

*On the Occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations*

*of*

*SINGAPORE DAKSHINA BHARATHA BRAHMANA SABHA*

*a Youth Seminar entitled "Am I a Brahmin? Brahminism and its Relevance" will be held on Sunday 23 May, 2004, at Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, 19 Ceylon Road. The Seminar will feature a talk by Swami Dayananda*

*Members' children are cordially invited to participate.*

*The objectives of the Seminar and the tentative Programme for the day, along with some frequently answered questions are outlined below. Those interested in participating are kindly requested to fill up the attached Registration form and send the same to:*

*Singapore Dakshina Bharatha Brahmana Sabha (SDBBS)  
2, Jalan Tenggeri,  
Singapore 428248*

## *Objectives*

*to provide young Brahmins an avenue for*

- expressing their views*
- raising queries*
- clarifying doubts*

*on the relevance of Brahminism.*

## *Proposed Seminar Title*

- Am I a Brahmin? Brahminism and its Relevance*

## Tentative Programme

### *“Am I a Brahmin?”*

9.00 to 9.50am	Registration and ice-breakers
9.55 to 10.00	Opening Remarks: President, SDBBS
10.00 to 10.15	Am I a Brahmin? A youth perspective
10:20 to 11:00	Brahminism and its Relevance Swami Dayananda
11.00 to 11.40	Q & A and Group Discussion
11.40 to 12.30	Quiz/Game
12.30 to 1.30pm	Lunch
1.35 to 2.15	Brahminism and Science Swami Dayananda
2.20 to 3.00	Q/A session
3.00 to 4.00	Drinks/Game
4.00 to 4.15	SDBBS and its relevance to Youth
4.20 to 4.45	Q/A session
4.45 to 4.55	Prize Distribution
4.55 to 5.00pm	Closing remarks/Vote of thanks

**1 What is this seminar about?**

This seminar aims to tackle some hard questions that are on the minds of young Brahmins in Singapore such as

- *Am I a Brahmin? What makes me one?*
- *Is there a place for Brahminism and caste in modern day Singapore?*
- *Are Brahminical concepts and practices relevant in this day of science and technology?*

**2 Who is it intended for?**

The seminar is for the children of Sabha members, aged between 13 and 30, married or unmarried.

**3 What is the format of the seminar?**

The seminar is for 1 day, starting with some ice-breakers. There will be lots of opportunities to discuss, raise and clarify doubts with Swami Dayananda who is aware of the dilemma of youth today. Questions can be raised in both oral and written form. You will be able to enter into discussion with other participants and the Swamiji himself.

**4 Do I pay for it?**

No, it's free. The seminar is subsidized by the Sabha. Furthermore, there will be lunch and tea-breaks.

**5 When and where is it?**

The seminar is on Sunday 23 May, 2004, at Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, 19 Ceylon Road.

**6 Can parents attend?**

The seminar is for youths to speak freely, so parents are not allowed. However Sabha may arrange a separate session for parents with the Swamiji.

**7 Is the seminar just a way to involve youths in the Sabha?**

A seminar itself cannot make youths active in the Sabha. The objective of the Sabha is to make youth better informed, raise their awareness about their roots and enhance their understanding about the rationale underlying the many customs and practices.

**8 How do I register?**

Please go to the website. All the information is provided. Let us have your name and contacts, with email address, and we will get back to you.

**9 Should parents force their children to attend?**

One should not force one's children to attend if they are unwilling. However, parents may want to challenge them with questions so that they realize that there are unanswered issues in their minds just like those in the minds of the organizing committee or even the parents themselves. There will be many like-minded youth at the seminar.

**10 Were the organizers selected by the Sabha?**

No, the organizers are volunteers who see the value of organizing this seminar.

**11 Where can I get further information?**

Contact the people listed in the pamphlet. Check the website from time to time. Feel free to contact the members listed on this pamphlet of the youth committee who'll be glad to answer your questions.

**12 What if I am interested in being in the organization committee, or to help in some way?**

Sure, you are most welcome!

**13 What if I miss this seminar?**

It is not always that one gets a renowned speaker to address the concerns of youth. So make the most of this opportunity. You only stand to gain!

**14 Why should I attend the seminar? I am not interested in the subject.**

This seems to be the general attitude. However, remember that living in a world of globalisation and a world that's going to be borderless, an awareness about who we are and where we come from can give us a quiet confidence to face life's many challenges. Many life events like birth, marriage, death and even daily demands require you to make choices and decisions. An awareness about your own identity can guide you find answers to the many puzzling questions which are bound to confront you. So how about availing this opportunity to prepare yourself! The seminar is one way to kindle your interest!

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR SDBBS 80TH ANNIVERSARY  
YOUTH SEMINAR**

**A Participant's Particulars:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hph: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational level: \_\_\_\_\_

**B Family Particulars:**

Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_