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Temples as Centers for Healing of Body, Mind, and Soul

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Introduction



- 90% Hindu youth are devoid of religious knowledge
- Public education and environment teaches identification with senses—the origin of mental and physical suffering
- Western economic system is based on consumerism and greed
- Selfish patriotism leads to war



Future of Temples



For Temples to Serve Meaningful Function in America:

- Teach highest principles of Hinduism
- Package message to be attractive to youth
- Not dilute Hinduism to attract youth
- If they have something to gain, Youth Will Come



Temples As Educational Institutions



- Moral and Spiritual training is backbone of happiness
- Provide spiritual environment to offset worldly influences
- Impart universal laws to youth and community
- Offer public lectures, classes, courses based on Sanatana Dharma



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Why Temples Must Fill Religious Educational Void:

- Modern educational system totally devoid of morals and spiritual training
- Parents themselves not properly trained to educate children



Conclusion



- Role not based on highest wisdom is self-defeating
- Imperative for youth and adults to understand meaning and purpose of life
- Need and opportunity for temples to serve community never been greater
- Solution to existing physical, mental, and spiritual sicknesses

