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Vision

To facilitate multi–dimensional reclamation, preservation, and application of Dharmic Civilization, so as to promote its further contribution towards the full unfolding of humanity's potential.

Recent Key Initiatives

1. **Swami Vivekananda Visiting Professorship in Hindu Studies at USC.**
2. **Dharma Civilization Foundation Chair in Hindu Studies at USC.**
3. **Swami Vivekananda Fellowship in Dharma Studies at UCI.**

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Swami Vivekananda Chair Inaugurated at USC

23rd June 2012, marks an historic moment for the Indian American Community with the launching of the **first chair of Hindu studies** in the United States.

The School of Religion, housed within the **USC** Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, will establish the **Swami Vivekananda Visiting Faculty in Hindu Studies** and the **Dharma Civilization Foundation Chair in Hindu Studies**.

Los Angeles based the Dharma Civilization Foundation aims to fund studies of the Indic civilization, focusing on the Dharmic religions of Hinduism, Indian Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism. The objective is to promote Dharma education through research scholarship, degree courses and endowed chairs.

Hinduism (Sanatan-Dharma) has approximately 1 billion followers, making it the third-largest religion in the world after Christianity and Islam.

The signing ceremony: Standing Prof Duncan Williams, Prof Varun Soni, Richard Vargas, Dr Vinod Ambastha and Sunil Agrawal. Sitting : Manohar Shinde, Shiva Bajpai and Prof Michael Quick .

"Each Soul is potentially divine. The goal is to manifest this divinity within, by regulating nature, external and internal. This can be done either by Work (Karmayoga), worship or devotion (Bhaktiyoga), psychic control (Rajayoga) or knowledge (Gyanayoga)-by one, more or all of these – and be free. This is the whole of Religion. The doctrines, dogmas, rituals, books, temples, or forms are but secondary details."

Swami Vivekananda

What is Dharma?

The Sanskrit word ***Dharma*** has no direct translation into English. Though defined differently, Dharma is the essence or innate characteristic of everything and this is what sustains the cosmic order, from micro to macro level.

In the current dominant view, the world tends to be conceptualized in terms of market, consumers and profits, while in the Dharma paradigm, it is viewed in the framework of a global family, as beautifully captured in the Sanskrit phrase ***"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakaam".***

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