

# The Scientific and The Religious Mind

Krishnamurti International Workshop 2011

Krishnamurti Foundation India, Rajghat Fort, Varanasi, India

27 – 29 December 2011

**Arrival: Monday, 26 December 2011**

**Departure: Friday, 30 December 2011**

“The religious mind has no beliefs; it has no dogmas; it moves from fact to fact, and therefore the religious mind is the scientific mind. But the scientific mind is not the religious mind. The religious mind includes the scientific mind, but the mind trained in the knowledge of science is not a religious mind.”

J. Krishnamurti, *Collected Works*, Vol. 12 Paris 1961

The Krishnamurti Centre, Varanasi is happy to announce an International Workshop from 27th to 29th of December 2011. We cordially invite you to participate in it.

It is the intention of this workshop to create an ambiance that would enable the participants to enter into a spirit of serious inquiry, whether it is possible to have a mind that is both scientific and religious at the same time. The talks, group dialogues, video-screenings of J. Krishnamurti's talks, will all be intended to unfold and explore deeply the different aspects of this central question. The programme will be designed in such a way that there will be space to be quiet, to be with nature, to gather the energy necessary to observe, reflect on the theme and share our observations.

## **Introduction**

J Krishnamurti (1895-1986) questioned all religious dogmas and authorities and talked about a true religious mind which is open and scientific in its approach to fundamental questions of life. Most of human society believes that science is antagonistic to religion, that the two minds are incompatible. In this workshop we are going to investigate deeply questions such as: What is a scientific mind? What are its characteristics and limitations? What is a truly religious mind? What are its characteristics and limitations? Are the two really incompatible or does the antagonism arise from a superficial understanding of both science and religion? Can education help develop a mind that is both scientific and religious at the same time? If so, how? Among the invited speakers will be Prof. Ravi Ravindra and Prof. P. Krishna.

## Venue

The lush green, serene campus of the Rajghat Education Centre, situated at the confluence of the rivers Ganga and Varuna in Varanasi (U.P.) is the venue of the programme. Participants will be accommodated in modestly furnished cottages, rooms and dormitories. The setting would be simple and austere, in keeping with the spirit of the event.

For more details about the place and its location please see our website: [www.j-krishnamurti.org](http://www.j-krishnamurti.org)

## Arrival and Departure

The workshop will commence around **9.30 am on 27<sup>th</sup> of December**, and conclude on the evening of **29<sup>th</sup> December around 6.00 pm**. *Participants are expected to arrive by the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> and depart on the 30<sup>th</sup> morning.* Those wishing to stay longer before or after the workshop may contact us for accommodation on extra payment.

## Accommodation and Charges

As accommodation is limited, registration will be done on first-come, first-served basis. The total workshop fee (which includes the registration fee) *for those working abroad* would be as follows:

\$100 (or equivalent to Euros/Rupees) per person for a room with double occupancy and \$150 per person for a room with single occupancy. No advance payment is needed for registration.

For those working in India the workshop fee per person would be as follows:

Rs. 2000/- for dormitory type accommodation, Rs. 2500/- for a room with double occupancy and Rs 3000 for a room with single occupancy. Participants from India should send a registration fee of Rs. 500 by M.O./Multi City Cheque/D.D. drawn in favour of '**KFI STUDY CENTRE**', payable on any bank in Varanasi and provide an email address for confirmation. This amount would be non-refundable in case of cancellation but will be adjusted against the total workshop fee on arrival.

Students and a few deserving participants may avail concessions on prior request, if they are unable to afford the full amount.

The workshop fee covers lodging, boarding, and study facilities for the entire period of the workshop. The amount should be paid on arrival at the Reception counter. All meals will be vegetarian and consumption of alcoholic beverages, drugs, meat or smoking is strictly forbidden on campus.

Workshop fee for Day participants would be Rs. 200/- per day and will include lunch and tea.

### **Facilities**

A general store, an STD booth, a medical dispensary are available on the campus. Laundry services will also be provided at moderate charge. Krishnamurti's books, audio/ video CDs and DVDs will be available at the bookstall for purchase at a discount.

### **Weather**

The weather in Varanasi is quite cool and pleasant in December. The temperature ranges between 15-25 degrees Celsius but can occasionally go lower down to 5 degrees at night. Please bring sufficient woolen clothing. Blankets will be provided.

### **Travel**

Varanasi is situated about 700 kms southeast of New Delhi, about half-way between Delhi and Kolkata. Rajghat is accessible from Cantt Railway Station/Varanasi Junction which is 8 km away (auto charges about Rs. 100/-) or Mughal Sarai Station which is 11 km away (auto charges about Rs. 125) and from the Babatpur Airport which is 30 km (taxi charges about Rs. 700 at the pre-paid booth). Please ask the taxi or auto-rickshaw driver to take you to "*Vasanta College, Rajghat*", which is part of Krishnamurti Foundation campus.

You may send your registration fee at this address:

The Krishnamurti Centre

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**Registration Form**

[You can either take a printout on paper, fill it up and send it by post or simply e-mail the information asked in this form to the e-mail id given in the brochure. One reg. form for one person only.]

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Name:

Address:

Telephone No:

Mobile No:

E-mail:

Nationality:

Age :

Sex:

Educational Qualification:

Occupation:

A. Type of Accommodation (*Subject to availability only: indicate your choice*)

1. Room with double occupancy:

2. Dormitory Type Accommodation:

3. Room with single occupancy:

B. Day and time of arrival:

Day and time of departure:

C. Any special request regarding your stay during the Gathering:

D. Mode of Payment: (Cash/Cheque/DD/Direct Deposit in the Bank):  
(Please give details of cheque, DD or bank transaction.)

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