



The Spiritual Emerson: Essential Writings

An 11-session course on Ralph Waldo Emerson's
Spiritual writings

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Sundays, 7-8:30 p.m.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson is remembered as an important figure and founder of a 19th-century intellectual movement that became known as **Transcendentalism**. Recognized as "America's first philosopher," Emerson rose to prominence in the mid-19th-century as a literary figure, preacher, essayist, and poet. His writings still inspire and provide spiritual sustenance to thoughtful readers. Many of Emerson's insights and reflections were gleaned

from his forays into available translations and early commentaries discussing India's wisdom traditions: the **Vedantic philosophy** and vision enunciated in India's scriptures, the *Bhagavad Gita*, *Upanishads* and *Brahma Sutras*. **Beginning with Emerson's essay, *Nature***, (1836) we'll read and discuss a selection of his writings that articulate his spiritual vision.

Participants are requested to pre-register by email (indiaink@charter.net)
and to **purchase the text** on their own in advance of the class.

Text to Order: *The Spiritual Emerson: Essential Writings, Ralph Waldo Emerson*
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