talks Sri Dhiraji will expound on this beautiful and unique well known prayer in our tradition.

Wednesdays November 7th and November 14th, 2018

Venue: Temple Community Hall

Time: 7PM to 8PM

OPEN TO ALL

Free admission

