

THE EAST - WEST CULTURAL CENTER
At 1162 North St Andrews Place, Hollywood 38, California

The East-West Cultural Center was inaugurated May 1st, 1953 at 136 No. Catalina Street in Los Angeles, California by Judith M. Tyberg, M.A., Ph.D. Its purpose is to teach and help integrate the cultural and spiritual values of East and West in order to create greater world unity and a more progressive creative spiritual activity in the fields of the living arts, philosophy and religion. Its educational motto is the epic saying of the great illumined seer-sage, Sri Aurobindo: "The knowledge that unites is the true knowledge." Its spiritual aspiration is the Divine Light, Love and Power that lead to a Divine Life on Earth.

Dr. Judith M. Tyberg, the Founder, has a background which includes the study of the Bible in its original Hebrew and Greek as well as a wide range of extensive studies in languages, arts, religions, philosophies and sacred scriptures of both East and West. She also taught in schools, colleges, universities, religious centers and clubs in America, Europe and India. Miss Tyberg was already a well-known Professor of Sanskrit and Eastern culture and a distinguished Orientalist when she received a three years' scholarship to study in India from J.K.Birla of the Arya Dharma Sova Sangha. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan invited her to come and do study and research in the Benares Hindu University where he was then Vice-Chancellor. There she obtained a degree in Indian Religion and Philosophy.

As a searcher for Truth Dr. Tyberg travelled widely all over India and also visited and lived in the holy Ashrams and met with some of the living sages, such as Gandhiji, Sri Ramana Maharshi, Swami Sivananda, Sri Krishna Prem, Ma Anandamayi, Mother Mira and Sri Aurobindo. She is also an author of books on the Sanskrit Language and on Indian religious and philosophical terminology.

Equipped with all this unusual education, training and experience, this enthusiastic Oriental scholar has built up the Center, not only by giving of her full time and capacities, but also by attracting and inviting many interesting guests, philosophers, teachers and holy people. These have shared their culture and wisdom with students and friends attending the various classes and functions and have greatly added to the depth and expanding of East-West understanding during the 7 years' life of the Center.

Ever since the opening of the Center in May, 1953 Dr. Tyberg has offered private and class instruction in Sanskrit, Pali, Beginners' Hindi, Sacred Scriptures of both East and West, Great Sages and their Teachings, Religions and Philosophies of the East, Psychology, Spiritual Disciplines and Yoga, Intercultural Relations, Indian cultural History, Myth and Symbol in Indian Art and Architecture, as well as comparative and critical studies and research in various Oriental fields.

The visitors from many parts of the world who have contributed their wisdom, art, and culture have enriched the character and unitive consciousness of the Center's activities. The following are some of the outstanding guests, teachers, lecturers and artists who have graced the Center:

Dr. Haridas Chaudhuri, renowned Indian philosopher, metaphysician and author; Dr. Taraknath Das, Professor of History and International Relations at Columbia University; Swami Ramdas and Mother Krishnabhai, spiritual leaders of India; Swami Parampanthi of Adwaite Vedanta; His Holiness Jagadguru Sankaracharya, Spiritual Head of the Sankaracharya Math in Puri; Dr. Sanjiv Vinekar, Deputy Director of the Kaivalya Yogic Institute of Bombay and Lonavla in India; Swami Vishnudevvananda, Yogiraj in Rishikesh, Himalayas; Narendra Sharma, U.C. Sinha, D.C. Bhattachari, Sri Venkateshwaran and D.V. Phatak of All India Radio; Sri Gopal Chandra Sinha, of the Sanskrit Parishad in India; Sri S.V. Moorty Rao, Chairman of Indian Senate; Dr. U. Krishna Rau, Speaker, Madras Legislature Assembly; Gopal S. Pohekar, Editor of United Asia; J.S. Tilak, Trustee and Editor of 'Kesari' and member of the Legislative Assembly in Bombay;