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MESSAGE

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I am happy to know that Nippon Vedanta Kyokai of Japan is going to release a special number of Kyoki's bi-monthly magazine "Universal Gospel" on the occasion of the concluding celebrations of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda to be held at Seisen Women's University, Tokyo, on 25th May 2014.

Based upon the unshakeable foundation of direct experience, Swami Vivekananda propounded the idea of "Harmony of Religions", which he got from his Master Sri Ramakrishna irrespective of race, religion and sex. He saw Humanity, marching as a whole towards a higher spiritual goal. Though he recognized the differences in human temperament, but inspite of this he said that all the religious paths lead to the ultimate destination. In one of his lectures Swamiji said, "If there is ever to be a universal religion, it must be one which will have no location in place or time; which will be infinite like the God it will preach, and whose sun will shine upon the followers of Krishna and of Christ, on saints and sinners alike; which will not be Brahminic or Buddhistic, Christian or Mohammedan, but the sum total of all these, and still have infinite space for development..."

My earnest prayer to Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda to shower their choicest blessings on all of you and hope the Magazine will help to disseminate the universal and eternal message of the Holy Trio in Japan.

(Swami Atmasthananda)

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