

DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

This is the Data Protection Statement of the Ramakrishna Vedanta Vereniging Nederland, now located at De Vlaschaard 57, 1183KM, AMSTELVEEN, The Netherlands.

OUR CORE BELIEFS REGARDING USER PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION

User privacy and data protection are human rights. We have a duty of care to the people within our data. Data is a liability, it should only be collected and processed when absolutely necessary. We loathe spam as much as you do! We will never sell, rent or otherwise distribute or make public your personal information in any form.

1 A. Site visitation tracking

Do we collect personal information? No. We do not use Google Analytics. We do not use cookies. We do not have any chat box in our website. Every website in the world has a provider, and the provider has log files of visits. This is not personal information. Below you will find information about which data is collected during your visit to the website and how it is used.

1 B. Our web service provider is RoboHost. Robohost, like every service provider in the world, uses log analysis programmes. Robohost uses Awstats and The Webalizer. Both are web-server log file analysis programs. They don't sell information. They do not share information with Google or any others. They do not collect personal information. They do not use IP address to identify you.

1 C. Like almost all website providers in the world, the web server generates and stores a log for each visit to the website. Awstats processes and analyzes the log files to create its reports and graphs. Awstats gives information about how many unique visitors any website has, the total number of visits to the website, number of visits/visitors, total number of pages viewed, the total number of hits, website bandwidth use, the number of visitors on a monthly, daily, and even hourly basis and countries from which visitors visit the website.

Awstats gives a chart of how long visitors stay on the website, which keywords they entered to find and access the website, how many of the web pages were referred by search engines, and which search engines they were, which websites referred people to this website. Almost similar is The Webalizer. These are third-party services of the provider and we have no control over them. Our provider uses these services to provide information about visits to the website to every client. However, they just create log and statistics and don't collect personal information.

1 D. Every access to our website and every retrieval of one of these stored files will be logged. The storage serves internal system-related and statistical purposes. The following are logged: name of the retrieved file, date and time of the retrieval, amount of data transferred, message about successful retrieval, web browser and requesting domain. In addition, IP addresses of the requesting computers are logged.

2. Collection and Processing of Data

2 A. The following personal data (shown below in brackets) will only be collected if you have

- i. provided information voluntarily, for example as part of a request or registration or membership. [in this case, your name, address, bank account number, collection ID number, telephone number, email address];
- ii. donation contact with us [in this case, your name, address, bank account number, telephone number, email address];
- iii. registered for the address file in connection with invitations / newsletters [in this case, your name, email address and (not always) telephone number];
- iv. been possibly photographed or filmed [in this case, your image may appear on photos, website, in the annual report and possibly in some social media like facebook or whatsapp];
- v. volunteer with us [name, address, telephone number, email address];
- vi. been our board member [name, address, telephone number, email address].

2 B. Storing: Thus, we do not collect personal data from the website. [see 1A]. When you desire to become a member of the Vedanta Vereniging, you fill in an application form, giving your full name, address, email, telephone number, profession. This application form, which is a print copy, is securely placed and is not accessible to anyone other than us who are authorized. We maintain a list as soft copy of the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email IDs of members in a safe computer.

2 C. When you donate online to the Vedanta Vereniging, your bank account number naturally goes to ING bank, which is our bank. They send us a printed copy of transactions every often, and those printed pages are archived.

3. Use and Disclosure of Personal Data

Insofar as your personal data have been made available, we use these only to answer your inquiries, to process contracts concluded with you and for technical administration. We use your email to send you information about the Centre and its activities. You have the right to revoke your consent with effect from now at any time in the future. The deletion of the stored personal data takes place if you revoke your consent to the storage, the knowledge of which is no longer necessary for the fulfilment of the purpose for which it was stored or whose storage is inadmissible for other reasons.

4. Right to Information

Upon written request we will inform you about the data stored about you.

5. THIRD-PARTY LINKS

This website may include links to third-party websites (for example youtube). Clicking on those links or enabling those connections may allow third parties to collect or share data about you. We do not control these third-party websites and are not responsible for their privacy statements. When you leave our website, we encourage you to read the Privacy Policy of every website you visit.

6. Safety note

We endeavour to store your personal data through appropriate technical and organizational means so that they are not accessible to third parties. When communicating via unencrypted e-mail, we cannot guarantee complete data security, so we recommend that you use the postal service for confidential information.