

## Divine Hierarchy

The **Divine Hierarchy** (**Śuddha Dharma Maṇḍalam**), was created by **Bhagavān Nārāyaṇa** more than 12,000 years ago in a day of Full Moon in the month of May, during the year denominated **Nala** in the region of **Viśāla-Badari**, in the **Himalayas**.

**Bhagavān Nārāyaṇa** is the **Adhiṣṭhātā** (Director) of this **Maṇḍalam** and has the position of the Director. **Śrī Yōga Dēvī** is the **Goddess of Yōga**, the consort and **Śakti** of **Bhagavān Nārāyaṇa**; she is the **Center of Power** from which flows constantly the **Divine love** that connects, in eternal brotherhood, the hosts of **Mahātmas**, **Siddhas**, **Maharṣhis**, and all other beings in this world. She is the **Sūtrātman**, which co-penetrates **Śuddha Dharma Maṇḍalam** like the thread that keeps the beads of a rosary together. **Naradēva** is **His** Secretary of the **Maṇḍalam** and the representative of humanity.

There are **seven Hierarchs** who act in conjunction with them, each one is the **Lord** of one world (the seven **Planes** of our world). They are:

- **Nārada**, the **Lord of the Satya-Lōka** and the impartor of the highest spiritual wisdom;
- **Vāmadēva**, the **Lord of the Tapa-Lōka** is the giver of **Yōga Brahma Vidyā** to humanity according to the necessities of the cyclic time;
- **Kaśyapa**, **Lord of Jana-Lōka**—it is him that directs the **Āchāryas** of **Yōga**;
- **Chandabhānu**, **Lord of Mahar-Lōka** who looks for the effectiveness of the work of **Yōga Brahma Vidyā**;
- **Kāladēva**, **Lord of Suvar-Lōka**, whose work is to destroy the obstacles blocking the easy flow of the **Yōga Brahma Vidyā** Science;
- **Subrahmaṇya** is the **Lord of Bhuvar-Lōka** and is the giver of **Śuddha-Tattva** in his function of purifier of all;
- **Dēvāpi** is the **Lord of Bhū-Lōka** being the direct representative of **Bhagavān Nārāyaṇa** and he is the **Lord** of all who spread and teach **Yōga Brahma Vidyā**.

Under the direction of these seven **Hierarchs** there are eight secretaries forming a total of 126 beings, which reached the level of **Siddhas** and are known as '**Yatas**' (according to **Bhagavad Gītā**), their names are in the **Sanātana Dharma Gītā**.

Besides them, there is a group of 32 **Siddhas** known as **SIDDHAS NĀYAKAS**. They are under the direct orders of **Bhagavān Nārāyaṇa** and they execute, as a group, the work to impart the knowledge of **Yōga Brahma Vidyā** through the whole extension of our world, the initials of the name of these **Siddhas** are in the **Siddhas Mantra**:

“**Namastē Naradēvāya Namō Nārāyaṇāyacha Bhadrīvananāthāya Yōginām Patayē Namaḥ**”

- In the year of 1915, the revered **Dr. Sir S. Subrahmaṇya Aiyer Avargal, (Swami Subrahmaṇyānanda)** who was then the President of the High Court of Justice of **Madras** and the **Vice President** of the **Theosophical Society**, was chosen by the **Divine Hierarchy** to give the first public announcement about this organization, its basic principles and its training system, and was **Śuddha Dharma Maṇḍalam's** first **External Initiatory Authority**. It is not that the existence of this **Hierarchy** was unknown before, but it had been forgotten and people were not aware of the existence of these dignitaries who performed their different functions in order to help those who aspired to the divine enlightenment. Therefore, the existence of this **Great Hierarchy** was in a way a new revelation, as well as it was its way of functioning. Prior to this announcement, a few, very evolved initiates knew the existence of this organization.
- The **Śuddha Dharma Maṇḍalam's** **Second External Initiatory Authority** was **Paṇḍit K. T. Śrīnivāsāchāryar**, a great and erudite man, the descendant of a family of great wise men in **India**; **He** worked side by side with **Swami Subrahmaṇyānanda** in the work to structure and **divulge Śuddha Dharma** to the world, translating many **Sanskrit** texts, some unknown to the world. **He** was a highly respected spiritual being in **India**.
- **The Third Initiatory Authority, Śrī Janārdana**, executed a great work as a divulgator of **Śuddha Dharma** principles and philosophy through the magazine "**The Śuddha Dharma**". **He** was the president of **Śuddha Dharma** institution for many years, working hard to publish, and comment **Śuddha Dharma** literature and principles and a tireless work for this sacred work until the moment of his **Mahāsamādhi**.
- **Sir R. Vāsudēva Row - B.A., B.L.** was a great commentator of **Śuddha Dharma** sacred books and president of **Śuddha Dharma** institution after the **Mahāsamādhi** of **Paṇḍit Śrīnivāsāchāryar**, in 1929. **He** was a great collaborator, for the work of **Swami Subrahmaṇyānanda** and **Paṇḍit Śrīnivāsāchāryar**.

Many other important **Masters** had a great importance in the development of the work of **Śuddha Dharma**. Among them, we may name:

- **Arulambalaswami** – founder of an **Āśhram** in **Ceylon**, where he developed an important work in the dissemination of **Śuddha Dharma**, and where the living experience of **Śuddha Dharma** took place. He has received elevated **Initiations** from the **Masters** of the **Divine Hierarchy**.
- **Kam Das Yōgīs - Ceylon Āśhram's** **Secretary** and an elevated initiated, having established contact with the **Divine Masters** of the **Divine Hierarchy**.
- **Brahma Yōgī Dāsa**, a great erudite, whose knowledge were exposed through the magazine "**The Śuddha Dharma**".
- **Paṇḍit Morli Dhar**. Initiated by **Swami Subrahmaṇyānanda**, has contributed with diverse studies and had witnessed **Swami Subrahmaṇyānanda's** premonition about the future of **India**, through the activities of **Mahatma Gandhi**, that would take place only years after this premonition.

- **Vājera Yōgī Dāsa**. The principles and practices formulated by this organization have rooted deeply in **Santiago of Chile**, under the management of the special initiate - **Vājera Yōgī Dāsa** - (1895-1984), **Śrī Vājera** was president of the **Chilean Āśhram** from 1927 to 1984. Before his **Mahāsamādhi**, **Śrī Vājera Yōgī Dāsa** passed his **Authority** to a group of disciples in **Brazil** and **Chile**. He consecrated them as **Jñāna Dhātās** (The giver of Knowledge) and **Emissaries**, the first ones being responsible for the continuity of his work in **Chile**, **Brazil** and throughout the world. Among them, **Dr. Ruguē Ribēiro Jr.**, a close friend and disciple of **Śrī Vājera**, has founded the **Śrī Vājera Foundation** in the city of **Uberlândia, M.G. Brazil**, with its headquarters in a beautiful rural area in the vicinity of **Uberlândia**.

The **Śrī Vājera Foundation** is actively working in the propagation of **Śuddha Dharma** in **Brazil** offering courses in **Yōga**, its philosophy and practices, and **Āyurvēdic medicine**. Being a source of peace and knowledge this area is a perfect place for meditation and spiritual practices.

**Śuddha Dharma Maṇḍalam** presently has **Headquarters** located in **India**, **Brazil** and **Chile** and these centers work together to spread these sublime teachings throughout the world. **Swami Śrī Āptabhārata**, **Śuddha Dharma External Initiatory Authority** is working together with the **Jñāna Dhātās** and **Emissaries** from other continental headquarters to consolidate this sacred teaching around the world. **Śuddha Dharma** in **Canada** is actively connected with **Śuddha Swami Śrī Jagamōhana Āptabhārata** in **India**, and the **Jñāna Dhātā**, **Swami Nārāyaṇānanda Saraswati (Dr. José Ruguē Ribēiro Jr.)**, Director of **Śrī Vājera Foundation** in **Uberlândia M.G. Brazil**, President of **Śuddha Dharma ĀNANDA ĀŚHRAM** and **Śuddha Dharma International**. They are actively participating in the activities developed in **Canada** providing all necessary support for the spiritual development of the work, and are planning to visit this country in the near future to help us to consolidate the work, and to initiate the ones that are interested in this path.

We are presently working on establishing a **Śuddha Dharma** group in the city of **Montreal, Canada**, where those interested could study, practice and follow these sacred and ancient teachings. The idea is to form a group of people interested **in practicing** this system of **Yōga** (involving meditation, **Mantras**, **Prāṇāyāmas** and ancient ceremonies such as the **Yōga Sandhyā** and the ceremonies on the **Full Moon**) in a deeper level and to work together to propagate the eternal **Śuddha Dharma** that **retains** the secrets for reaching **GOD realization** inside and outside (**Ātman** and **Paramātman**), as the creator and the creation. We expect to be able to transmit the **Śuddha Dharma** teachings to other parts of **the world** wherever there are individuals interested to learn and practice those teachings.