

## SWAMI ON STUDY CIRCLES

What is a real Study Circle? 'Study' is for STEADY! 'Circle' is for purity and peace; Study Circle participants should experience Oneness and constant steadiness. In a Study Circle, a topic is selected, discussed and the meaning digested.

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Why Study Circle? How to Run a Study Circle? There should be no argumentation since it leads to confusion and discord. You should develop love, understanding, and experience Divinity. A study Circle should earn deservedness for you. Understanding is Awareness. You must listen and think. Awareness means COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING. God is complete. To attain God, you must have complete understanding. Attendance at Study Circle should not become a routine chore; it must lead to experience and understanding.

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I am not for indiscriminate reading of Books; however valuable they may be. Too much reading confuses the Mind. It fosters argumentation and intellectual pride. What I insist upon is putting the things read in to practice.

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A study Circle does not mean just reading, discussing and taking information in to the head. It also means putting in to practice what is learnt.

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Whatever is learnt and assimilated in the Study Circle ought to be shared with others. This is the proper way to show gratitude for what you have received in the Study Circle.

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In a Study Circle you can learn a lot of things but the most important thing you must learn is your own true nature – the principle of the Atma. You have to develop /Self Knowledge and Self Confidence. Only then you can help others.

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The Study Circle is a dynamo that charges us with ideas, inspiration and resolve. It lifts the weary and points the way when we become lost. The discipline pushes us from behind as it holds a light in front to guide us. The process is simple but the results can be wondrous.