

## Dave DeLuca: Speaker Endorsements

During my twenty years as a professor of world religions at the University of Southern California, I had many occasions to hear lectures on the ancient Vedantic worldview of India. Many were very fine from an academic point of view, but I always felt that some spark, some heart-to-heart communication of the inner meaning of Vedanta was missing. Nothing, I thought, could be more wondrous and liberating than the joyous realization that the essence within each of us, the Atman, is one with Brahman, the One manifested in all the countless forms of the universe. Yet too often this glorious truth is presented in a merely philosophical way, devoid of the sense of vibrant enthusiasm it deserves, and which I have frequently appreciated in preachers of other faiths. When I heard Dave DeLuca, I knew that this timeless wisdom of Vedanta had found the enthusiastic presentation of my dreams. Dave presents Vedanta knowledgeably, eloquently, and with an evangelical style that warms the heart and warms one to its life-transforming message. If you have interest in India's eternal message of universal Oneness and what it can mean in your life, you will love Dave and his classes.

**–Robert Ellwood**

**Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Religion  
University of Southern California**

As chairperson for the 2004 Religious Science International Ministers Conference, it is my great pleasure and honor to let you know what a truly outstanding and inspiring presentation Dave DeLuca delivered in support of our very important event. Dave spoke with such great energy and enthusiasm, engaging all of our ministers with his extensive knowledge of Eastern spiritual wisdom. He is building bridges, connecting the modern world with the spiritual treasures of the East through his dynamic speaking ability and seminar presentations. It is my strong recommendation that you have him come to speak at your church or conference. You and your group will be awed by every aspect of Dave's wisdom, wit and passion.

**–Reverend Patrick Cameron**

**Center For Spiritual Awareness, Edmonton, Canada**

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful keynote presentation at our Ministers Conference in Vancouver. I can't remember a time when a single presentation has received so much enthusiastic feedback. You really helped awaken a deeper awareness of our roots in all of us.

**–Dr. Candice Becket**

**President, Religious Science International**

Dave DeLuca is a master teacher and dynamic speaker who beautifully connects and brings the ancient wisdom of India to New Thought. Dave's love of the Vedanta teachings, of the great and holy Vivekananda, *and of the New Thought movement* is powerfully expressed in his presentation. At the end of his Sunday lesson the congregation gave him one of the most enthusiastic standing ovations we have ever witnessed. We give Dave DeLuca our highest recommendation as a Sunday speaker and workshop presenter.

**–Reverend's Michael and Faith Moran**

**Unity of Sacramento**

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Seldom in New Thought does anyone appear on the scene who has a deeper understanding of the Vedanta philosophy of ancient India than Dave DeLuca, editor of the fascinating book, *Vivekananda: Lessons In Classical Yoga*. Dave has absolute command of the stage when he speaks because he compels his audience to go *with him*, deeply into the most ancient wisdom teachings on the planet, where he shows his audience how to access, understand and implement this wisdom in their lives *today*. This is the sign of a master teacher. His knowledge of his subject is second to none...I can honestly say I have never seen or heard a better presentation than Dave DeLuca's. He left our congregation wanting more. His delivery is engaging, informative, and spirited, and his sense of humor puts the perfect final touch on his message of Oneness. This is ancient wisdom for modern times at its best! Give yourself and your congregation the gift of some time with Dave DeLuca, and your members will be thanking you for some time to come.

–**Dr. Dennis Merritt Jones, D.D.**

**Pastor, OneSpirit Center for Conscious Living**

Dave DeLuca's inspired presentation at the *Parliament of the World's Religions* in Barcelona, Spain was a magnificent affirmation of the eternal truths of Oneness and the Divinity of the Soul and how they continue to bridge the ancient with the new.

–**Swami Atmatattwananada**

**Vedanta Society of Southern California**

As a public speaker, I know the challenges of delivering a profound message simply. Dave DeLuca does this with amazing insight and clarity. Both his passion for the spiritual treasures of India and his skill as a speaker are evident. I watched him recall passages and references without hesitation; clearly, he has mastery of this material. The connections he made drew everyone present into a deeper awareness of oneness. I unhesitatingly recommend him as a speaker, teacher, or seminar leader to all lovers of wisdom no matter their background or spiritual tradition.

–**Reverend Jeffrey Proctor**

**Religious Science Baltimore**

I recommend Dave DeLuca, his lectures, and his classes to all earnest seekers who want to learn the foundation principles of our most revered scriptures, the *Upanishads*, the *Bhagavad Gita*, and the *Yoga Sutras*. He brings the authentic wisdom and spiritual practices of India to the Western world faithfully, lovingly, and with obvious reverence and gratitude for how they have blessed him in his life.

–**Swami Swahananda**

**Senior Minister, Ramakrishna Order of India**

Dave DeLuca's passion for the ancient wisdom of India made him an inspirational and captivating guest speaker at our church. I fully recommend Dave and his teachings to Unity or like-minded churches who are interested in exploring the beauty and transforming power of the spiritual revelations found in the *Upanishads*, the *Yoga Sutras*, and the *Bhagavad Gita*.

–**Reverend Julie Johnson**

**Unity Church Of Brea**

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Dave DeLuca is a Western authority on the ancient scriptures of India. His speaking style is exceptional. He has a wonderful sense of humor and joyfully teaches in an easy to understand and charming style. He is articulate, passionate, and heartfelt in conveying India's great wisdom of Oneness. It is my recommendation that you invite Dave to lead a Sunday Service followed by an afternoon seminar. I believe that both Dave and the wisdom of ancient India that he so faithfully and enthusiastically teaches will be a true blessing to the members of your church.

**–Reverend Maureen Hoyt**  
**Granada Hills Church of Religious Science**

I am writing to thank you for leading our Sunday service last month. Your presentation had one of the most overwhelmingly positive responses from our congregation that I have ever experienced in my role as worship committee chairperson. We thank you for your understandable, enthusiastic, and moving explanations of the main tenants of Indian philosophy. I unhesitatingly endorse you to any congregation interested in expanding its understanding of the spiritual treasures of India. Thank you again for sharing with us some of the great gifts of Indian philosophy and spiritual practice.

**–Melanie Overton**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church of South County**

Dave DeLuca, a Vedanta scholar who spoke at the Sacramento Church of Religious Science yesterday, is one of the best demonstrations of "fire and technique" I've ever met. If you are looking for someone whose presentation style is as impressive as his scholarship in the philosophy of Oneness, I highly recommend him as a guest speaker and seminar leader.

**–Reverend Georgia Prescott**  
**Sacramento Church of Religious Science**

Dave DeLuca recently spoke at our Sunday Celebration and presented an afternoon workshop on the Vedanta wisdom of ancient India that Ernest Holmes called the "source of all great faiths." He demonstrated a command of a subject that is both interesting and inspiring to New Thought audiences and he has an easy personal presentation style that allows his material to be appreciated in an audience where few are familiar with the treasures of Hindu philosophy. Based on these events I recommend him to you without reservation.

**–Reverend Edward Viljoen, D.D. Senior Minister**  
**Center for Spiritual Living, Santa Rosa**

Dave DeLuca's seminar on the *Wisdom of Ancient India* was an inspiring eye-opener. It brought new life to ancient teaching and transformed it into a thoroughly modern message. Dave knows his subject in depth. He is a master presenter with a delightfully infectious personality who enjoys what he does and does it well.

**–Reverend Bill Arrott**  
**Religious Science of the North Shore**